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# INDEPENDENT CHURCH & LYNALL HALL (FORMER)

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## Location

103A BLYTH STREET,, BRUNSWICK VIC 3056 - Property No 80984

## Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

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## Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

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## Statement of Significance

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The church and hall complex at 103A Blyth Street, Brunswick, is of local historical Significance. The complex has significant historical connections to Brunswick and the Independent and later Congregational Church, and demonstrated a long continuity of use of the site. However, the demolition of the original timber hall, and the 1990s conversion of the church and 1929 into housing has significantly diminished the Significance of the site.

Heritage  
Study/Consultant

Moreland - Keeping Brunswick's heritage: A Report on the Review of the Brunswick Conservation Study, Context Pty Ltd, 1990; Moreland - City of Moreland Heritage Review, Allen Lovell and Associates, 1999;

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## Physical Description 1

The church at 103A Blyth Street, Brunswick, is a brown brick Gothic Revival Church. It has a gabled slate roof with ventilated gablets. The rebuilt Blyth Street facade of the church (1912) is in red brick, and has a parapeted gable-end with rendered copings and dressings. A small slot window sits between the uppermost rendered string course and the apex. A lower gabled addition to the south is similarly detailed, and has a hipped roof entrance porch with rendered bracketed eaves. The front elevation has a group of three pointed arch windows with multi-paned highlights and rendered dressings.

The brick and cast iron fence along the Blyth Street boundary appears to be original.

The present Lynall Hall (c.1929) is a single storey red brick building. It has a gabled roof (now clad in corrugated galvanised steel) behind a plain parapet which has a moulded rendered cornice. The entrance is a lower projection at the rear of the site, and has a rendered shallow central pediment. The windows are timber-frames multi-paned double-hung sashes.

The conversion of the church and hall into housing has involved much alteration to the buildings including the addition of skylights to the roof, the replacement of windows and addition of balconies to the church, the construction of new fences and gates, and new landscaping across the site.

At the rear of the church was a timber hall (c.1910s) with a small bell tower; this was demolished in the 1990s.

Key Architectural Elements: Former Independent Church prominent corner siting  
brick and render Gothic Revival facades  
steeply pitched slated gabled roofs  
distinctive details including corbelled cornices, brick buttresses pointed arched windows

Former Lynall Hall brick and render facades

Principal Historic Themes: permanent places of worship

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