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# 16A Baker Street, SUNSHINE

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## Location

16A Baker Sunshine, BRIMBANK CITY

## Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area not sig

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO019

## Heritage Listing

Brimbank City

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## Statement of Significance

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Precinct statement of significance:

This Commonwealth Munitions Housing Estate is of national historical significance as part of a Federal Government-initiated housing scheme for workers in the munitions industry in the Maribyrnong-Footscray area, the largest concentration of defence production establishments in the whole of Australia, when World War Two began.

It was one of the first major Commonwealth war housing schemes to be undertaken and was one of the few large-scale housing schemes undertaken in Victoria during World War Two. This part of the estate included the main recreational and community area, serving the whole estate of 234 houses. The estate is historically significant as a demonstration of the co-ordinated State and Commonwealth wartime effort on the home front, to build up defence production capabilities during the period of national emergency.

The estate is of architectural significance as an unusual example of planned suburban development, reflecting the Garden City principles and therefore can be seen as a continuation of the historical precedent established in

McKay's Sunshine estates.

The precinct also has aesthetic significance for the distinctive styles of solid brick and concrete houses, built in a variety of forms but still maintaining a visual cohesion, and set in part, on curving streets with large garden allotments. Architecturally these houses are quite plain, but they are important for their innovative use of concrete and evidence of a modern design aesthetic.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Brimbank - Brimbank Heritage Study, Graeme Butler & Associates and Living Museum of the West, 1997;
Hermes Number	197105
Property Number	

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## Physical Conditions

Dual occupancy at the rear of 16 Baker Street

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