
Sunshine Baptist Church



2034 - Brimbank City Council
Post-contact Cultural
Heritage Study



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Site 069 - Sunshine Baptist
Church.jpg

Location

42 Ridley Street, ALBION VIC 3020 - Property No 69

Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO075

Heritage Listing

Brimbank City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 5, 1998

Individual place statement of significance::

This is the oldest original surviving church in the Sunshine area, a place of worship for Baptists over a period of 80 years. For over 25 years it has been a meeting place and place of worship for Slovakian Baptists. The church building is a link with the Broadmeadows Army Camp of World War One, a camp that was at one time the largest in Australia.

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).

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Construction dates	1919,
Hermes Number	106367
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Physical Description 1

Description

This former army building has been used as a church since 1919. It comprises a shingled gable, with timber clad timber frame construction, It is altered in respect of both the cladding and added wings. It is located on the corner of Sydney and Ridley Streets. A hall was added in 1937. The site includes two allotments (16 Sydney St and 42 Ridley St).

Physical Conditions

Good

Historical Australian Themes

8 Developing Australia's cultural life

8.6 Worshipping

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