

HERITAGE CITATION REPORT

Name	Union Street	File No	1036
Address	8-14 Union Street BRUNSWICK	Significance Level	Local
Place Type	Residential Precinct		
Citation Date	2001		



Union Street Precinct

Recommended VHR No HI - PS -
Heritage Protection

History and Historical Context

This precinct demonstrates the residential development in the area in the late Victorian era prior to the introduction of industry in the twentieth century. The house at No. 12 Union Street was erected in 1883 for the Manallack family who leased it to a brick-maker in the late 1880s, and then sold the property to the Australian Temperance and General Company in the 1890s.(1) Thomas Manallack established Brunswick's first brick-making business in the 1840s and was licensee of the Cornish Arms Hotel in the late 1850s. The Manallack family is therefore a link to the important pottery and brick-making industries in Brunswick, and Manallack Street is named after Thomas' family.(2)

The adjacent pair of houses at Nos 8-10 was erected in 1890 for Elizabeth Burton who sold them to the Pickard family by the late 1890s. The house at 14 Union Street was erected in 1890 for Edward Pickett, who operated a butcher shop on the premises in the early 1890s. Pickett also sold his property to the Australian Temperance and General Company in the mid-1890s.(3)

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- (1) Brunswick City Council, Rate Books, 1880-1900
- (2) H Penrose (ed), Brunswick: One History Many Voices, pp.56, 73, 301.
- (3) Brunswick City Council, Rate Books, 1880-1900

Description

Physical Description

The Union Street Precinct comprises a group of four Victorian houses of relatively different styles in a now predominantly commercial and industrial portion of the street at Nos. 8-14.

The Precinct includes a pair of small attached polychromatic brick cottages at Nos 8-10 which have projecting party walls to the verandah and a continuous longitudinal hipped roof. The larger, single-storey brick cottage at No.12 has been painted and has a large rendered chimney. The building at the corner of Manallack Street (No. 14) is quite large in plan and addresses the corner, suggesting its former use as a butchery. It has a classical pediment over the arched corner access to what is now a verandah, and ornate moulding to the parapet which has a painted rendered finish. The building has been altered on both street facades with new window openings and verandah tiling. The opening on Union Street was more than likely a traditional glazed shopfront as was the now bricked in complimenting shop window on Manallack Street.

The Union Street Precinct has minimal street planting, which is limited to Eucalyptus and ground cover. Traditional street elements have been replaced with concrete.

Recommended Management

May be combined with Manallack Street precinct, which it adjoins.

Statement of Significance

What is Significant?

The Union Street Precinct, comprising of 4 properties at 8 - 14 Union Street, Brunswick.

How is it Significant?

The Union Street Precinct is of local historical and architectural significance to the City of Moreland.

Why is it Significant?

Of historical significance, as the houses within the precinct, erected around 1890, provide evidence of typical residential development in the area in the late nineteenth century. (AHC Criterion A.4)

Aesthetically the precinct is significant as the buildings are intact and representative examples of their respective types, some distinguished by polychromatic brickwork. Collectively, they comprise a small but significant section of Victorian streetscape, with a cohesive row of terraced dwellings of comparable scale, material and setback, punctuated at the Manallack Street intersection by the traditional corner shop. (AHC Criterion E.1)

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Recommendations 2001

External Paint Controls	-
Internal Alteration Controls	-
Tree Controls	-
Fences & Outbuildings	-
Prohibited Uses May Be Permitted	-
Incorporated Plan	-
Aboriginal Heritage Place	-

Other Recommendations

State 1 Ranking: Allom Lovell (2001) Additional citations

Stage 2 Priority: Add to HO - precinct

Final Recommendation: Add to HO - precinct

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