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# BABY HEALTH CENTRE



MERLYNSTON BABY  
HEALTH CENTRE 2



MERLYNSTON BABY  
HEALTH CENTRE 1



MERLYNSTON BABY  
HEALTH CENTRE 3

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## Location

2 MERLYN STREET, COBURG NORTH, MORELAND CITY

## Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO399

## Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The Merlynston Baby Health centre, designed by T.D. Gibson and constructed in 1955, situated within the DS Bain Reserve at 2 Merlyn Street, Merlynston. The form, external materials, and detailing all contribute to the significance of the place.

Later additions and alterations to the place are not significant.

### **How is it significant?**

The Merlynston Baby Health Centre is of local historic, social and architectural significance to Moreland City.

### **Why is it significant?**

The Merlynston Baby Health Centre is historically significant as an example of a place associated with an important program that encouraged the provision of modern and up-date maternal and child health facilities, particularly throughout the growing suburbs on the fringe of metropolitan Melbourne, after World War Two. It is socially and historically significant as a place that symbolises the determined efforts of the Council and local community to establish a place that would improve the health and welfare of women and children. The building has a strong and continuing sense of attachment for the local community (Criteria A & G)

The Merlynston Baby Health Centre is architecturally significant as a representative example of a small baby health centre, which illustrates the simple domestic scale and design that is typical of these buildings and reflects the philosophy of the Victorian Baby Health Centres Association. (Criterion D)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - City of Moreland - North of Bell Street Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2013;
Construction dates	1955,
Hermes Number	149964
Property Number	

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## **Physical Description 1**

The Merlynston Baby Health Centre is typically domestic in appearance, resembling a cream-brick post-war house, asymmetrical in plan with a hip tile roof. To the right of the projecting bay is a large flat-roofed porch (This is noted on the original plan held on the PROV files as the 'pram park') with a horizontal bank of timber-framed windows, which has the entrance door at one side. The window in the main elevation comprises two double hung sash windows with a fixed central pane. Other windows are simple double-hung sash. The centre is in good condition and has a high degree of external integrity.

The centre is situated within the DS Bain Reserve, nestled within the double row of Elms on the eastern side of the reserve adjacent to Lorensen Avenue.

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