
HOUSES & CAST IRON FENCE



Houses (3) and Cast Iron Fence - 176-180 Weston Street, Brunswick East

Location

176-180 WESTON STREET,, BRUNSWICK EAST VIC 3057 - Property No 1667

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO380

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The houses at 178-180 Weston Street, constructed c.1900, the house at 176 Weston Street constructed c.1910, and the cast iron front fence to Nos. 176-78 Weston Street, Brunswick.

How is it Significant?

The houses and cast iron front fence at 176-180 Weston Street, Brunswick are of local historic and aesthetic

significance to the City of Moreland.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, the houses and cast iron front fence are important for their long associations with the locally important Oakley family who established Brunswick's first iron foundry in Weston Street in the late nineteenth century. It is likely that the cast iron front fence was constructed by the Oakley foundry and as the foundry itself has now been demolished the houses and the fence provide an important link to the early history of this area. (AHC Criteria A.4, D.2 and H.1)

Aesthetically, the house at No. 176 is significant as a representative and intact example of an Edwardian asymmetrical villa. (AHC Criterion E.1)

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | 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; Moreland - Northern Suburbs Factory Study, Vines, G and M, Churchward, 1992; |
| Other Names | Individual, |
| Hermes Number | 56672 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

The houses at Nos. 178-80 Weston Street are a pair of single fronted Victorian weatherboard cottages. No. 178 has ashlar boards to the facade, and retains an elaborate cast iron fence. The front window is not original. No. 180 is partially hidden behind a high brick fence and is less intact.

The house at No. 176 Weston Street is an asymmetrical Edwardian timber villa. It has a corrugated iron gable roof with terracotta ridge capping, which incorporates a return verandah that supported by carved posts with decorative fretwork and also extends across the facade. The facade is clad in ashlar boards and the windows are grouped side hung casements. There are at least two brick and render chimneys with terracotta pots. A cast iron fence that pre-dates the house extends across part of the frontage; it is in poor condition and part of it has been removed. The house is situated in an overgrown garden, which includes a rampant creeper that covers much of the upper facade of the house.

Physical Conditions

Fair

Integrity

Altered/Minor Modifications

Historical Australian Themes

Historical associations: E. Oakley

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