

Methven Park



Methven Street Precinct (1)



Methven Street Precinct (2)



Methven Street Precinct (3)



Methven Park Methven Street Precinct Map

Location

1-27 & 2-44 JARVIE STREET, and 1-15 LEINSTER GROVE, and 24 & 32 LORD STREET, and 1-5 & 6-34 METHVEN STREET, and 155-193 GLENLYON ROAD BRUNSWICK EAST, MORELAND CITY

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO113

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - November 10, 2011

What is significant?

The Methven Park / Methven Street Precinct, comprising 155-193 Glenlyon Road, 1-27 and 2-44 Jarvie Street, 1-15 Leinster Grove, 24 & 32 Lord Street, 1-5 & 6-34 Methven Street, Methven Park is significant. Buildings and features that contribute to the significance of the precinct are:

- *The houses and original front fences dating from the Victorian to inter-War eras (c.1885 to c.1935).*
- *Methven Park.*
- *The electricity substation in Methven Street.*
- *Historic infrastructure including bluestone kerb and channel and bluestone laneways.*

Non-Contributory properties are:

- *Jarvie Street: 5, 7A, 7B and 34-36.*
- *Leinster Grove: 15 and 15A.*
- *Methven Street: 5, 1-4/6, 30, 32 and 34.*

How is it significant?

The Methven Park Precinct is of local historical and architectural significance to the City of Moreland.

Why is it significant?

The Methven Park Precinct is of local historical significance as evidence of the development of Brunswick East during the late nineteenth and early twentieth century and demonstrates how residential areas developed around the former stone quarry holes. (Criterion A)

Methven Park is of local historical significance as one of Brunswick's first parks, established by the Council when the quarry became depleted and was filled in at the turn of the century. (Criterion A)

The Methven Park Precinct is of local architectural and aesthetic significance as an area of late nineteenth and early twentieth century housing surrounding an Edwardian era park. The aesthetic and architectural qualities of the precinct are enhanced by the mature trees in Methven Park, a row of unusual brick attic-style terrace houses at 18-28 Methven Street and by the former Dolphin House in at 34 Lord Street. (Criterion D & E)

Heritage Study/Consultant Moreland - City of Moreland Heritage Review, Allen Lovell and Associates, 1999;
Moreland Heritage Nominations Study, Extent Heritage, 2022;

Construction dates 1875,

Other Names	Precinct,
Hermes Number	56069
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The Methven Park precinct comprises the following properties:

- 111-193 Glenlyon Road
- 1-27, 2-44 Jarvie Street
- 1-15 Leinster Grove Street
- 24 & 32 Lord Street
- 1-5, 6-34 Methven Street
- Methven Park

The Methven Park Precinct is a residential area containing predominantly Victorian, Edwardian and interwar housing. The Victorian era housing includes detached symmetrical villas (185 Glenlyon, 11, 15 Jarvie) single-fronted cottages (9, 13, 23, 32, 44 Jarvie, 8-16 Methven), attached pairs (169-71 Glenlyon, 4-6, 8-10, 2022, 25-27, 28-30, 40-42 Jarvie) and terrace rows (157-165 Glenlyon, 12-18 Jarvie). Typically, the houses are constructed of timber (often with imitation Ashlar boards to the facade) or bi-chrome or rendered brick with hipped roofs clad in iron or slate, and render or brick chimneys, and have timber sash or tripartite windows and paneled front doors with toplights or sidelights. Most have verandahs supported by timber or cast iron post with cast iron frieze. The terrace rows are distinguished by their elaborate cement-rendered boom style parapets and decoration, and the terrace at 157-165 Glenlyon Road also retains an original cast iron front fence on a bluestone base. Of note is 15 Jarvie Street, which has an unusual double gable front roof, with imitation Ashlar boards to the facade and notched weatherboards to the gable ends. The altered early 1900s brick house at 167 Glenlyon Road also has the symmetrical form and hipped roof of the Victorian villas.

The Edwardian era houses include the row of unusual semi-detached brick attic-style houses on the east side of Methven Street, at nos. 18-28, overlooking Methven Park. Each pair of houses is symmetrical and feature a bullnose verandah supported on turned timber posts with a cast iron frieze and a steeply pitched skillion roof with a large central chimney with terracotta pots and two dormer windows. Each cottage has a single timber sash window flanked by arched wall niches with the entrance at the side. Other Edwardian houses include the more conventionally styled houses at 3, 19 & 24 Jarvie Street, 1 Leinster Grove, and along the north side of Glenlyon Road, These include single fronted cottages in timber (3 Jarvie, 181, 187 Glenlyon) or brick (191-193 Glenlyon), and double fronted symmetrical (179, 183 Glenlyon) or asymmetrical (19 & 24 Jarvie, 189 Glenlyon) timber bungalows. These have typical details such as brick and render chimneys often with terracotta pots, imitation Ashlar boards to the facade (3 Jarvie, 183, 189 Glenlyon) timber sash or casement windows (19 Jarvie and 189 Glenlyon feature a box bay casement window to the projecting bay), decorated gable ends (pressed metal to 181 and timber strapwork to 191-93 Glenlyon), and bullnose or skillion verandahs with cast iron or timber frieze or porches with timber lattice work.

Interwar housing in the precinct is represented by gable-fronted timber bungalows including 173-177 Glenlyon Road, 1 Jarvie Street, 3-7 & 11 Leinster Grove and 1 & 3 Methven Street. The exceptions are 9 Leinster Grove, which has a transverse gable roof with a projecting gable, and the 1930s bungalow with a hipped roof at 30 Lord Street. Typical features include timber casement windows (1 & 3 Methven Street have pairs of three-sided bay windows), plain brick chimneys, verandahs or porches supported on timber posts or chunky render and brick piers, and half-timbered or shingled gable ends (173 & 175 Glenlyon Road are distinguished by their shingled gable ends with decorative vents).

Of particular architectural significance is the house at 32 Lord Street, adjacent to the park. This building, with its distinctive Ionic porch and keyhole arched windows, terminates the axis north up Methven Street (Please refer to the individual citation for a more detailed description).

Methven Park forms the centerpiece of the precinct and the mature Elm Avenues contribute significantly to the streetscapes of both Leinster Grove and Methven Street, and are also visible from within Jarvie Street. The only non-residential building is the Electricity Substation at the south-east corner of the park. This small brick interwar building has a distinctive double-gable roof, timber doors and louvred vents in the gable ends.

Traditional street elements retained include bluestone kerbs and guttering and asphalt footpaths in Jarvie and Methven Streets. A Bluestone lanes run behind the houses on the south side of Jarvie Street and at the rear of Leinster Grove.

The following places have individual citations:

- House and former Synagogue, 32 Lord Street (1911-12)
- Methven Park

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