ASCOT VALE BABY HEALTH CENTRE

Maribyrnong Rd 147 a.JPG

Maribyrnong Rd 147 b.JPG

Maribyrnong Rd 147 d

Maribyrnong Rd 147 c.JPG

Location

147 MARIBYRNONG ROAD, ASCOT VALE, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO396

Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

Statement of Significance

What is significant?

The Ascot Vale Baby Health centre, designed by W.M. Pullar and constructed in 1936, at 147 Maribyrnong Road, Ascot Vale is significant. It has the domestic scale, detailing and setting characteristic of baby health centres, but in this instance with a parapeted front concealing the hipped roof that is more usually associated with commercial buildings of the interwar period. The flattened, geometric form of the facade (which demonstrates the influence of the Moderne style) and the pairing of a textured stucco finish with tapestry brick detailing are typical of 1930s architecture. The symmetrical facade contains four sash windows with margin glazing and brick lintels and sills, two on either side of an original wall-mounted lantern that is directly above the foundation stone, which set into the base of the wall and framed in tapestry bricks. Entry is via an open porch on the east side of the building, which has a large cantilevered flat-roofed awning.

Later additions and alterations to the place are not significant.

How is it significant?

The Ascot Vale Baby Health Centre is of local historic, social and architectural significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

Why is it significant?

It is historically and socially significant as an example of a place associated with an important program that encouraged the provision of modern maternal and child health facilities in suburban Melbourne during the early to mid-twentieth century. 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. (Criteria A & G)

It is historically significant as the oldest baby health centre in Moonee Valley and is associated with the growth of Ascot Vale during the interwar period. (Criterion A)

Theme

8. Building community life

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - Moonee Valley Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2015, 2015; Moonee Valley - City of Moonee Valley Stage 1 Heritage Gap Study, Context PL, 2013;
Construction dates	1935,
Hermes Number	196210
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

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building, which has a large cantilevered flat-roofed awning. The building has a high degree of external integrity and intactness. The garage, set back at the southeast corner, appears to be a later addition.

The building has a deep setback to Maribyrnong Road. The front yard contains the driveway and a lawned area containing a semi-mature Jacaranda tree.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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