
H V McKay/Massey -Ferguson (Aust) Ltd



B5780 HV McKay Massey-Ferguson

Location

2 Devonshire Road,, SUNSHINE VIC 3020 - Property No B5780

Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

Level of significance

State

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0667

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - April 24, 2007

HV McKay Office opposite Factory Site.

Classified: "Regional" 27/11/1986

Group Classification. Site Classified. Elements listed in the Management Policy are Classified also: showroom, clock and bell tower, Russell Street guardhouse, entrance and gates, remaining frontage to Devonshire Road on the Hampshire Road side of Russell Street, assembly floor structure north of the showroom, crane causeway, foundry, representative examples of selected wooden and corrugated iron structures in addition to those already specified.

The McKay/Massey-Ferguson industrial complex at Sunshine is of major national significance because of the site's close association with the key 1907 Harvester Judgement by Justice H B Higgins, president of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration, which established a "fair and reasonable" national minimum wage.

The site is also nationally important because of its symbolic link with the nationalist myth of McKay as the inventor of the combine harvester. The name "Sunshine" which he gave to the harvester he designed is perpetuated in the name of the suburb.

The Sunshine works are of major state significance as the largest extant example of a dynamic industrial complex that has evolved constantly from the establishment of the Braybrook Implement Company in 1889 to the closure of the site by Massey-Ferguson in 1986. In their context the complex is remarkable both for its surviving industrial structure from the 1920s, when production by H V McKay Pty Ltd reached its greatest extent, and for its 1950s administration block and clock tower which symbolically stamped upon the Sunshine works the imprimatur of the Canadian corporate giant Massey-Harris-Ferguson Ltd (later Massey Ferguson (Australia) Ltd.), which absorbed the McKay company in 1955.

Group Classified: 02/02/1987

See also B5905 (H V McKay Memorial Presbyterian Church) & G13035 (H V McKay Memorial Gardens)

Hermes Number 65254

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