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# Home Road Kindergarten



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## Location

44 Home Road NEWPORT, HOBSONS BAY CITY

## Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO149

## Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

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## Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Home Road Kindergarten, constructed in 1959, at 44 Home Road, Newport.

How is it Significant?

The Home Road Kindergarten is of local historic, social and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant as an example of the new public infrastructure being built after WW2 in the City to match the growth in population and the number of children. (AHC criterion A4)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a rare example of Modernist design in the municipality where the latest architectural styles were employed in the new public buildings as a reflection of reform. It is notable for the distinctive triangular plan which illustrates the contemporary influences of concepts (non rectangular plan forms) employed by Modernist designers like Grounds, Boyd and McIntyre. (AHC criteria E1 and F1)

Socially, it is significant for its association with public life over a near 50 year period. (AHC criterion G1)

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## Physical Description 1

This timber flat roofed kindergarten has a distinctive triangular plan, and timber framed window walls. The triangular plan form parallels with contemporary Modernist house designs, based on simple geometric plans such as triangles, circles or a combination. These designs were carried out by noted architects of the era such as Roy Grounds and Peter McIntyre. The design also reflects the reforming influence of the earlier kindergartens created by Martin & Tribe.

## Integrity

External Condition

Good

External Integrity

High

## Physical Description 2

Context

The Home Road Kindergarten is a contributory part of the Halls Farm Residential Precinct as a civic building of individual significance, the rest of the precinct being mainly Edwardian-era and inter-war housing.

## Historical Australian Themes

Educating, Establishing child care

## Physical Description 3

*Associations*

City of Williamstown, City of Hobsons Bay.

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