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# MERLYNSTON SALVATION ARMY HALL & OFFICER'S QUARTERS (FORMER)



Merlynston Salvation Army Temple



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## Location

4 MATHIESON STREET, COBURG NORTH VIC 3058 - Property No 39096

## Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO398

## Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The former Merlynston Salvation Army Hall & Officers Quarters, constructed by 1925, at 4 Mathieson Street, Coburg North. The significant element is the gabled fronted section of the Hall with the multi-paned windows in the front and side elevations. The elaborate barge board and finial is also integral to the significance of the place.

The non-original additions at the rear are not significant.

### **How is it significant?**

The former Merlynston Salvation Army Hall & Officers Quarters is of local historic significance to Moreland City.

### **Why is it significant?**

It is historically significant as a building that provides tangible evidence of the formation of the Merlynston community during the 1920s and represents the important role that the Salvation Army played in community life and the development of the suburb during the early to mid-twentieth century. The hall has important associations with the Salvation Army during a period of growth in the 1920s and is typical of the small suburban halls erected during that time. (Criteria A & H)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - City of Moreland - North of Bell Street Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2013; Moreland - Moreland City Council: Local Heritage Places Review, Context Pty Ltd, 2004; Moreland - City of Coburg Heritage Conservation & Streetscape Study, Timothy Hubbard Pty Ltd, 1991;
Other Names	Residence,
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## **Physical Description 1**

The former Merlynston Salvation Army Temple is a simple gable-fronted weatherboard building with a new corrugated galvanised steel roof. The most distinctive feature is the decorative carved timber bargeboards incorporating a turned timber finial in front of a circular louvred gable vent. There are two widely spaced double-hung multi-pane sash windows on the street facade (these once flanked the original front door) and further double-hung multi-pane sash windows to the side elevations.

The building is in good condition and while it has altered and extended at the rear as part of its conversion to a residence, what is thought to be the original 1925 section of the hall retains a moderate degree of integrity, which resembles older images when it was occupied by the Salvation Army. The main change to the front elevation is the removal of the central front door and the loss of the original sign above the door.

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