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# BLUESTONE COTTAGES & FORMER MORAN & CATO STORE



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119 Lygon Street Brunswick East

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## Location

197-199 EDWARD STREET, and 119 LYGON STREET, BRUNSWICK, MORELAND CITY

## Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO296

## Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

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## Statement of Significance

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*What is significant?*

The bluestone cottages at 197-199 Edward Street and the bluestone shop at 119 Lygon Street, Brunswick.

*How is it significant?*

The bluestone cottages at 197-199 Edward Street, Brunswick are of local architectural and historical significance

to the City of Moreland.

The former Moran & Cato store at 119 Lygon Street is of local historic significance to the City of Moreland.

#### *Why is it significant?*

The bluestone cottages at 197-199 Edward Street, Brunswick are of architectural and historical significance at the local level. Erected sometime between 1867 and 1870, the two houses are associated with an early phase of residential settlement in the Brunswick area. The cottages represent a substantially intact example of early bluestone housing of which a small number of examples survive in the City of Moreland. (AHC Criterion A.4)

The cottages represent an architectural type not often found in this form (ie a unified pair of stone cottages with one roof and no apparent firewall) which can be contrasted with the adjacent stone cottages which present more clearly as a joined pair of individual units. (AHC Criterion E.1)

The former Moran & Cato store at 119 Lygon Street is of historic significance. Historically, it is associated with an important local firm which became the largest and most widespread grocery chain in Australia in the late nineteenth century and early twentieth centuries. Erected in 1887, the shop is also associated, more broadly, with the intense phase of commercial expansion which occurred following the gradual opening of Melbourne's cable tram network from the mid-1880s. (AHC Criterion A.4) The shop, although clad in recent years in a veneer of stone, is an example of a modestly-scaled Victorian 'corner store' in a loosely Italianate style, characterised by rendered walls, consoles, moulded cornice and the ubiquitous splayed corner entrance.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - Keeping Brunswick's heritage: A Report on the Review of the Brunswick Conservation Study, Context Pty Ltd, 1990; Moreland - Moreland City Council: Local Heritage Places Review, Context Pty Ltd, 2004; Moreland - Lygon Street Heritage Study Stage 2, Context Pty Ltd, 2012;
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## Physical Description 1

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The houses at 195-97 Edward Street comprised a semi-detached pair of single-storey cottages of irregularly coursed bluestone construction, set back from the street. They have a continuous hipped roof clad in corrugated galvanized steel, penetrated by a large central unpainted brick chimney, with terracotta chimney pots, at the party wall line, and another similar but smaller chimney at the west end. Each cottage is double-fronted, with a symmetrical facade comprising a central doorway with highlight window, flanked by a pair of tall rectangular windows with timber-framed double-hung sashes.

The adjacent building at 119 Lygon Street is a single-storey rendered brick Victorian shop on a corner site. It is built right to the property lines on Lygon Street and Edwards Street, with the traditional splayed corner entrance. The hipped roof is concealed by a low parapet, embellished by a moulded cornice which runs between two consoles. The rendered facade has been painted; there is a dado of 'crazy paved' sandstone cladding which would appear to date from the 1950s or early 1960s.

The Edward Street frontage has an original rectangular window opening to the left side, with bluestone sill and timber-framed double-hung sash window. On the right side is a larger opening which may be an original display window, as the sill and head levels are in alignment with the adjacent window. This larger window contains a single-pane shopfront window of relatively recent origin.

The roofing has been integrated with that of the bluestone cottages and this is something of a clue to the

ownership of the site when the shop was constructed. 2012: 1-storey rendered brick Victorian corner shop with bluestone house at rear

## **Physical Conditions**

Good

## **Integrity**

Altered

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