



Moreland City Council

Victorian Heritage Database Report **MORELAND PARK**



Location:

130 RENNIE STREET,, COBURG VIC 3058 - Property No 21741

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Number: HO359

Listing Authority: Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance:

What is significant?

The former Moreland Park, at 130 Rennie Street, Coburg East, including the exterior, interior and mature garden elements.

How is it significant?

The former Moreland Park, at 130 Rennie Street, Coburg East, including the exterior, interior and mature garden elements, is of historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Moreland.

Why is it significant?

Of historic significance for its direct associations with Montague Dare, who developed the Moreland Park Estate, planned and perceived from conception to the current day to be the most prestigious area of Coburg. Dare built this house, the former Moreland Park, as his own residence. Also for its associations with architect TJ Crouch who designed a series of villas for the estate and probably also designed Moreland Park. It also demonstrates the speculative development associated with the land boom in Coburg just prior to the 1890s depression. (AHC Criteria A.4 & H.1)

Of aesthetic significance, as a good example of a Boom style Italianate villa, which, rather than being conceived as a two storey building, remained single storey with extensive wings which contained the ballroom and other rooms. Although slightly altered, the house retains a number of significant original features, particularly internally. These include externally polychromatic brickwork and narrow full length double hung sash windows to the front facade, and internally, fretwork, fire surrounds and most significantly original pressed metal ceilings which retain their original paint schemes. Also for its mature remnant garden elements. (AHC Criterion E.1)

Description

Moreland Park (former) at 130 Rennie Street, Coburg East is an asymmetrical bi-chrome Victorian Italianate villa with a hipped slate roof. The house has two bi-chrome brick chimneys with decorative brick capping. Decorative brackets run under the eave line. The front four panel door has side and high lights. The window to the projecting front façade is double hung sash, flanked by two narrow double hung sash windows. The remaining windows to the front façade are long narrow double-hung sashes. Side windows are also double-hung sashes, of normal proportion.

The house has a substantial rear wing, to the west of the main building, which is contemporary with the main building. It is constructed from red brick with a slate hipped roof, with bi-chrome and decorative bracket detailing under the eave line and bi-chrome brick chimneys.

The house has some additions to the rear but is substantially intact to the remainder of the building. Very little work has been done to the building since it was made into flats. The front return verandah and tessellated floor was removed in 2003, however the tiles have been retained and are stored at the rear of the house.

Internally, the house has been modified c.1949 into flats, however retains a number of original internal features including fretwork, mantelpieces and the ornate pressed metal ballroom ceiling, including the original paint scheme.

The house also retains a number of mature trees.

Good

Altered

Heritage Study / Consultant	Moreland - City of Coburg Heritage Conservation & Streetscape Study, Timothy Hubbard Pty Ltd , 1991; Moreland - Moreland City Council: Local Heritage Places Review, Context Pty Ltd, 2004
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Construction Date Range	1888 - 1888
Architect / Designer	Crouch, TJ
Municipality	MERRI-BEK CITY
Other names	
Hermes number	56828
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