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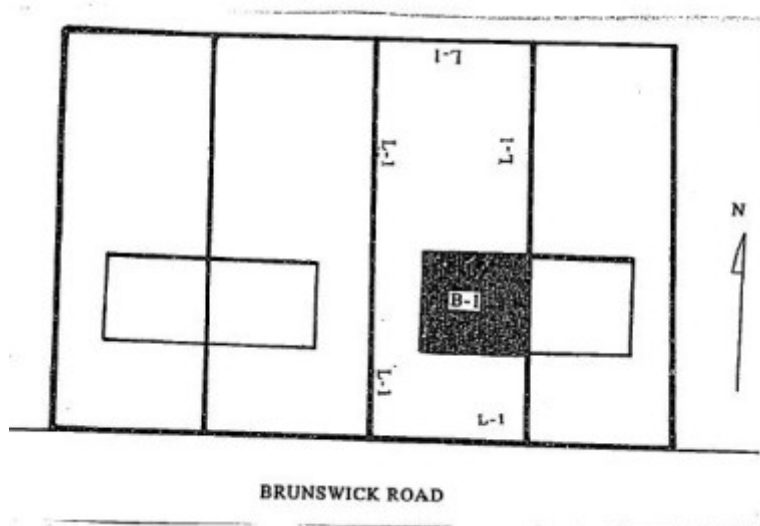
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## Location

183 BRUNSWICK ROAD BRUNSWICK, MORELAND CITY

## **Municipality**

MERRI-BEK CITY

## **Level of significance**

Registered

## **Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number**

H1152

## **Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO38

## **VHR Registration**

April 11, 1996

## **Heritage Listing**

Victorian Heritage Register

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## **Statement of Significance**

Last updated on - March 30, 1999

183 Brunswick Road, Brunswick is one building of two pairs of pre-fabricated iron cottages constructed c.1854. The cottages have gabled roofs, timber frames believed to be of Asian origins, broad-gauge corrugated iron wall cladding thought to have been imported from the United Kingdom, and low-height cemented chimneys.

183 Brunswick Road is significant for architectural and historical reasons.

183 Brunswick Road, along with the cottages located at 181, 187 and 189 Brunswick Road, is architecturally significant as an outstanding and extraordinary example of a pre-fabricated iron building constructed c.1854. The unusual pairing of the cottages is unlike any other pre-fabricated buildings in the State. The building is architecturally significant for its associations with the architect James Blackburn Junior and for its unusual combination of Asian timber trusses and British corrugated iron sheeting. The building is of significance for its use of corrugated iron, later found to be an unsuitable material for Australian climates, which demonstrated new technical accomplishments in construction methods at the time. British technicians developed the galvanising process in the 1840s and this achievement, along with the use of grooved rollers and the fabrication of rolled sections of wrought iron enabled the construction of pre-fabricated iron buildings.

183 Brunswick Road, Brunswick is historically significant for its association with the goldrush period in Victoria. During the 1850s goldrush in Victoria, pre-fabricated buildings were imported to meet the extraordinary demand for housing; 183 Brunswick Road is significant as a structurally intact example of such a building. The buildings are of historical significance for their association with the notable Presbyterian minister, the Reverend William Jarrett, who used the four cottages as teaching residences in the 1860s and the cottages also housed a number of prominent Brunswick citizens including the mayor of Brunswick W Fleming (occupied 1868-1901) and the pioneer brickmaker, John Glew.

## **Permit Exemptions**

All works referred to in the attached schedule of permit exemptions extracted from the Conservation Analysis & Management Plan for Brunswick Iron Cottages, Section 6.1, p. 47, prepared by Helen Lardner Conservation & Design, November 1996.

**CONDITIONS:**

1. Exempt classes of works or activities are to be planned and carried out in a manner that prevents damage to the registered place / object. However, if other previously hidden original or inaccessible details of the object or place are uncovered, any works that may affect such items shall immediately cease. The Executive Director shall be notified of the details immediately to enable Heritage Victoria representatives to inspect and record the items, and for discussion to take place on the possible retention of the items, or the issue of a modified approval.
2. If there is a Conservation Policy and Plan approved by the Heritage Council or Executive Director, all works and activities shall be carried out in accordance with that Policy and Plan.
3. Nothing in this Declaration prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exempt alterations provided work has not commenced on the alteration.

THE ATTENTION OF THE OWNER AND/OR APPLICANT IS DRAWN TO THE NEED TO OBTAIN ALL OTHER RELEVANT PERMITS TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF WORKS.

Construction dates            1854,  
Heritage Act Categories    Registered place,  
Hermes Number                4898  
Property Number

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## History

Associated People: James Blackburn (Junior)

## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 1152:

Iron Cottage, 183 Brunswick Road, Brunswick, City of Moreland.

Extent:

To the extent of:

1. The building known as 183 Brunswick Road, Brunswick as marked B-1 on Plan 607361 endorsed by the Chair, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.
2. The land marked L-1 on Plan 607361, being the land described in Certificate of Title Volume 2348 Folio 439 endorsed by the Chair, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.

[Victoria Government Gazette No. G14 11 April 1996 p.887]

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