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# Hazelwood, John Milburn's farmhouse



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Milburn's farmhouse.jpg

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## Location

136 Arundel Road, KEILOR VIC 3036 - Property No 32

## Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

## Level of significance

Incl in HO area contributory

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO044

## Heritage Listing

Brimbank City

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 14, 1997

### Individual place statement of significance::

John Milburn's farm and homestead is of regional historical significance as a substantially surviving example of the nineteenth century horticultural property which contributed to the transformation of the floodplain landscape at Keilor into intensively-cultivated market gardens and orchards. The property is also of historical and social significance for its association with the Milburn family, specifically John Milburn, the builder of the house, and a son of David Milburn. David Milburn is credited with the establishment of the first irrigation scheme in Victoria and

the Milburn family have been the major market gardening operators in the Keilor district. The homestead also has some architectural merit as a representative example of a substantial late nineteenth century farming property.

**Precinct statement of significance::**

The market gardens of Keilor are of regional historical significance as they are associated with the beginnings of irrigated horticulture in Victoria and have been continuously cultivated since the mid nineteenth century. The landscape is of regional significance as an expression of the early and long- lived farming practices adapted to the richer soils of the river terraces. The farms themselves also have long links with local families, such as the Milburns and Senserricks, and the pattern of houses and farm buildings reflect the original population distribution.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Brimbank - Brimbank City Council Post-contact Cultural Heritage Study, G. Vines, 2000; Brimbank - Melbourne Western Region Industrial Heritage Study, G. Vines & A. Ward, 1989;
Construction dates	1892,
Hermes Number	105932
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## Physical Description 1

### Description

Hazelwood', a substantial nineteenth century brick house, survives with later additions. The existing homestead building on Milburn Road appears to be of c.1890s date. Outbuildings and machinery sheds appear to be of mid-twentieth century origin. The house is located on a slight rise on the east side of the road, probably chosen to protect it from floods. The brick and cement-rendered walls, are offset by some exposed stone quoins, double-hung sash windows and a corrugated iron hipped-profile roof and timber-framed corrugated iron-clad verandah. Some detailing such as eve brackets and cement window mouldings hint at the successful farmer. A nearby weir on the Maribyrnong River is a later construction, probably on the site of the original weir built by David Milburn in 1857. There is an unrelated skillion addition to the rear and numerous sheds. Planting includes old melia garia, camellias and other mature shrubs. The house has been associated with the market garden business of "G & S Milburn & Sons" .

## Physical Conditions

### Condition/integrity

The house is altered, but appears mostly intact although some basic maintenance is evidently needed.

### Intactness

Substantially intact.

## Historical Australian Themes

3 Developing local, regional and national economies

3.5 Developing primary production

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