
HOUSES



94 Whitby St Brunswick West



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Location

92 & 94 WHITBY STREET,, BRUNSWICK WEST VIC 3055 - Property No 13739

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO528

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The houses, constructed c.1945, at 92 & 94 Whitby Street, Brunswick West are significant. The front fences are significant. Non-original alterations and additions are not significant.

How is it significant?

The houses at 92 & 94 Whitby Street, Brunswick West are of local representative and aesthetic significance to

the City of Moreland.

Why is it significant?

They are significant as fine and intact examples of 'Waterfall Front' houses, a vernacular interpretation of the interwar Streamlined Moderne and International styles, which stand in contrast to the traditional hipped roof bungalows found within this area. The pure functional form of the sheer parapeted walls with square and round corners and stripped of most details show the influence of the International style, while the banded brickwork detail, continuous cantilevered hoods, curved wall corners and windows, and the chimney to no.92 are all characteristic of the 'Waterfall Front' style. The houses are notable for the high degree of intactness and are complemented by the original front fences and remnants of original garden layouts and landscaping. (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	1944,
Hermes Number	56676
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Early Modern brick house, built as a pair with neighbouring dwelling. Research builder.

Physical Description 2

The detached houses at 92 and 94 Whitby Street, Brunswick West, are almost identical in form, layout and materials with subtle differences in detailing, which suggest they were designed by the same architect and/or builder.

Both are asymmetrical in plan, with parapeted sheer red brick walls with curved or square corners concealing the flat (or low pitch) roofs. No.92 has a header course in the same brick along the top of the parapet, while no.94 uses clinker bricks set within stretcher courses of cream bricks. Both have a continuous flat cantilevered rendered hood at about eaves height and circular flat-roof corner masonry porches. The porch to No.92 has chunky square columns, whilst No.94 has faceted circular columns with square capitals and panelled rectangular bases, and concrete steps. No.92 is distinguished by the 'Waterfall' style chimney placed at the centre of the projecting bay. This is flanked by narrow timber sash windows with a horizontal glazing bar in the top sash. The window to the other bay features a fixed central pane flanked by similar sash windows, and there are similar windows to no.94, which appear to have been replaced, but retain the original format. There are also tall narrow feature windows in the curved corners of each house that face each other. Other features include the plain chimneys in the west side walls of both houses, the original timber entry doors with curved panelling to no.92, the low brick front fences with similar detailing (no.92 retains the original decorative mild steel gates) and some original garden elements including concrete paths and terracing

Integrity

No. 92 is very intact. A carport at one side may be a later addition. The windows to no.94 have been replaced in a sympathetic manner, and the fence has been altered to allow widening of the driveway.

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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