
UNION KNITTING MILLS (FORMER)

Location

37-43 MUNRO STREET,, COBURG VIC 3058 - Property No 90517

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO121

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

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The Union Knitting Mills are of local architectural and historical significance. The building is an intact example of the Moderne idiom, unusual in Coburg, and an indication of industrial expansion in Melbourne's northern suburbs in the post-Depression years.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - City of Moreland Heritage Review, Allen Lovell and Associates, 1999; Moreland - Northern Suburbs Factory Study, Vines, G and M, Churchward, 1992; Moreland - City of Coburg Heritage Conservation & Streetscape Study, Timothy Hubbard Pty Ltd, 1991;
Construction dates	1936,
Other Names	Factory,
Hermes Number	59070
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Physical Description 1

The Union Knitting Mills occupied a single storey red brick building with a wide rendered parapet, with plain horizontal mouldings, concealing two longitudinal hipped corrugated iron roofs. The entrance on Munro Street is marked by a higher parapet with vertical streamlined mouldings. Steel framed windows form a horizontal band between the parapet and a rendered string course at sill level. Three brick string courses between the windows further accentuate the building's horizontality. The original rendered sign, 'union knitting mills Pty Ltd' remains intact along the western parapet, still visible from passing trains.

Apart from the current occupants' non-permanent signage, the building remains remarkably intact externally.

Key Architectural Elements: face red brick and render facades
rendered plinth, windows sills and parapet

Context: Erected when Coburg was a developing suburb, adjacent to the railway line and not far from the large Lincoln Mills.

Comparative analysis: One of a number of knitting mills erected in the 1920s and 30s employing the streamlined Moderne Style, closely comparable with the Burgin and Buckstein Mills in Lygon Street, Brunswick.

Conservation Guidelines: remove cyclone wire screens from windows

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