
Scott Motor Works, former



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Location

155 Anderson Road, SUNSHINE VIC 3020 - Property No 54

Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

Heritage Listing

Brimbank City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 1, 1999

The former Scott Motor Works is of State historical and architectural significance as the oldest and only substantial remnant of the once extensive H.V. McKay factory (not withstanding the early office building in Harvester Road). The building represents in its timber framing, saw-tooth roof and corrugated iron cladding, the typical factory building type which once covered over 60 acres of the Sunshine Harvester Works and which were erected progressively from c.1906, when McKay began expanding the former Braybrook Implement Co. buildings, to the 1950s, the period of greatest expansion of the works. The site is also of significance as the last surviving building relating to the manufacturing activities of Australia's largest agricultural implement works and

for its association with the manufacture of small motors, and possibly also motor cars, under the direction of engineer James L Scott.

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Construction dates	1909,
Other Names	part of H.V. McKay Sunshine Harvester Works,
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Physical Description 1

This structure is primarily a single store sawtooth roof factory building, timber framed on a grid of timber posts of generally 8 inch (200 mm) Oregon at a 5'6" - 6'6" x 7' (6-7 x 8 metre) grid and corrugated iron-clad. In many instances the posts are set on cast iron shoes on concrete footings. Primary beams span east-west, carrying the saw tooth roof windows over, and are connected with the posts by means of timber shear heads and two-way and sometimes four-way diagonal braces. Spans are maximised by means of double underslung iron truss rods, tensioned by special castings. The site, on the west side of Anderson Road, appears to have been acquired at the same time, or very soon after the Braybrook Implement Works was purchased by McKay. A redrawn plan of the factory for 1906 shows a small building (a house), parallel to the railway line just over the crossing and a slightly larger structure (a stable), further up the line. The 1909 plan shows the beginnings of the Scott Motor Works north of the house, with a narrow four-bay structure evidently divided into separate areas, on the street boundary, and a slightly larger section attached to the west. The 1911 plan shows the building doubled in size and extending half way to the railway line and the section on the street frontage extended to the full width of the larger building. A railway siding curved off the main line around the south of the motor works, crossing Anderson Road and running into the main factory at the now-discontinued Hertford Street. The Scott Motor Works appears to have reached its present size by the 1930s when a new bay was added to the west, partly covering the disconnected siding and leaving a tell-tale nick in the south facade, where the siding once ran.

Physical Conditions

The building is in a relatively complete state, although openings have been modified several times, and parts of the building have been reclad (probably several times).

Historical Australian Themes

3 Developing local, regional and national economies

3.14 Developing an Australian engineering and construction industry

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