
MASONIC TEMPLE (FORMER)



265 Brunswick Rd. Brunswick

Location

265 BRUNSWICK ROAD,, BRUNSWICK VIC 3056 - Property No 442

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO280

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The former Masonic Temple at 265 Brunswick Road, Brunswick.

How is it Significant?

The former Masonic Temple at 265 Brunswick Road, Brunswick, is of local historical and architectural significance to the City of Moreland.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it provides evidence of the prominence of the Masonic organisation as a local centre for male-oriented social, charitable and recreational activity in the early twentieth century, which has abated somewhat in more recent decades. (AHC Criterion G.1)

Architecturally it is significant as the temple is an intact and representative example of its type, with typical classical-derived composition and detailing. It remains as a prominent element in the streetscape. (AHC Criterion E.1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - Moreland City Council: Local Heritage Places Review, Context Pty Ltd, 2004; Moreland - City of Moreland Heritage Review. Additional Building Citations, Allen Lovell and Associates, 2001;
Other Names	Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses,
Hermes Number	58959
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The former Masonic Temple at 265 Brunswick Road, Brunswick is a double-storey face red brick hall in the Free Classical style. The hipped corrugated galvanised steel roof is concealed by a solid parapet. The symmetrical, stepped facade is articulated by painted brick quoins and rendered horizontal banding and a heavily moulded cornice. A pedimented portico has an entablature supported by Tuscan order columns, flanked by pilasters with recessed panels, with signage reading 'Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses'. Two-leafed timber entry doors are four-panelled and are surmounted by a corbelled, rendered lintel. They are flanked by timber-framed casement sash windows with awning highlights. Highlights on the ground floor have a glazed margin and some above the first floor windows are divided by diagonal glazing bars. The front porch is tiled in red and black tessellated tiles and the threshold is dressed bluestone.

The driveways are concrete and later wire security screens to windows and gates have been added.

Key Architectural Elements:

Two storey face brick building with Free Classical detail and bold modulation
Symmetrical arrangement of fenestration
Prominent streetscape presence

Conservation Guidelines:

Retain original unpainted finish to brickwork

Comparative Examples:

Masonic Temple, 2 Davies Street, Brunswick
Coppin Masonic Temple, 191 Weston Street, Brunswick

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