
STEEL COMPANY OF AUSTRALIA (FORMER)



Steel Company of Australia
(former) - 14 Frith St.
Brunswick

Location

14 FRITH STREET,, BRUNSWICK VIC 3056 - Property No 9061

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO301

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Steel Company of Australia Complex (former), comprising the buildings constructed prior to 1960, at 14 Frith Street, Brunswick.

How is it Significant?

The Steel Company of Australia Ltd complex (former) is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of

Moreland.

Why is it Significant?

Of historic significance as a representative and perhaps the most intact example of Brunswick's once prolific steel foundry industry that became a characteristic form of manufacture in the suburb during the late 19th and early 20th Centuries. (AHC Criterion B.2)

Of aesthetic significance as a good example of twentieth century industrial architecture, which is of note for its use of coloured brick and curved forms on a corner site in the Streamlined Modern style. (AHC Criterion E.1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - Moreland City Council: Local Heritage Places Review, Context Pty Ltd, 2004; Moreland - Northern Suburbs Factory Study, Vines, G and M, Churchward, 1992;
Construction dates	1925,
Other Names	Fletcher Jones, Factory,
Hermes Number	59201
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

The former Steel Company of Australia Ltd complex comprises a saw tooth and gabled factory-warehouse with an ornate bichrome brick facade around the corner entrance featuring horizontal bands of cream and manganese bricks, a scalloped parapet with vertical stripes of brown bricks over the doorway which is surrounded by white painted rendered pillars and lintel. A rendered string course extends across the tops of the windows. The remainder of the exterior walls are plain red brick. A long single gabled building with roof ridge ventilation to the south of the main building has the typical form of a casting shop with exterior wall height to provide headroom for overhead travelling cranes used in the handling of molten metal.

Context:

Adjacent to the Sydney Road commercial strip but on the more residential east side.

Condition and Integrity:

Good original condition

Comparative analysis:

Similar use of brickwork to the Tip Top bread factory, John Welsh and 90 Albion Street Essendon.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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