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# Corrugated iron, prefabricated, portable building - former Keilor Plains police station



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Site 021 - Prefabricated iron  
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## Location

Calder Freeway; off Oaklands Avenue, KEILOR NORTH VIC 3036 - Property No 21

## Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1971

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO14

## Heritage Listing

Brimbank City

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## Statement of Significance

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Of State significance, as one of a small number of all-iron portable buildings, having associations with the provision of government control on the major goldfields route. The building demonstrates the manufacturing methods of mid-nineteenth century building design, incorporating standard cast-iron structural components with mass-produced, corrugated, galvanised iron cladding. Through its association with the provision of policing on the gold route, the building also demonstrates the nature and limitations of administering the rapidly expanding colony at the time of the gold rushes, and methods for dealing with the shortages of both building materials and skilled labour.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Brimbank - Brimbank City Council Post-contact Cultural Heritage Study, G. Vines, 2000; |
| Construction dates        | 1850,                                                                                  |
| Other Names               | Keilor Plains police station,                                                          |
| Hermes Number             | 106000                                                                                 |
| Property Number           |                                                                                        |

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## Physical Description 1

Bow-roof profile, broad gauge corrugated iron-clad prefabricated, single -room building with cast iron corner and girt frames and tie-rod roof framing. The walls are of corrugated iron panels and joinery which are numbered internally obviously for re-assembly. The building is sited as part of a farm complex on north of highway west off Oakbank Road. Remnants of broad gauge iron suggest another building, since demolished, a short distance to the north-east. This was evidently timber-framed. Rubble stone-walled wool shed to the north-east with timber-framed corrugated iron cladding (Lysaght iron brand 1953) . A weatherboard dairy, next to the brick-lined in-ground water tank/well, stands near the current property boundary on the freeway side, with basalt-paved yards and driveways extending towards the road. The now-demolished homestead of the complex originally stood within the freeway reservation.

### Condition/Integrity

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## Historical Australian Themes

7 Governing

7.6 Administering Australia

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