
House & Canary Island date palms



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Location

44 King Edward Avenue, SUNSHINE VIC 3020

Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO024

Heritage Listing

Brimbank City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 2000

Individual place statement of significance::

Of local historical significance as an important landscape element in the form of the palm trees which contributes to a representative weatherboard house from the interwar period and part of the McKay estate development.

Precinct statement of significance::

The McKay housing subdivision is of national historical and social significance as the first stage of the suburb created by Australia's leading industrialist and a milestone in the development of the industrial suburb, under the influence of the Garden City movement. Sunshine became a yardstick for planning and housing reformers, with

H.V. McKay being regarded as an expert on planned industrial housing. The McKay estate is of regional architectural significance as it marks a crucial phase in the development of Sunshine, housing the resident work force which promoted further industrial development.

The estate is also of historical significance in relation to H. V. McKay's important role in the history of industrial relations in Victoria and Australia, as the provision of housing for his workers was one of the arguments made by McKay in defending the Basic Wages Case which led to Justice Higgins' "Harvester Judgement".

The group of houses along Forrest Street, Ridley Street, Sydney Street, King Edward Avenue, Anderson Road, Talmage Street and Kororoit Street, represent the type of houses built either by or for company employees, foremen and managers. The houses include major remnants of the large blocks allotted to senior staff of the Sunshine Harvester Works. Most of the houses were set back on their blocks with side drives, rather than rear service lanes, giving an air of spaciousness and permitting large gardens (of which some remnants survive).

Heritage Study/Consultant	Brimbank - Brimbank City Council Post-contact Cultural Heritage Study, G. Vines, 2000;
Construction dates	1920,
Hermes Number	106170
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

There are three large Canary Island date palms, *Phoenix canariensis*, next to a 1920s much altered weatherboard house. The palms are thought to have been planted c.1920s.

Historical Australian Themes

4 Building settlement, towns and cities

4.1 Planning urban settlements

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