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# BATES BUILDING

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## Location

400-404 SYDNEY ROAD,, COBURG VIC 3058 - Property No 38349

## Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO159

## Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

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## Statement of Significance

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The Bates Building is of local historical and architectural significance. It is one of the oldest and most intact 19th century recreational buildings in northern Melbourne, predating buildings such as the former Lyric (1912) and Western (c.1929) Theatres, both further south in Brunswick. It is a good example of a prominent 19th century building which has retained its original face brickwork and unpainted render dressings.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - City of Coburg Heritage Conservation & Streetscape Study, Timothy Hubbard Pty Ltd, 1991; Moreland - City of Moreland Heritage Review, Allen Lovell and Associates, 1999;
Construction dates	1888,
Other Names	Shop, G.J. Coles Store,
Hermes Number	59102
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## Physical Description 1

The Bates Building is a two storey red brick building. Walls are of face brick with unpainted rendered dressings a cornice which runs beneath a parapet with a central rendered panel which probably once bore the name of the building. The first floor facade has four arched openings with round-headed timber-framed double-hung sash windows. There is a string course at impost level, and the windows are separated by half-rendered Corinthian pilasters with Greek key motifs at mid-level. Rosettes decorate the spandrels. The ground floor shopfronts have been completely altered. The building has a cantilevered verandah, and the remnants of an aluminium-framed illuminated sign projects from the parapet.

The first floor apparently retains evidence of the large dance hall with a small stage at the east end, as well as remnants of oriental-inspired-murals, which date from the 1930s.

Key Architectural Elements: face red brick facade with unpainted rendered dressings  
rendered window head moulds, string courses, rosettes, frieze, parapet copings  
unusual half-rendered Corinthian pilasters  
timber-framed windows

Conservation Guidelines: reinstate shopfront to original design  
remove remains of cantilevered sign from parapet  
remove cantilevered verandah

Principal Historic Themes: 19th and early 20th century retailing  
association with provision of entertainment and recreation facilities

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