

Victorian Heritage Database Report
HOUSE (CLOSER SETTLEMENT)



Location:

47 CUMMING STREET,, BRUNSWICK WEST VIC 3055 - Property No 14033

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:

Individually Significant

Heritage Overlay Number: HO540

Listing Authority: Merri-bek City

Precinct:

Closer Settlement Houses

Statement of Significance:

47 Cumming Street is of local historical and architectural Significance. It is a particularly intact example of a house built on the Dal Campbell Estate, which formed part of the Brunswick Estate Closer Settlement Scheme, Victoria's second such scheme.

Architecturally, the house is an excellent example of the fine timber fretwork and detailing which characterises the Queen Anne style.

*A Contributory place within the Closer Settlement Houses serial listing. Please refer the serial listing citation (Hermes no. 200502)

for the statement of significance for this place.

Description

The house at 47 Cumming Street, Brunswick West, is a single storey timber house in the Queen Anne style. It has weatherboard wall cladding on the side and rear walls, and mock-ashlar cladding to the facade. The gambrel roof is clad in corrugated iron, has cast iron ridge capping and finials, and is penetrated by red brick chimneys with corbelled tops and terracotta chimney pots. The tripartite windows are timber-framed, and a small round window, probably leadlit, overlooks the verandah. The corrugated iron roofed return verandah, which has a corner gable, has turned timber posts and elaborate timber fretwork openings, exaggerated horseshoe arches in form. The projecting front gable has curved timber bargeboards, a decorative bracketed finial and two courses of scallop-edged weatherboarding. The window below the gable has carved timber surrounds and a bracketed canopy, the cladding of which has been removed. A side window has a similar canopy.

There appears to be a recently-constructed porch with turned timber posts to the rear of the house.

Key Architectural Elements: gabled corrugated iron roof with decorative iron ridge capping and finials
tall red brick corbelled chimney with terracotta chimney pots
unusual horseshoe arched timber fretwork verandah frieze and balustrading
timber-framed windows with timber dressings
ornate timber window canopies, gable-end brackets, canopy brackets

Conservation Guidelines: reinstate original cladding material to window canopies

Principal Historic Themes: early 20th century suburban development

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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; Moreland - Moreland Heritage Gaps Study 2017, Context Pty Ltd, 2017
Construction Date Range	1907 - 1910
Architect / Designer	
Municipality	MERRI-BEK CITY

Other names	
Hermes number	59015
Property number	14033

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