

## **H0149 Residence, 11 Brunswick Street FITZROY**

### **Permit Application P26809**

#### **Why is the residence at 11 Brunswick Street of heritage significance?**

The residence at 11 Brunswick Street is included on the Victorian Heritage Register under the provisions of the *Heritage Act 2017* for its architectural and historical significance to the State of Victoria.

The residence is a three-storey brick building, constructed in 1891 as a residence for salesman Alexander Sturrock. The residence is an interesting example of boom style terrace house architecture, with a superimposed three pier arcade of unusual width and decoration. The residence is of historical significance as an example of the character of inner Melbourne development in the late nineteenth century, and as an integrated element of the Brunswick Street/Gertrude Street precinct.

The grand proportions and ornate finish of the building are evidence of the flow of wealth into Melbourne as a result of the gold rushes in previous decades, although this building is also notable for being built just after the onset of the 1890s depression. Together with other elements of the Brunswick Street/Gertrude Street precinct, the house demonstrates the substantial character of this part of Fitzroy at the end of the nineteenth century.

#### **What was the permit application for?**

Partial demolition, alterations and additions to the residence at 11 Brunswick Street, including:

- The demolition of part of the original rear two-storey wing of the residence.
- Construction of an eight-storey residential apartment at the rear of the residence.

#### **Why has the permit application been refused?**

The *Heritage Act* requires the Executive Director to consider various matters in determining a permit application including the extent that the application, if approved, would affect the cultural heritage significance of the place; the extent that the refusal would affect the reasonable or economic use of the place; and any submissions received in response to the public notice of the permit application.

On 12 October 2018, the Executive Director refused the permit application as it was assessed that the demolition of half of the rear two-storey wing would represent unreasonable impacts to the heritage place in that half of the original service annex to the residence would be lost. No reasonable or economic use argument was presented by the applicant.

#### **Can the applicant appeal the decision?**

The applicant can choose to apply to the Heritage Council of Victoria for a review of the Executive Director's decision within 60 days of receiving the refusal notice. The Heritage Council is an independent statutory authority established under the *Heritage Act*.