

## Opie's Dairy



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Post-contact Cultural  
Heritage Study 1998



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Site 080 - 2 Egan Street -  
Opie's Dairy.jpg



Site 080B - 4 Egan St - Opie's  
Dairy.jpg



Site 080C - 6 Egan St -  
Opie's Dairy.jpg

### Location

2-4 Egan Street, DEER PARK VIC 3023 - Property No 80

### Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO86

## Heritage Listing

Brimbank City

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## Statement of Significance

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Opie's dairy is of local historical and social significance as a rare surviving remnant of the nineteenth century rural agricultural development that was centred around the old village of Kororoit Creek (Deer Park). The mud-mortared bluestone and timber structures demonstrate the vernacular architecture of the period. Remnant landscape elements, such as the peppercorn trees, contribute to the rural atmosphere of the site, surrounded as it is by suburban development. The Dairy and peppercorn tree are the main heritage elements remaining on the site.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Brimbank - Brimbank City Council Post-contact Cultural Heritage Study, G. Vines, 2000; Brimbank - Melbourne Western Region Industrial Heritage Study, G. Vines & A. Ward, 1989;
Construction dates	1870,
Hermes Number	106191
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## Physical Description 1

Description

Opie's dairy was originally part of a farm and homestead complex set in an isolated location about a kilometre from the village of Kororoit Creek (Deer Park) which was centred on the Ballarat Road - Station Road intersection. Now located within a subdivision (originally 1930s but not built until recently) On the north west of the corner Egan Street and Lake Boga Street. Until a recent subdivision and unit development, the remnant farm extended through to Kunat Street. Some stone walling remains. The surviving historical structures include the much modified bluestone homestead, which, although it retains some of the random coursed bluestone walls, has been re-roofed, fitted with new windows and door frames, and probably extensively altered inside. Along the north side of Egan Street runs the random-coursed, bluestone, former milking shed and dairy with hipped roof clad in corrugated iron. Stone work, (although patched in cement) was constructed in mud mortar. Some remnants of dry stone walls survive, along with weather board outbuildings. Remnants of the garden include Maritime pines, peppercorn tree and oleander.

## Physical Conditions

Condition/integrity

The homestead has been greatly altered but the dairy itself is in good condition and appears relatively intact externally. Remains of dry stone walls, timber out buildings and pepper trees contribute to the integrity of the site.

## **Intactness**

Substantially intact.

## **Historical Australian Themes**

3 Developing local, regional and national economies

3.5 Developing primary production

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