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# HOUSE

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## Location

104 MELVILLE ROAD,, BRUNSWICK WEST VIC 3055 - Property No 8108

## Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO112

## Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

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## Statement of Significance

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104 Melville Road, Brunswick West, is of local historical and architectural significance. One of the few 19th century houses built on Donald Melville's estate, which had been subdivided in the late 1880s, but which remained largely undeveloped for many years. Architecturally, it is a particularly intact example of a large 1890s Italianate house, which retains its original fence and other plantings.

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,
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## Physical Description 1

104 Melville Road is a large two storey Italianate bichrome brick house. Its walls are of face red brick with cream brick string courses and window dressings. Asymmetrical in plan, the house has a return verandah and balcony with a skillion corrugated iron roof and cast iron lacework frieze and balustrading between coupled turned timber posts. A projecting polygonal bay on the west facade has, on each level, three timber-framed double-hung sash windows with rendered sills. A unpainted rendered frieze of small bosses separates the two levels of windows. The hipped slate roof has bracketed eaves and is penetrated by bichrome brick chimneys with rendered bases and cornices.

The property retains an unusual wrought iron fence and gate and pittosporum hedge.

Key Architectural Elements: distinctive 19th century bichrome brick design  
original ornate cast iron balcony and verandah  
original slate and corrugated iron roofing

Conservation Guidelines: retain original garden elements

Principal Historic Themes: significant phases in the development of towns and suburbs; 19th century speculative building activity

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