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## HOUSES



63-65 Union St Brunswick



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### Location

63 & 65 UNION STREET,, BRUNSWICK VIC 3056 - Property No 6077

### Municipality

MORELAND CITY

### Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO499

### Heritage Listing

Moreland City

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### Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

#### *What is significant?*

The brick cottages at 63 and 65 Union Street, Brunswick, constructed c.1871-72 for (and probably by) two Irishmen, Patrick O'Halloran and Michael Conlon, who were both labourers and brickmakers employed in the local brickworks, are significant. Non-original alterations and additions and the front fences are not significant.

### *How is it significant?*

The brick cottages at 63 and 65 Union Street, Brunswick, are of local historical and representative significance to the City of Moreland.

### *Why is it significant?*

They are of historical significance as tangible evidence of the early development of this part of Brunswick as an area for working-class housing. They are examples of the simple brick cottages constructed in and around the clay pits and brickworks of Brunswick in the pre-1880 period by workers employed in the brickmaking industries. They are also of historical significance as rare evidence of the area of formerly known as 'Irishtown', due to the concentration of working-class Irish residing in this quarter of Brunswick. (Criteria A & B)

They are significant as representative examples of early Victorian cottages in Brunswick, being modest in detail, small in size, and of local brick construction. The significance is enhanced by their survival as a pair. (Criterion D)

They are significant for the potential to provide further information about the early bricks produced in Brunswick and the vernacular building techniques used by the original owner/builders. (Criterion C)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - Moreland Heritage Gaps Study 2017, Context Pty Ltd, 2017; Moreland - Keeping Brunswick's heritage: A Report on the Review of the Brunswick Conservation Study, Context Pty Ltd, 1990; Moreland - Moreland City Council: Local Heritage Places Review, Context Pty Ltd, 2004;
Construction dates	1871,
Other Names	1870,
Hermes Number	56626
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## **Physical Description 1**

63 and 65 Union Street are modest Victorian worker's cottages, situated on the south side of the street. Like many houses in Brunswick, which date from this period, each has a shallow setback from the street boundary, and modest side setbacks.

The houses are constructed of brick and have transverse gable roofs with separate verandahs. No. 63 has a simple skillion roof verandah across the front facade supported on stopchamfered timber posts, whereas No 65 has a hipped roof verandah supported on simple square posts with timber brackets. The main roofs, as well as those of the verandahs, are clad with corrugated iron. The facade of both is symmetrical with a central front door flanked by segmental arch timber framed double-hung sash windows.

No 63 is rendered, whereas the brickwork on the front facade of No. 65 appears early and to have been previously rendered, with the render now removed. There is a simple brick chimney on the west side of No. 65.

## **Physical Conditions**

Good

## **Integrity**

Viewed from the street, the main form of the cottages appears intact, with some alterations and modification of the details. The front doors are not original to the cottages, both verandahs have been altered and posts have

been replaced. No. 63 has lost its chimney.

The wire fence of No. 63 and the picket fence of No. 65 are both later additions but are sympathetic in height and material.

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