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## TERRACE HOUSES & FRONT FENCES



134 Barkly Street Brunswick East



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### Location

134 & 136 BARKLY STREET,, BRUNSWICK VIC 3056 - Property No 948

### Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

### Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO455

### Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

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### Statement of Significance

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#### *What is significant?*

The houses and the front fences at 134 and 136 Barkly Street, Brunswick, both erected for Alexander Sturrock are significant. The house and front fence at no.134 were constructed in 1905 while the house and front fence at no.136 was constructed c.1889 and modified c.1905. Later alterations and additions made to the houses (post c.1910) are not significant.

### *How is it significant?*

The two houses at 134 & 136 Barkly Street, Brunswick are of local representative and aesthetic significance to the City of Moreland.

### *Why is it significant?*

The houses are significant as a highly unusual example of two houses built 15 years apart but designed and constructed with similar terrace house form and detailing. They are notable for the fine and uncommon detailing associated with the c.1905 remodelling that includes the timber verandah frieze and brackets, which are decorated with a distinctive Scottish thistle pattern (a reference to the Scottish heritage of the original owner) and the box bay window to no.134, and the rare wrought iron bow window to no.136. Both houses are enhanced and further unified by the iron palisade fence with intact gate, stays and finely worked solid bluestone piers. (Criteria B, D & 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	1889, 1905,
Hermes Number	56180
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## Physical Description 1

It appears that while 136 Barkly Street was built some 15 years prior to no.134, there was a deliberate attempt to represent the two buildings as a 'pair' by emulating the characteristics typical of the terrace typology in the 'new' (1905) building to ensure consistency with the 'original' (c.1889) dwelling. These include: using the same materials and decorative detailing (including 'old fashioned' Victorian detailing to the single storey residence), applying the same a modest street setback, with small garden behind a consistently applied palisade iron front fence, zero side setbacks with double brick walls on either end of the pair and a party wall between the two houses and verandahs running between a central fin wall.

On no.134, a plain parapet with a simple run cornice conceals the roof form, while no.136 has a visible hipped roof with eaves brackets. The end walls to both were originally rendered (those to no.136 are in poor repair and have lost some of the render) and are chamfered and have corbels with sawtooth detailing above three small circles, while the build date, '1905', is embossed in the top of the end wall to the left at no.134. The sawtooth detail is repeated on the timber verandah beams of both houses. Number 136 retains the cast iron frieze and timber dentils to verandah beams on both levels. Both houses have a face brick finish (now painted), with evidence of bi-chrome brickwork, visible in the eaves of no.136. The original timber French windows to the first floor of no.136 and the front doors of both buildings have stop chamfer reveals. The front door of no.134 has one sidelight and a highlight window, while no.136 has a highlight window only.

The side walls extend to the street as shaped garden walls. An intact iron palisade fence with iron stays and gate remains on each house. Fence piers are of solid bluestone, with tapered tops and fine edge detailing worked into the stone. No.136 retains what appears to be an original tiled garden path, placed centrally.

To this Victorian form is overlaid Federation/Edwardian era details. At no.134 this includes the timber verandah frieze and brackets, decorated with a distinctive Scottish thistle pattern, and the boxed bay window enclosed within the verandah space with timber framed casement windows with small panes of coloured glass to the upper sections.

Federation/Edwardian era modifications to no.136 include the distinctive wrought iron bow window inserted at the ground level in place of the original squared Victorian window, the upper section of which is still visible above. The unusual and elaborate design features small diamond panes to the upper section, and vertical panes with a decorative curved transom to the lower section. A band of coloured leadlight separates the upper and lower sections. Decorative brackets sit below the window. The panelled front door has been modified or replaced and features a multi-pane coloured glass window.

## **Physical Conditions**

Good

## **Integrity**

Both dwellings have good integrity and intactness. The main visible change has been the overpainting of the presumed original face brickwork to both dwellings. As noted above, some of the original rendered details to no.136 are missing.

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