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# Hunt Club Hotel



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Heritage Study 1998



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## Location

775 Ballarat Road, DEER PARK VIC 3023 - Property No 76

## Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO82

## Heritage Listing

Brimbank City

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## Statement of Significance

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### What is significant?

The Hunt Club Hotel, at 775 Ballarat Road, Deer Park, is significant.

### How is it significant?

It is of historical significance.

### Why is it significant?

Of regional significance as a substantial and relatively-intact nineteenth century hotel, constructed on the main Ballarat Road on the fringe of Melbourne, and intended to serve the traffic to Ballarat and the Western District. It also played an important local role in connection with the farming community of Deer Park, and the Deer Park explosives factory of the Australian Lithofractor Company (later Australian Explosives & Chemicals company). The building has special significance as the property of ICI for over 50 years, used by the company firstly as a residence for its staff and then as a training and research centre. The building is also locally important as a rare (for the district) two-storey brick structure with wrap-around verandah and as a local landmark.

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	1886, 1920,
Hermes Number	105946
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## Physical Description 1

### Description

Two storey brick and bluestone hotel. 19th century base (brickwork, stone verandah margin, cellar door surrounds) with 1920s stucco and rusticated concrete renovation. The verandah and the adjoining red brick wing to the side and rear were part of the extensions and alterations made by ICI in the 1920s-30s. There is a separate brick building at the rear, built in the 1930s.

## Physical Conditions

### Condition/integrity

Renovations have been carried out in recent years so that the buildings are in good condition. Only fragments of the original interiors remain, and the verandah has been altered from its original form.

## Historical Australian Themes

8 Developing Australia's cultural life

8.4 Eating and drinking

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