
Yarraville Baby Welfare Centre



HO79 - Former Infant Welfare Centre, 95 Hamilton Street, Yarraville.JPG

Location

95 Hamilton Street, Yarraville VIC 3013 - Property No 4048007400

Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area indiv sig

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO9

HO79

Heritage Listing

Maribyrnong City

Statement of Significance

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This Baby Welfare Centre is significant socially, historically and architecturally within the Western Region because:

it has served as a community building over a long period within the City and thus has accrued a high social and historical significance, particularly in regard to infant health and local community life (criterion A4), (criterion G1);

its construction represents the next phase of community development after the rapid rise in new house numbers at Seddon in the Edwardian-era (criterion A4);

it is the only surviving pre WW2 baby health centres known in the City (criterion B2);

it has a high external integrity to its construction date, this enhancing the expression of the social and historical significance (criterion C2);

the unpainted stucco is rare in the City and the Region (criterion B2);

it is good and well preserved example of the Arts & Crafts Bungalow style and is among the best examples of the Bungalow era in the City (criterion F1).

Australian Heritage Commission (AHC) criteria

The Australian Heritage Commission criteria consist of a set of eight criteria which cover social, aesthetic, scientific, and historic values. Each criterion has sub-criteria written specifically for cultural or natural values. The relevant criteria are:

A.4 demonstrates well the course and pattern of history, important historic events

G.1 social importance to the community

B.2 rarity

C.2 research potential

F.1 design or technological achievement .

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Maribyrnong - Maribyrnong Heritage Review, Jill Barnard, Graeme Butler, Francine Gilfedder & Gary Vines, 2000; |
| Hermes Number | 37064 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Conditions

Good (parially distrubed, well preserved). The fence has been replaced with one related to what was probably originally a wire fabric fence but could have been a capped picket fence.

Integrity

Integrity: Intact/minimal intrusions

Physical Description 1

This is a custom (probably architect) designed brick and stucco Arts & Crafts Bungalow with unglazed terra-cotta roof tiles. The exterior of the building is well preserved to the extent of the stucco being still unpainted which is rare in buildings of this age in the region and rare among buildings of any age in the City.

The design is distinguished by the trapezoidal shaped verandah piers and chimney while the clinker brick soldier coursing and lozenge patterns relate well to the unpainted stucco as a strong expression of the Arts & Crafts philosophy, honest expression of materials. Other elements such as the screen door are rare items in their own right as well as evoking its previous public health use. The diamond pane upper window sashes add valuable detail to the overall design.

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