

# Blyth Street



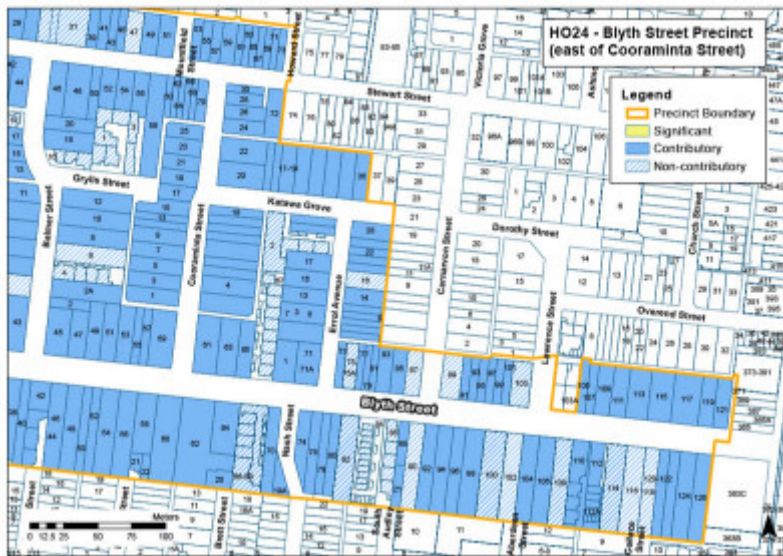
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Blyth Street Precinct (east of Cooraminta Street) Map



### **How is it significant?**

The Blyth Street Precinct is of local architectural and historical significance to the City of Merri-bek.

### **Why is it significant?**

The Blyth Street Precinct is of local architectural significance as a large and intact area of Victorian and Edwardian residential buildings, several of which are of architectural note. Buildings of particular significance include the polychrome brick terrace at 91-101 Blyth Street, and the two-storey bi-chrome brick mansion at 59 Blyth Street. Blyth Street in particular contains a number of large residences that contrast with the more closely settled, working class areas further south in Brunswick. The south side of Blyth Street contains unusually long land parcels.

The Blyth Street precinct is of local historical significance as an example of a late 19th century boom-period subdivision.

### **Non-Contributory properties include:**

- Aberdeen Street: 13
- Balmer Street: 1, 1-4/4, 6, 1-3/16 and 1-4/19.
- Barningham Street: 12 & 30-34
- Bennie Street: 19.
- Blyth Street: 1-11/14, 15, 1-9/22, 23, 30-32, 33-35, 34, 1-8/37, 1-7/39-41, 1-5/66-68, 1-8/67, 75, 75A, 1-15/82, 1-11/84, 1-5/86, 87, 89, 90, 1-9/100, 102, 1-3/103, 1-5/108, 1-4/112A, 1-10/114, 116 and 118.
- Bourke Street: 21 & 22.
- Brett Street: 20
- Connelly Street: 1A.
- Edmends Street: 9, 1-3/10, 12, 16, 18, 21A, 1-5/22, 1-4/26 and 1-4/28.
- Errol Avenue: 3, 5, 7, 16 and 1-3/19
- Grylls Street: 1-5/1 and 1-2/3.
- Louisa Street: 9.
- Nash Street: 19A
- South Audley Street: 21
- Stewart Street: 5, 1-6/24, 1-4/25, 1-6/27, 31, 33, 1-4/35, 36-38/35, 41-44/35, 37 & 37A and 47.

Heritage Study/Consultant      Moreland - City of Moreland Heritage Review. Additional Precincts, Allen Lovell and Associates, 2001; Moreland Heritage Nominations Study, Extent Heritage, 2022;

Construction dates      1880,

Hermes Number      56043

Property Number

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### **Physical Description 1**

The Blyth Street precinct comprises the following properties:

- 1-121 & 2-126 Blyth Street
- 13 Aberdeen Street
- 1-19 & 2-20 Balmer Street
- 12 & 30-34 Barningham Street
- 19 Bennie Street
- 21-22 Bourke Street
- 20 Brett Street

20 Burchett Street  
1A Connelly Street  
1-25 & 2-30 Cooraminta Street  
1-21A & 10-28 Edmends Street  
1-23 & 2-28 Errol Avenue  
1-5/1 & 1-2/3 Grylls Street  
2 & 13-35 Katawa Grove  
1-9 & 2-12 Louisa Street  
19A Nash Street  
21 South Audley Street  
5-73 & 8-72 Stewart Street, Brunswick.

The main east-west thoroughfare of Blyth Street forms the core of this Precinct, which also includes part of several side streets off Blyth Street, stretching north to Stewart Street. Unlike most of Sydney Road's main side streets, Blyth Street ends in a T-intersection; its axis is terminated by the Brunswick Baptist Church and the former dental surgery (Nos. 491 and 503).

Blyth Street is predominantly residential, with housing interspersed with several institutional buildings, including, the Fire Station and the former Independent Church and Lynall Hall. Towards the Sydney Road (west end), several former residential properties now house professional rooms; Nos. 1-3 Blyth Street were 19th century purpose-built residences with professional rooms. In general, the housing in Blyth Street is Victorian and Edwardian, with a few houses from the inter-War period, and some two-storey brick flats from the 1960s and 1970s. The 19th century housing stock comprises single-storey terraces and villas. Of particular architectural note is the polychrome brick terrace at Nos. 91-101, and the two-storey bichrome mansion at No. 59, the latter of which retains extraordinarily ornate leadlighting in and surrounding the front door, and two-storey stables and residence to the rear, in Cooraminta Street. Clivedon (No. 61) is a Victorian brick villa with an unusual verandah, whilst No. 47 displays elements of the Victorian and Edwardian periods. Nos. 112 and 124 are typical of the more ornate Edwardian timber villas, whilst No. 117 is a notable inter-War composition of red brick and render, with a slate roof.

Cooraminta and Stewart Streets and Errol Avenue comprise similar housing stock. Of architectural note in Cooraminta Street are the highly unusual, for Brunswick, asymmetrical Victorian polychrome brick villas Bondon Villa and Narbethong Villa, at Nos. 3 and 5, which have balustraded parapets and arched windows, and the Edwardian semi-detached brick pairs at Nos. 12-18. In Stewart Street, of note are the elevated single-storey Victorian terrace with former corner shop at Nos. 61-73, and a number of Edwardian timber villas with window awnings and friezes of a standard design, at Nos. 15, 20 and 22.

Balmer and Edmends Streets are predominantly Edwardian, with Nos. 5 and 7 Balmer Street typical double-fronted timber villas. In Balmer Street, No. 24 is a very intact Edwardian villa with ornate Art Nouveau timber and iron details, and original red and green glazed highlights, whilst Winton, at No. 19, is an ornate timber inter-War house. Louisa Street dates from the Edwardian and inter-War periods.

Street planting in the Precinct includes plane trees in Edmends Street, and an assortment of natives, including Acacia, Melaleuca and Callistemon in Blyth Street, Eucalyptus in Stewart and Balmer Street and Melaleuca in Cooraminta Street.

Traditional street elements have been retained throughout most of the Precinct including bluestone kerbs and gutters and asphalt footpaths in Katawa Grove, Errol Avenue and Blyth, Balmer, Cooraminta, Edmends, Louisa and Stewart Streets.

The following buildings have individual datasheets in the this Study:

- Professional Rooms and Residences, 1-3 Blyth Street (c.1888)
- Fire Station and Flats, 24 Blyth Street (c.1940)

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