
BRUNSWICK BAPTIST CHURCH

Location

491 SYDNEY ROAD,, BRUNSWICK VIC 3056 - Property No 19783

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO162

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

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The Brunswick Baptist Church is of local historical and architectural significance. The site has been occupied continuously by the Baptist Church since 1862. The present church is an interesting example of Gothic revival in polychrome masonry, and, along with the adjacent former Dental Surgery (No. 503; see datasheet), it terminates the axis of Blyth Street.

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;
Construction dates	1889,
Hermes Number	59105
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Physical Description 1

The Brunswick Baptist Church is a Gothic Revival bichrome brick building. Its east facade comprises three pointed arches springing from buttressed piers, the central one encompassing a leadlit traceried window above the main twin-arched entrance. The flanking arches encompass small circular windows above smaller arched windows. The top of the gable-end has a small circular opening (now housing a loudspeaker), and the gable has a stone fleur-de-lys finial. The entire facade is banded with wide cream brick string courses. Window opening dressings and parapet copings are of freestone, whilst the building sits on a bluestone plinth. The building also has an intact cast iron internal staircase.

The clinker brick and steel front fence appears to date from the inter-War period. The significance of the front facade has been diminished somewhat by the addition of a large white sign with neon lettering, which bears the name of the church.

Key Architectural Elements: polychrome Gothic Revival church
freestone dressings and parapet copings
leadlit pointed arch traceried windows

Conservation Guidelines: remove neon sign from above entrance
preferably remove 20th century additions to rear

Principal Historic Themes: establishment of permanent places of worship

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