
SUPERINTENDENT'S HOUSE (FORMER)

Location

903 PARK STREET,, BRUNSWICK WEST VIC 3055 - Property No 1000023352

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO135

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

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903 Park Street, Brunswick, is of local historical and architectural significance. Its historical significance derives from its associations with the early medical history of Victoria and with the Mount Royal Home for the Aged from 1909 to 1984, and from its association with notable individual superintendents.

The house is a relatively intact example of the large residences built along Park Street in Brunswick during the 1880s to accommodate upper middle class families; 903 Park Street is particular notable for its two gabled bays, which acknowledge its corner site.

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| 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 | Aldersyde (former), Individual, |
| Hermes Number | 59078 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

'Aldersyde' (former) at 903 Park Street, Brunswick, is a large two-storey bichrome brick Italianate house. Asymmetrically planned, it has a brown brick facade with cream brick diaperwork, and red brick rear walls. The return verandah and balcony, which have paired columns and cast iron lacework friezes and balustrading, run between projecting rectangular bays at the south-west and north-east corners, which have gabled roofs with return eaves. Windows are timber-framed double-hung sashes; those on the ground floor of the front day have original leadlit highlights. The hipped roof has bracketed eaves and is penetrated by striped bichrome brick chimneys.

Externally alterations include replacement of the original slate roof with a terracotta tiles roof, and the addition of a rear fire access stair and single storey weatherboard extension.

The front garden retains some early features such as the corner entry gate location, an overgrown pittosporum hedge and several large trees.

Key Architectural Elements: distinctive 19th century bichrome brick Italianate design
original ornate cast iron verandah and balcony
original landscape elements

Conservation Guidelines: reinstate original roofing material
retain original garden elements

Principal Historic Themes: provision of health care and related activities

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