

Meaker Street



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Location

1-9 & 2-10 MEAKER AVENUE, BRUNSWICK WEST, MORELAND CITY

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO544

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Meaker Avenue precinct, comprising 1-9 & 2-10 Meaker Avenue, Brunswick West. Meaker Avenue is an enclave of interwar bungalows, all constructed during the 1920s and, with one exception (no.10) built of timber with terracotta tile or iron roofs and plain brick chimneys. With the exception of no.9, the houses are gable fronted and comprise a main gable roof with a projecting minor gable and either a gabled porch or skillion verandah. The porches are supported on heavy tapered render and brick piers (nos. 1, 7, 8, 10 - no.1 also has a projecting gabled porch to the side) or Tuscan columns set on piers (no.2), while the verandas have single or paired posts (4, 6) on brick piers, or turned posts with timber fretwork and brackets (no.3, which also has an inset porch with matching fretwork). The gable ends are half timbered or shingled, sometimes in combination with weatherboards. Nos. 7, 8 and 10, which appear to have been constructed by the same builder, are notable for their detailing and high degree of intactness. Nos. 7 and 8, which are identical, but mirror-imaged, have shingled gable ends that are jettied and rest upon timber modillions and have diamond-shape vents. The gabled porch is supported by brick and render piers, tapered at the top, with a brick balustrade. The windows are tall narrow casement with leadlight glass, in a triple arrangement beside the front door and in a bow window with shingled skirt to the projecting bay. No. 7 retains an early or original cyclone wire fence and the original painted house sign 'Glen Ayr' by the double front door. No.10, constructed of brick, has similar form and detailing and a sympathetic, though not original, brick front fence. No.9 is asymmetrical in plan and has a hipped roof with separate verandah to one side of the projecting gabled bay. The verandah is supported on paired posts set on brick piers. Fences are low and most are sympathetic, with one early fence at no.7, as noted above.

All of the houses are contributory to the precinct. Non-contributory elements include non-original additions and other buildings including carports.

How is it significant?

The Meaker Avenue precinct is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Moreland.

Why is it significant?

Of historical significance as evidence of the residential development in Brunswick West during the early twentieth century that was associated with the establishment of the electric tram along Dawson Street. (Criterion A)

Of aesthetic significance as an intact example of an interwar residential precinct comprising bungalows that retains all of the original houses, which are related in form, materials and detailing resulting in a cohesive streetscape. (Criteria D & E)

Construction dates	1925,
Other Names	Precinct,
Hermes Number	200654
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

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No.9 is asymmetrical in plan and has a hipped roof with separate verandah to one side of the projecting gabled bay. The verandah is supported on paired posts set on brick piers. The present zincalume roof has replaced original clay tiles and there is a visible second floor addition and a car port within the front yard.

Most of the houses have good integrity and intactness. The exceptions include no.9, as described above, and no.5, which has been reclad in fake brick and has had the windows and verandah posts/piers replaced. There is also a car port in the front yard. There are also rear double storey additions to nos. 2 and 6, but they are not highly visible. Fences are low and most are sympathetic, with one early fence at no.7, as noted above.

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