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# MILANO (THE HARBOUR)

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## Location

20 COHUNA STREET,, BRUNSWICK WEST VIC 3055 - Property No 7508

## Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO49

## Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

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## Statement of Significance

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20 Cohuna Street is of local historical and architectural Significance. A local landmark, it is a good example of an Italianate mansion, and one of the few such examples in Brunswick. Its conversion to institutional use-in this case a Salvation Army hospital and home-reflects a common use of such mansions (e.g. Wiseman House, Glenroy; Oak Park, Oak Parksee datasheets) in an era when benevolent institutions played a most important social role in providing charity to women and children.

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;
Other Names	Individual, House,
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## Physical Description 1

20 Cohuna Street, Brunswick West, is a two storey rendered brick Italianate mansion, asymmetrical in form, with a projecting faceted bay extending the full height of the building and a tower centrally placed above the entrance. The bay is enriched with moulded festoons, vermiculated panels, bosses and string courses, and the windows have bracketed sills. A return verandah with corrugated iron cladding extends from the bay, with swag-bellied continuous cast iron balustrading and a cast iron frieze on both levels. The parapets of both the house and tower are balustraded, with moulded cornices and urns. Windows are timber-framed double-hung sashes.

The 1998 restoration and renovation program involved the removal of verandah cladding, and the construction of a large two storey wing to the rear of the house and a large timber pergola to the south. The front fence also appears to be new. Substantially landscaping work has taken place, but three large palms have been retained in the front garden.

At the rear of the house are brick stables and on the south side a timber school building (c.1910s).

Key Architectural Elements: original garden elements  
prominent siting on large block  
decorative 19th century Italianate design

Conservation Guidelines: reinstate sympathetic front fence

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