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What is significant?
The house at 96 Lydia Street, Brunswick, constructed by 1883 is significant. The adjacent bluestone laneway also contributes to the significance of the place.

Non-original alterations and additions (built after 1945) and the wire front fence are not significant.

How is it significant?
The house at 96 Lydia Street, Brunswick, and adjacent bluestone laneway are of local historical and representative significance to the City of Moreland.

Why is it significant?
It is significant as an intact representative example of a simple timbers worker's cottage with characteristic transverse gabled roof and rear skillion and a symmetrical façade. While the form and detailing is typical, it is notable for the high degree of integrity with original or early features such as the main brick chimney with dog tooth corbelling, and a lower chimney to the kitchen at the rear, the front verandah, which has a slight concave profile, stop-chamfered timber posts, a cast iron frieze and timber partitions at each end, the original

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timber architraves to the door and windows and the double timber sash window with six over six panes to the side wall. The setting of the house is enhanced by the pitched bluestone laneway along one side. (Criteria D & E)

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