
SHOP



150 Lygon Street Brunswick East



Shopfront details, 150 Lygon St



Entry, 150 Lygon St



150 Lygon Street Brunswick East - map

Location

150 LYGON STREET, BRUNSWICK EAST, MORELAND CITY

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO440

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The commercial building at 150 Lygon Street, Brunswick East, to the extent of its 19th-century fabric. This two-storey Victorian building of c1893 has brick walls, with render to the facade. Cement render ornamentation to the upper floor includes vermiculated window keystones and vermiculated blocks intersecting with the cornices terminating each floor and simple pilasters. The ground floor retains a partially intact 19th-century timber shopfront with decorative carving including barley twist colonettes and floral reliefs in the spandrels of the arched windows. The building is in good condition.

How is it significant?

150 Lygon Street, Brunswick East, is of local architectural and historical significance to the City of Moreland.

Why is it significant?

Architecturally, for its rare surviving 19th-century shopfront, made all the more valuable by the very unusual and high quality carved detail to the timber elements. (Criteria B & F)

Historically, as a tangible reminder of the commercial shopping strip at the southern end of Lygon Street in the late 19th century, to serve the needs of locals. (Criterion A)

Theme

5. Building Victoria's industries and workforce

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Construction dates 1893,

Hermes Number 184566

Property Number

Physical Description 1

The building at 150 Lygon Street, Brunswick East, is a two-storey Victorian commercial building of c1893 with a terrace form, which is distinguished by the survival of a decorative timber-framed shopfront. The walls are constructed of red brick, which is finished with cement render to the facade. The gabled roof, clad in corrugated metal, is largely hidden from the street by a front parapet which steps down at the sides. There are two red brick chimneys with corbelled tops on the side elevations.

The upper floor of the facade is framed by moulded cornices at the top and bottom, and simplified pilaster-like details at either side which have vermiculated blocks where they intersect the cornices. The two symmetrically placed windows have segmentally arched heads with a small render keystone decorated with vermiculating. The windows are one-over-one double-hung sashes.

The ground-floor shopfront has a recessed entry on the south side which is splayed adjacent to the shop window. The entry retains a lining-board ceiling. The shopfront is distinguished by the retention of rare 19th-century decorative timber surrounds to the shop windows and doorway. The most intact area is above the entry, with a beautifully carved arched highlight window surround featuring twisted colonettes with Composite capitals, a keystone with a turned pendant, and floral reliefs in the spandrels. The same spandrels are found to the wide front shopwindow and the small window facing the entry. These two windows also retain timber frames and deep window sills, but they have lost their colonettes (replaced with simple metal framing). The main window (facing

the street) has also had the centre two-thirds of the upper frame replaced - once there would have been the spandrels dividing two (possibly three) arches here.

Unsympathetic alterations include the removal of the cement render from most of the shopfront at the ground floor, stripping of all paint from the timber shop window, and removal of cast details from the front parapet. The current double front glazed doors are also later, but sympathetic. The ground-floor verandah, with chamfered timber posts and a convex roof, is also a sympathetic reconstruction.

Integrity: The building overall retains a good degree of integrity, the timber shopfront is partially intact

Condition: The building is in good condition, as are the timber shopfronts.

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