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# UNION BANK OF AUSTRALIA (FORMER)

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## Location

387-389 SYDNEY ROAD,, BRUNSWICK VIC 3056 - Property No 19845

## Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO158

## Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

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## Statement of Significance

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The former Union Bank is of local historical and architectural significance. It is an important work by architects Inskip & Robertson, who designed several other branches for the Union Bank. Architecturally, it is a good example of boom-style classicism, with a highly considered and ornamented facade .

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;
Architect/Designer	Inskip & Robertson,
Hermes Number	59101
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## Physical Description 1

The Brunswick Union Bank is a three storey Italianate brick building. The classical composition of the symmetrical front facade is heavily elaborated. Decorative pediments mark each of the two front entrances. A pediment also appears centrally on the parapet, flanked by balustrading and festoons. First and second floor windows are divided by ornamented pilasters, and the floors are marked by heavy moulded string courses.

The moulded ornament on this building is relatively intact, but many of the windows have been replaced, and the entire facade has been painted a pale pink colour.

Key Architectural Elements: distinctive three storey Italianate rendered facade  
original symmetrical entrances at street level

Conservation Guidelines: reinstate original window at street level  
preferably reinstate original or sympathetic colour scheme

Principal Historic Themes: 19th and early 20th century retailing  
financing Australia

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