
WEST BRUNSWICK ASSOCIATION HALL (FORMER)

Location

484 VICTORIA STREET,, BRUNSWICK WEST VIC 3055 - Property No 9861

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO185

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

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The West Brunswick Progress Association Hall is of local historical and architectural significance. Its historical significance derives from its association with the West Brunswick Progress Association, which was formed to represent the interests of those who has settled in the area as part of the Brunswick Estate Closer Settlement Scheme. As a meeting hall, cinema and dance hall, it was a social focus for the West Brunswick community. Architecturally, it is a well-executed example of the Spanish Mission style, an unusual style for this building type.

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	1931,
Architect/Designer	Peck & Kemter,
Other Names	Moonee Vale Progress Association Hall, Monte Lauro Social Club,
Hermes Number	59127

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Physical Description 1

The West Brunswick Progress Association Hall is a two-storey brick building in the Spanish Mission style. It has rendered walls (painted on the front facade only), and a shallow-pitched terracotta tiled roof with wrought iron brackets to the eaves. The timber-framed double-hung sash windows have semi-circular arched heads. The front entrance, flanked by barley-sugar columns, is a shallow-gabled portico with a corbelled arched opening and a terracotta tiled roof. Two small diamond-patterned moulded panels decorate the walls beside the entrance. Back-to-back clocks, which appear to be original, project from the entrance portico.

Key Architectural Elements: rendered Spanish Mission facade
arched multi-paned windows
gabled terracotta tiled roof with iron eaves brackets

Conservation Guidelines: remove non-original cyclone wire fence

Principal Historic Themes: association with local community groups
post-war migration

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