Victorian Heritage Database Report

HOUSE



38 David St Brunswick



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Location

38 DAVID STREET,, BRUNSWICK VIC 3056 - Property No 5178

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO467

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - October 13, 2004

What is significant? The house at 38 David Street, Brunswick, constructed c.1870, is significant. The front picket fence and non-original alterations and additions to the house are not significant.

How is it significant? The house at 38 David Street, Brunswick, is of local historical and representative significance to the City of Moreland.

Why is it significant?

It is historically significant as one of the oldest surviving houses in Brunswick and provides tangible evidence of the early development of this part of Brunswick, which was part of merchant David Blair's 1868 subdivision that created David Street and neighbouring Blair, Eveline, Lydia and Laura streets. It was one of a series of early dwellings built in David Street prior to 1871 and is now one of only few to survive. The simple, unpretentious gabled form and timber construction is characteristic of these early cottages. (Criterion A, B & D)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - Moreland Heritage Gaps Study 2017, Context Pty Ltd, 2017; Moreland - Moreland City Council: Local Heritage Places Review, Context Pty Ltd, 2004;
Construction dates	1870,
Other Names	Edwards House, 1870,
Hermes Number	61768
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The modest timber cottage at 38 David Street, Brunswick, sits on a small lot, built close to the street and the side boundaries. The main form is a transverse gabled roof with a simple skillion verandah, while the original verandah would have had the same placement, the current one appears to be a replacement. The roof cladding is corrugated iron (recently reclad). Like many Victorian houses in the area it has imitation Ashlar blocks to the facade. The side walls are weatherboards. The cottage is symmetrical with a central door, with a highlight, and a double-hung timber framed sash window to either side.

Physical Conditions

Good

Integrity

Viewed from the street, the main form of the house appears intact, withsome alterations and modification of details. The front door appears tohave been replaced. The verandah posts have been altered, being largesquare timber posts, replacing what would most likely have beenstop-chamfered timber posts. The concrete verandah floor has replaced the original (most likely timber) floor. The north (side) elevation has an added window. Two brick chimney breasts are exposed on the southernwalls, but the chimneys have gone. The picket fence with an iron gate isnot original.

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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