
BRUNSWICK BATHS

Location

10 DAWSON STREET,, BRUNSWICK VIC 3056 - Property No 88257

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO61

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

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The Brunswick Baths complex is of local historical and architectural Significance. The baths have long been a key recreational focus for Brunswick, and was for many years host to the Victorian swimming championships. The Baths reflected the latest in swimming pool design and technology, and was once regarded as the finest complex of its type in Australia. The renovation of the Baths in 1927-in particular the construction of the notable Dawson Street facade- reflects a period of considerable redevelopment of Brunswick's public assets, and of the reshaping of the civic precinct in Sydney Road and Dawson Street.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - Keeping Brunswick's heritage: A Report on the Review of the Brunswick Conservation Study, Context Pty Ltd, 1990; Moreland - City of Moreland Heritage Review, Allen Lovell and Associates, 1999; Moreland Heritage Nominations Study, Extent Heritage, 2022;
Construction dates	1913,
Architect/Designer	Peck & Kemter,
Hermes Number	59020

Physical Description 1

The Brunswick Baths building is a two storey rendered brick structure with a hipped tiled roof. The south (Dawson Street) facade has a dark brown brick base and an abstracted classical composition of paired pilasters defining projecting sections near either end. The multi-paned steel-framed windows, which sit between wide piers, have a combination of hopper and awning openings. There are two narrow moulded string courses within the spandrel panels, and a frieze with plain moulded bosses runs under the eaves. The central rendered prostyle portico has four piers and a slightly projecting parapet with a moulded frieze.

Key Architectural Elements: two storey building with Classical Revival facade with central prostyle portico
paired pilasters separating banks of multi-paned steel-framed windows
face dark brown brick plinth

Principal Historic Themes: landmark structures
association with local community groups
provision of health care and related activities
association with local government
association with provision of entertainment and recreation facilities

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