

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## EAST KEILOR PRE-SCHOOL & INFANT WELFARE CENTRE



East Keilor Pre-school and Infant Welfare Centre



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31 Mark Street.JPG

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### Location

31 MARK STREET, KEILOR EAST, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

### Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO432

## Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

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### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 24, 2015

#### What is significant?

The East Keilor Pre-School and Infant Welfare centre, constructed in 1967-68, at 31 Mark Street, Keilor East is significant. It is a brick building with a low-pitch skillion roof. The windows are floor to ceiling and have textured spandrels below set on manganese brick sills, and aluminium framed windows above with openable sashes set within fixed panes of glass. The separate entrance doors to the infant welfare centre (at the west end) and the pre-school (at the east end) are timber framed and have toplights. In the west end wall there is the original 'East Keilor Pre School' in metal letters. The mature Lemon-scented Gums (*Corymbia citriodora*) contribute to the significance of the place.

Non-original additions and alterations to the building, other buildings on the site, the front fence, and play equipment are not significant.

How is it significant?

The East Keilor Pre-School and Infant Welfare Centre is of local historic and social significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

Why is it significant?

It is historically significant as an example of a place associated with an important program that encouraged the provision of modern maternal and child health facilities in suburban Melbourne during the early to mid-twentieth century. It is socially and historically significant as a place that symbolises the determined efforts of the Council and local community to establish a place that would improve the health and welfare of women and children. (Criteria A & G)

It is also historically and socially significant for its association with the development of Keilor the suburb and with the civic improvements made in the municipality of Keilor after it was proclaimed as a City in 1961. It was the first community building erected by the City of Keilor in the suburb and demonstrates the efforts of the Council to provide modern and up to date facilities for its citizens. (Criteria A & H)

It is significant as a representative example of a combined pre-school and infant welfare centre of the post-war era. The mature eucalypts provide a related setting. (Criterion D)

### Theme

6. Building towns cities and the garden state 8. Building community life

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - Moonee Valley Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2015, 2015; Moonee Valley - City of Moonee Valley Stage 1 Heritage Gap Study, Context PL, 2013;
Construction dates	1966,
Other Names	Keilor East Kindergarten, Baby Health Centre,

Hermes Number 196117

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

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The reserve surrounding the centre contains some mature specimens of native trees, including two notable specimens of Lemon Scented Gums (*Corymbia citriodora*), which provide a related setting.

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