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# JUNCTION HOTEL & SHOPS (FORMER)



1-7 Puckle Street.JPG



Moonee Valley Heritage  
Review 1998

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## Location

001-7 PUCKLE STREET, MOONEE PONDS, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO271

## Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The former Junction Hotel and shops at 1-7 Puckle Street, Moonee Ponds, built in 1893-4 to the design of architects J.C.M. Cowan and Co and extended in 1925, are significant.

Later alterations and additions to the building are not significant.

### How is it significant?

The former Junction Hotel and shops at 1-7 Puckle Street, Moonee Ponds are of historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

### Why is it significant

It is historically important (Criterion A) as a hotel recalling the earlier hotel of the same name on this site on the Mt Alexander Road, erected by 1869. It is historically important also as a hotel owned by the prominent Melbourne brewer and Essendon resident, Robert McCracken of McCracken and Co., later McCracken's City Brewery Ltd. acquired by the Carlton and United Breweries Pty Ltd. in 1907.

It is aesthetically important (Criterion E) as a grandiose and prominent building of its type, reflecting on the status of McCracken's City Brewery Ltd., the design being a counterpoint to the extant shops at the corner of Puckle and Margaret Streets, overlooking the railway station and also using stuccoed surfaces and face brickwork in conjunction. The aesthetic significance of the complex is diminished by the later corner windows and over painting but strengthened by the survival of the original street level openings.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Moonee Valley - City of Moonee Valley Heritage Study, Andrew Ward, 1998; |
| Construction dates        | 1893,  |
| Architect/Designer        | Cowan, Joseph Charles M,   |
| Other Names               | Junction Hotel, MPAC heritage study,                                     |
| Hermes Number             | 23974  |
| Property Number           |  |

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## Physical Description 1

A substantial and imposing Boom Style two storeyed complex with richly decorated stuccoed and overpainted brick facades to Mount Alexander Road and Puckle Street and having a reconstructed cast iron posted verandah. Distinguishing elements include the stepped semi-circular pediments, with superimposed triangular pediment at the curved corner, and subordinate triangular pediments in the balustraded parapets to both elevations. The upper level facade is pilastered and the openings at street level are round arched with rusticated margins. There is a sympathetic later two storeyed addition with carriageway and three shops (nos. 3, 5 and 7) facing Puckle Street. The overpainted brickwork is distinguished from the earlier work by the absence of pilasters, whilst the stepped pediment motif is repeated centrally above the shops.

The building is in good condition and has a medium level of external integrity. The corner windows have been replaced with wider openings thereby compromising the aesthetic values of the building.

## Historical Australian Themes

### 8.4 Eating and drinking.

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