
STEPHENS & CO. CLOTHING FACTORY (FORMER)

Location

20 & 22 GRAY STREET, and 17-25 HODGSON STREET, BRUNSWICK, MORELAND CITY

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO139

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

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Of regional significance as one of the earliest clothing factories in Brunswick, which is architecturally expressive of several periods reflecting expansion of the firm in the 20th Century.

Of regional significance as a contributory component of the Phillipstown Heritage Area.

Heritage Study/Consultant	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; Moreland - Northern Suburbs Factory Study, Vines, G and M, Churchward, 1992;
Other Names	Universal Hosiery, Dominion Knitting Mills,
Hermes Number	57901
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The Stephens & Co. clothing factory comprises a group of brick one and two storey interwar buildings built in stages. The Grey Street frontage is formed by the original single storey sawtooth roof section which has a string course and a series of downspouts at each of the roof gutters. To the north is a symmetrical two story section of very plain appearance with steel windows and brick pilasters. The Hodgson St. facade is more elaborate with the main two story section of building having geometric art deco motifs arranged across rendered panels and brick pilasters.

Context: Now in a residential area that developed following the closure of the Gillbrook pottery. The slightly later Henderson's Shirt Co. is around the corner in Brunswick Road.

Condition and integrity: Good original condition.

Comparative Analysis: While fairly typical of its period, the brick facade is more severe than is usually found and the Deco motifs are unusual. Comparisons can be made with the Lincoln and Hilton Mills in Coburg.

Physical Conditions

Good

Integrity

Minor Modifications

Historical Australian Themes

Historical associations: Textile Industry

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