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# HOUSE



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## Location

96 LYDIA STREET,, BRUNSWICK VIC 3056 - Property No 5046

## Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

## Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO489

## Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

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## Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The house at 96 Lydia Street, Brunswick, constructed by 1883 is significant. The adjacent bluestone laneway also contributes to the significance of the place.

Non-original alterations and additions (built after 1945) and the wire front fence are not significant.

How is it significant?

The house at 96 Lydia Street, Brunswick, and adjacent bluestone laneway are of local historical and representative significance to the City of Moreland.

Why is it significant?

It is significant as an intact representative example of a simple timbers worker's cottage with characteristic transverse gabled roof and rear skillion and a symmetrical facade. While the form and detailing is typical, it is notable for the high degree of integrity with original or early features such as the main brick chimney with dog tooth corbelling, and a lower chimney to the kitchen at the rear, the front verandah, which has a slight concave profile, stop-chamfered timber posts, a cast iron frieze and timber partitions at each end, the original timber architraves to the door and windows and the double timber sash window with six over six panes to the side wall. The setting of the house is enhanced by the pitched bluestone laneway along one side. (Criteria D & E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - Moreland Heritage Gaps Study 2017, Context Pty Ltd, 2017; Moreland - Moreland City Council: Local Heritage Places Review, Context Pty Ltd, 2004; Moreland - Keeping Brunswick's heritage: A Report on the Review of the Brunswick Conservation Study, Context Pty Ltd, 1990;
Construction dates	1882,
Other Names	No,
Hermes Number	56480
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## Physical Description 1

96 Lydia Street, Brunswick, is a modest Victorian timber cottage, clad in weatherboards, with a transverse gable corrugated iron roof with rear skillion. The cottage is symmetrical with a central entrance door flanked by two timber framed double-hung single pane sash windows, all retaining original timber architraves. On the laneway side is a double timber sash with six over six panes. There is a main brick chimney with dogtooth detailing, and a lower chimney to the kitchen at the rear. The front verandah, which has a slight concave profile, is supported by stop-chamfered timber posts and is decorated with a cast iron frieze. It is enclosed by timber partitions at each end. The rear yard does not contain any early outbuildings, but has an area paved in bluestone.

The cottage has a modest setback from the street and is built to the side boundaries. The front cyclone wire fence and gate appears to date from the late interwar or early post-war period.

## Physical Conditions

Good

## Integrity

Viewed from the street, the house appears externally intact, with some modification of decorative details. The windows and front door have added flyscreens. The front door has been replaced in the early twentieth century, and the highlight of the front entrance has been infilled. The concrete floor of the verandah is not original. It appears the skillion section has been extended at the rear, perhaps to enclose the area shown as a rear verandah on the MMBW plan.

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