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# HOUSE

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## Location

53 KING STREET,, FITZROY NORTH VIC 3068 - Property No 2713

## 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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53 King Street is of local historical and architectural Significance. It is an interesting example of a large Italianate house, with unusual detailing, including the tower, and the balustraded balcony above the polygonal bay window. The house also derives Significance from its associations with Joseph Gamble, founder of the Excelsior Steam Crushing and Pavement Works, and later with the Austral Glass Bottle Works.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - City of Moreland Heritage Review, Allen Lovell and Associates, 1999; Moreland - Keeping Brunswick's heritage: A Report on the Review of the Brunswick Conservation Study, Context Pty Ltd, 1990;
Other Names	Individual,
Hermes Number	59055
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## Physical Description 1

53 King Street is a two-storey rendered brick house, Italianate in style. It is asymmetrical in form, with a two storey return verandah to the north of the front facade, and a polygonal bay to the south. Above this bay is a balustraded balcony surmounted by urns, and above this corner of the house a tower lit by narrow arched windows. The verandah has cast iron lacework friezes at both levels, and balustrading at first floor levels. Windows are timber-framed double-hung, some with arched heads, and many retain their rendered mouldings. The hipped roof has bracketed eaves.

The cast iron palisade fence remains at the front of the property but the stables to the rear have been demolished.

Key Architectural Elements: distinctive 19th century Italianate style  
original ornate verandah and balcony  
unusual three-storey tower  
original front fence  
prominent corner siting

Conservation Guidelines: reinstate missing decorative details  
repair render

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