
Deer Park Hotel



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Location

762 Ballarat Road, DEER PARK VIC 3023 - Property No 77

Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO83

Heritage Listing

Brimbank City

Statement of Significance

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Of local significance as a long-standing hotel on the Ballarat Road which served the main road traffic and a focus for the Deer Park community, prior to and during the suburban development on the western fringes of Melbourne. The hotel is of minor architectural and landscape interest for its English style and gardens featuring mature Canary Island palms, peppercorns and eucalypts.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Brimbank - Brimbank City Council Post-contact Cultural Heritage Study, G. Vines, 2000;
Construction dates	1865, 1940,
Architect/Designer	Bull, WM,
Hermes Number	105944
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Description

The Deer Park Hotel as it appears today is a much altered English style gabled and hipped roof building of two stories with entrance porch and large modern additions. Parts of the nineteenth century structure survives beneath 1940s and 1990s alterations and additions. These were revealed as substantial bluestone walls during recent renovations. The core of the building, comprising the main two-storey section, appears to be adapted around the original two-storey square plan building of 1865. The 1940s additions appear to have involved the projecting front wing incorporating the entrance porch, and two storey additions on the east side. It is probable that the rendered external wall surfaces were also done at this time, over the combination of original bluestone and later brickwork. Additions in the 1970s have included the drive-through bottle shop and single-storey, hipped-roof bistro at the rear. These areas were again refurbished and extended in c.1990. The grounds of the hotel reflect the 1940s landscaping with two Canary Island date palms and other exotic species surrounding lawns sloping to the creek which surrounds two sides of the hotel. A number of pepper trees are probably remnants of the mid nineteenth century plantings.

Physical Conditions

Condition/integrity

Heavily altered, although retaining some of the characteristics of the 1940s form. The modern (1970s and 1990s) additions are partially obscured at the rear of the building, although the open view from the east across the car park, presents a rather unflattering perspective of the drive-through bottle shop. The original 1860s building is only recognisable from the thickness of the main walls with some hint from the tall window forms.

Historical Australian Themes

3 Developing local, regional and national economies

8.4 Eating and drinking

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