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# 1ST STRATHMORE SCOUT HALL (FORMER)



View of building from north-west

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## Location

41 GLENBERVIE ROAD,, STRATHMORE VIC 3041 - Property No 203654

## Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO335

## Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The former Scout Hall, erected between 1957 and 1960 for the First Strathmore Scout Group, comprises a Nissen-type prefabricated ex-army hut with a skillion-roofed brick wing across the street front.

### How is it significant?

The former scout hall is of historical significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

### Why is it significant?

Historically, the scout hall is a representative and relatively intact example what was a ubiquitous phenomenon in the 1950s and '60s, whereby prefabricated ex-army huts of barrel-vaulted form would be adapted to civilian use, typically with a new facade to create the effect of a permanent rectilinear building. Many of these buildings were intended as low-cost temporary accommodation solutions, and as such were subsequently superseded and demolished. Surviving examples of Nissen, Quonset and other ex-army huts of barrel-vaulted form, whether adapted to other purposes or still in military or government use, are becoming increasingly rare. Since the recent demolition of comparable huts at Essendon Airport, it appears to be unique in the City of Moonee Valley.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - City of Moonee Valley Gap Heritage Study, Heritage Alliance, 2005;
Construction dates	1957,
Other Names	St John Ambulance (Moonee Valley Combined Division),
Hermes Number	29721
Property Number	

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### Physical Description 1

The former scout hall consists of a Nissen-type hut with a small brick addition across the street frontage. The former, a type of prefabricated military structure developed by the British army during World War 1, is immediately recognisable by its distinctive barrel-vaulted form and corrugated galvanised steel cladding. This example has a squat rectangular plan, about 7 metres wide and 18 metres long. The curved roof projects beyond a recessed plinth, and is penetrated by dormer windows with pairs of timber-framed sashes. A rear doorway contains a pair of ledged-and-braced timber doors, and there is a cream brick chimney (not original) on the west elevation. The front wing is of face brick, with a skillion roof, recessed off-centre porch, wall-mounted flagstaff and variously timber-framed or aluminium sash windows.

The former scout hall is in fair condition. Some of the original timber-framed sash windows have rotting sills and broken glazing. An early or original bunker-style metal light fitting was found at the rear of the hall, detached from the building and in a damaged state.

The former scout hall is substantially intact. No significant changes to the exterior have been made since the completion of the rear addition in 1965. The original signage along the street frontage has been removed.

### Historical Australian Themes

#### THEMATIC CONTEXT

7.7 Defending Australia

8.1 Organising recreation

9.2 Growing up

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