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# PRIMITIVE METHODIST MISSION HALL (FORMER)



Church (former), 170 Albert St Brunswick



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## Location

170 ALBERT STREET,, BRUNSWICK VIC 3056 - Property No 5298

## Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

## Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO451

## Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

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## Statement of Significance

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### *What is significant?*

The Primitive Methodist mission hall at 170 Albert Street, Brunswick, built in 1898-99 for the small Primitive Methodist congregation, is significant.

### *How is it significant?*

The Primitive Methodist mission hall at 170 Albert Street, Brunswick, is of local historical and aesthetic

significance to the City of Moreland.

#### *Why is it significant?*

The Primitive Methodist mission hall at 170 Albert Street, Brunswick, built in 1898-99 for the Primitive Methodist congregation of Brunswick is historically significant as tangible evidence of the role of Non-conformist denominations that flourished in working-class Brunswick from the mid-nineteenth century. The Primitive Methodists, a small breakaway denomination had its beginnings in Britain during the Industrial Revolution with an aim to return to the teachings of the Methodist founder John Wesley. The Primitive Methodist mission hall is historically significant for its association with the Primitive Methodists from 1899 until 1915 when the small congregation joined the Wesleyan Methodists at Brunswick East. (Criterion A)

The Primitive Methodist mission hall at 170 Albert Street, Brunswick, is historically significant for its simple, unpretentious and unadorned form which directly reflects the ideology of the denomination, which upheld an honesty and simplicity in building form as being integral to communication with God (Criterion A)

The Primitive Methodist mission hall at 170 Albert Street, Brunswick, is aesthetically significant for its intact vernacular Gothic Revival elements, including the steeply pitched roof, projecting porch and windows with restrained timber decoration. (Criterion E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - Moreland Heritage Gaps Study 2017, Context Pty Ltd, 2017; Moreland - Moreland City Council: Local Heritage Places Review, Context Pty Ltd, 2004; Moreland - Keeping Brunswick's heritage: A Report on the Review of the Brunswick Conservation Study, Context Pty Ltd, 1990;
Construction dates	1898,
Other Names	Church, Community,
Hermes Number	56125
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

The former Primitive Methodist mission hall, now used for a Martial Arts Academy at 170 Albert Street, Brunswick, is situated on a small corner site and located toward the front of the site. Externally, the mission hall is a simple variation on the theme of churches and church halls that adopt a vernacular Gothic Revival style, suited to either brick or timber construction. The features of the style include steeply pitched roofs, small, regularly-spaced windows (often with pointed arches) to each side. Often there are projecting porches as is the case with this mission hall.

This Primitive Methodist mission hall conforms to that pattern with the projecting front porch, which in this case is located close to the front boundary of the small site. The timberframed fixed windows are detailed with minimal embellishment, including an arch-headed top sash. Small square louvres provide ventilation to the roof space and it is likely that the plain fascia boards have been replaced. The porch is internally lined with timber boarding and the interior retains its one main space and has timber lining boards. A series of skillion roofed additions are at the rear. The weatherboards and galvanised iron roof are in a deteriorating condition.

## Physical Conditions

Fair

## Integrity

Minor Modifications

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