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# OXFORD HOUSE

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## Location

48-68 DONALD STREET,, BRUNSWICK VIC 3056 - Property No 18204

## Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

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## Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

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## Statement of Significance

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48-68 Donald Street, Brunswick, is of local architectural Significance. It is a reasonably intact group of eleven houses built for the one owner, specifically as rental properties. Although, notably, all the terraces retain their original bichrome face brickwork, the Significance of 54-68 has been somewhat diminished by the variety of new fences, and the landscaping treatments generally.

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| 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; |
| Construction dates        | 1892, 1896,   |
| Other Names               | Terrace, individual, Shared,  |
| Hermes Number             | 59027   |
| Property Number           |   |

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## Physical Description 1

NEEDS FIELD CHECK OF NUMBERS! 48-52 AND 54-68 ALL LEVEL 2 IN Context study.

54-68 Donald Street is a row of eight Italianate terraces with bichrome facades, red brick rear and side walls and a single transverse gabled slate roof with bracketed eaves. The roof, of both square and scallop edged slates, has decorative terracotta ridge tiles and finials, and polychrome brick chimneys with rendered moulded tops along the ridgeline. Verandahs have cast iron lacework and are clad in corrugated iron with a gentle convex profile. Tripartite windows are timber-framed, with double hung sashes and timber mouldings.

The terraces display various levels of intactness. The alterations include non-original front fence (all); removal of chimney (Nos. 60, 62, 64); sandblasting of (previously painted or rendered) facade (No. 64), addition of balustrading to verandah (No. 66); missing terracotta ridging to roof (No. 60); concrete verandah surface (Nos. 60, 66, 68); timber deck to verandah (No. 54); prominent security doors (Nos. 66, 68). The original pointing remains in the facades of Nos. 66 and 68, whilst No. 54 retains its original etched highlight above the front door. The uniformity of this terrace is particularly diminished by the variety of front fence designs.

48-52 Donald Street is a row of three Italianate terraces with bichrome facades, red brick rear and side walls and a single transverse gabled roof behind an ornate parapet. These three terraces have a high, rendered parapet, elaborately decorated with balustrading and urns and a central semi-circular pediment. Verandahs have ornate cast iron lacework and are clad in corrugated iron with a gentle convex profile. Tripartite windows are timber-framed, with double hung sashes and timber mouldings. The mid-1990s restoration work on these houses included the replacement of the roof tiles, and the addition of new picket fences.

Key Architectural Elements: polychromatic brickwork  
unpainted rendered surfaces

Conservation Guidelines: reinstate traditional front fences  
repair roof capping  
reinstate traditional verandah floors

Principal Historic Themes: significant phases in the development of towns and suburbs; 19th century speculative building activity

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