
HOUSE



46 Murdock St Brunswick



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Location

46 MURDOCK STREET,, BRUNSWICK VIC 3056 - Property No 17151

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Recommended for Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO494

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The house at 46 Murdock Street, Brunswick, built in 1914, is significant. The timber and wire front fence and steel gates are also significant. Non-original alterations and additions are not significant.

How is it significant?

The house and front fence at 46 Murdock Street, Brunswick, is of local representative and aesthetic significance to the City of Moreland.

Why is it significant?

It is significant as highly intact and well-detailed example of house, which demonstrates how the symmetrical house type evolved and developed in the latter part of the Federation/Edwardian period, breaking away from the 'Victorian Survival' houses that had characterised the early 1900s. This is demonstrated by the steeply pitched pyramidal roof that extends to meet the front verandah with a broken pitch, and the symmetrical planning emphasised by the central gabled portico to the verandah, and the placement of the bay windows, and the red brick chimneys, which show how local builders adapted elements of the Indian Bungalow style. The house is notable for the high degree of intactness with many original details including the verandah with turned timber posts and the rare Art Nouveau inspired cast iron frieze. Of note is the portico gable, which is steeply pitched and decorated with a timber finial and infilled with timber straps and pressed metal to create a half-timbered effect above a shaped board, and curved brackets. The setting of the house is enhanced by the early timber and wire front fence and gates. (Criteria D & E)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - Moreland Heritage Gaps Study 2017, Context Pty Ltd, 2017; 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;
Construction dates	1914,
Hermes Number	56543
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Physical Description 1

Situated on the west side of the street, 46 Murdock Street, Brunswick, is a double-fronted timber bungalow. Like many houses in Brunswick, which date from this period, it has a shallow setback from the street boundary, behind a wire and capped timber fence with king posts with shaped tops and steel pedestrian and driveway gates that appears to be relatively early in date, and modest side setbacks.

The house shows the influence of the Federation or Indian Bungalow style in the steeply pitched, almost pyramidal, hip roof that connects to the verandah, which has incised ends. The roof breaks its pitch as it meets the verandah, creating a 'broken back' profile. Another characteristic of the style is the central gabled portico, and the symmetry is further emphasised by the box bay timber casement windows with coloured glass highlights placed either side of the entry door (which is recessed and has a sidelight and highlights) and the brick and render chimneys placed in both sides of the hip roof. The front walls are clad in imitation Ashlar and the verandah is supported by timber posts (paired at the gabled portico), turned and deeply chamfered, with the original cast iron frieze in a rare Art Nouveau influenced floral pattern. The portico gable is steeply pitched and is decorated with a timber finial with timber straps and pressed metal used to create a half-timbered effect above a shaped board, and curved brackets.

Physical Conditions

Fair

Integrity

Viewed from the street, 46 Murdock Street is highly intact with only minor modifications. The front door has been replaced, but it retains its original surrounds, and the verandah floor has been replaced with concrete.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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