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Location

2-12 & 1-13 BRUCE STREET, BRUNSWICK, MORELAND CITY

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO55

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - October 4, 2004

What is significant?

The Bruce Street precinct, comprising 2 -4 and 8 to 12 (inclusive), and 1-13 Bruce Street, Brunswick.

How is it significant?

The Bruce Street precinct is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Moreland.

Why is it significant?

Of historic significance, as a representative example of a residential precinct that illustrates the arrested economic activity which resulted in Brunswick from the depression of the 1890s, and the subsequent surge in development as economic conditions gradually improved throughout the early 1900s. The two stages of development are illustrated by the sole nineteenth century house at No. 3 and the timber villas on the east and west side constructed by the end of the first decade of the twentieth century. (AHC Criterion A.4)

Of aesthetic significance as a representative example of an early twentieth century residential precinct that is notable for the very intact collection of houses on the west side of the street, including four houses constructed in a very similar style. (AHC Criterion E.1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - Moreland City Council: Local Heritage Places Review, Context Pty Ltd, 2004;
Construction dates	1890,
Hermes Number	56110
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Bruce Street is an early twentieth century residential precinct. All of the houses on the west side of the street are double fronted single storey weatherboard villas, which have corrugated iron hip or gable roofs with separate verandahs (supported on turned timber posts often with cast iron valance) and many retain original chimneys. Nos. 2, 4, and 12 are of very similar design that suggests that they were constructed by one builder. Features that are common to these houses include the use of ashlar boards to the facade, the paired long double hung windows either side of the central doorway, and the central projecting gablet to the verandah. Nos. 2 and 12 are the most intact of the four examples. All the houses share similar front and side setbacks and many have sympathetic (though not original) low timber fences to the front boundary.

By comparison, the east side of the street is less intact as there is more intrusive post war development and more of the houses have been altered. The house at No. 3 is an altered Victorian Italianate residence and the only early brick house in the street. Adjacent to it is a double fronted Victorian weatherboard villa that has been recently restored. There is another altered Victorian double fronted weatherboard villa at No. 9, which shows evidence of restored front windows.

The houses that contribute to the historic character of the precinct are Nos. 2-4, & 8-12 on the west side of the street, and although with some cosmetic alterations, Nos. 1-11 on the east. No 6 is a three house new brick construction.

Bruce Street compares with the nearby Allan and Warburton Streets (refer to separate citations in this Study), which were developed at around the same time. The west side of Bruce Street is one of the most intact groups of houses in this area.

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