
BABY HEALTH CENTRE

Location

318-324 LYGON STREET,, BRUNSWICK EAST VIC 3057 - Property No 4133

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO106

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 17, 2023

What is significant?

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How is it significant?

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The electricity substation on this property forms part of the Brunswick Electricity Supply Electricity Substations serial listing - Hermes No. 206422 (HO600). Please refer to the serial listing citation for the statement of significance for the serial listing.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - City of Moreland Heritage Review, Allen Lovell and Associates, 1999; Moreland - Keeping Brunswick's heritage: A Report on the Review of the Brunswick Conservation Study, Context Pty Ltd, 1990; Moreland Heritage Nominations Study, Extent Heritage, 2022;
Construction dates	1937,
Architect/Designer	Peck & Kemter,
Other Names	Electricity Substation,
Hermes Number	59059
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The Baby Health Centre is cream brick Moderne styled building with a rendered capped parapet and a terracotta tile hipped roofline. The front (west) elevation is dominated by an asymmetrically placed semi-circular bay window with metal framed windows and a painted projecting rendered lintel. The entrance, west of the bay, is defined by a small tower with a projecting rendered lintel, rendered capping, and a City of Coburg plaque.

While the building is not domestic in external appearance, its internal spaces are smaller than expected, with a central sun room, looking out over a rear garden, with smaller rooms provided for the infant welfare sister's consultation and as an office. The projecting wing forms part of the entry, and provides a place for strollers and prams.

Key Architectural Elements: cream brick Moderne facade

Principal Historic Themes: association with local community groups
provision of health care and related activities
association with local government

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