BETHANY GOSPEL HALL (FORMER)



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Location

235 VICTORIA STREET,, BRUNSWICK VIC 3056 - Property No 9794

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO501

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?
The Bethany Gospel Hall at 235 Victoria Street, Brunswick, built in two stages (1924 and 1930) for the Trustees of the Society of Brethren, is significant.

How is it significant?
The Bethany Gospel hall at 235 Victoria Street, Brunswick, is of local historical and aesthetic significance to the City of Moreland. It is also significant as a representative example of a public hall from the interwar period.

Why is it significant?
The Bethany Gospel Hall at 235 Victoria Street, Brunswick, is historically significant for its demonstration of the many Non-Conformist religious groups operating in Moreland between the wars. The Society of Brethren who were part of the Protestant Evangelical Christian Church were one of many religious groups who established places for meeting and worship in Moreland. These places are particularly well represented in Brunswick. The two parts of the Gospel Hall built in 1924 and 1930 demonstrate the growth of the Brethren, who generally worshipped in Gospel, Assembly or Conference Halls. These places demonstrate a simplicity of approach where reading and speaking were carried out in a non- hierarchical manner. (Criterion A)
The Bethany Gospel Hall at 235 Victoria Street, Brunswick, built in 1924, is a representative example of a public hall from the interwar period. It features the relatively plain and unadorned architecture for which the Brethren is known. When compared with the examples of other 'like' halls it is less accomplished stylistically. (Criterion D)
The Bethany Gospel Hall at 235 Victoria Street, Brunswick, is aesthetically significant for its evocation of its former use through the rendered panel with 'Gospel Hall' signwriting. The plain brick 1924 hall is significant for its elevation to Burchett Street. The 1930 hall is aesthetically significant for its form and materials of red brick and terracotta tiles, and its facade treatment of rendered panels and contrasting clinker brick. (Criterion 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;
Other Names	Community,
Hermes Number	56642
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The former Bethany Gospel Hall at 235 Victoria Street, Brunswick, is located at the corner of Burchett Street with the small laneway of Harris Street at the rear of the site. It comprises a public hall in two parts, constructed over two different periods. At the rear is a small hall of 1924 located facing Burchett street and with a central timber door and windows. Its symmetrical composition with pair of sash windows and rendered lintels is identified with faded lettering reading 'Gospel Hall'. Towards the rear of the site is a contemporary skillion roofed extension.

The larger hall fronting Victoria Street was built in 1930. It has a pitched roof of terra-cotta tile and plain red brick walls, engaged piers with corbelled detailing to the eaves. The front of the building comprises a recessed entrance porch with flat roof and rooms either side of the central hallway. Decorative features include rendered panels set between red brick piers and a clinker brick parapet detail. There have been alterations to the entrance doors and sidelights have been replaced. The front of the site is bordered by a brick fence with contemporary metal railing whilst the side and rear have a tall cyclone fence enclosure.

Physical Conditions

Good

Integrity

Altered

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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