
City of Brunswick Electricity Supply Substation (former)



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Location

188 BRUNSWICK ROAD,, BRUNSWICK VIC 3056 - Property No 243

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO600

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 17, 2023

What is significant?

The City of Brunswick Electricity Supply transformer station (former) located at 188 Brunswick Road, Brunswick.

How is it significant?

The City of Brunswick Electricity Supply transformer station (former) located at 188 Brunswick Road, Brunswick is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Merri-bek.

Why is it significant?

Of historical significance as a representative example of an intact and functioning part of the infrastructure supplying Brunswick with electricity since c.1914. It demonstrates the important role of local Councils in the supply and distribution of electricity in the period prior to the formation of the SEC in 1918. (AHC Criteria B.2 & F.1)

Of aesthetic significance as a representative and intact example of a public utility building that assists in demonstrating the range of architectural styles used in the construction of substations and similar buildings in Brunswick, and regionally, across Melbourne. (AHC Criterion E.1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - Moreland City Council: Local Heritage Places Review, Context Pty Ltd, 2004; Moreland Heritage Nominations Study, Extent Heritage, 2022;
Other Names	Citipower transformer station,
Hermes Number	61753
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The former Brunswick Electricity Supply transformer station at 188 Brunswick Road, Brunswick is a painted, roughcast, square building topped with a square bellcast tower with fixed metal panels instead of louvres, each vented at the bottom. The roof on the building is painted corrugated iron, while the roof on the bellcast tower is metal in a pagoda style, and topped by a finial. This is now a CitiPower high voltage substation.

Physical Conditions

Good The site is in good condition, with rust evident on roof, some structural movement evident from a small metal bracing plate on the lower part of the south facade, and a small amount of bowing of the timber under the eaves. The rendered masonry is currently covered with graffiti.

Integrity

Minor Modifications

188 Brunswick Road has a recently installed downpipe on the east facade and some old (non-significant) plumbing fixtures remain on the west facade. A metal fence is affixed at one corner, and the door has been replaced with an unsympathetic metal door. It retains high integrity overall.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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