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## Brimbank Farm



1641 - Brimbank City Council  
Post-contact Cultural  
Heritage Study 1998



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Site 123 - Dodd homestead -  
Brimbank farm (2).jpg



Site 123 - Dodd homestead -  
Brimbank farm (3).jpg



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### Location

Brimbank Road, KEILOR VIC 3033 - Property No 123

### Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO124

### Heritage Listing

Brimbank City

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - July 1, 1998

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The Brimbank Park homestead is of historical and architectural significance to the City of Brimbank and a rare and intact example of a property related to the beginnings of European settlement and the development of intensive horticulture in the Keilor area. It is important for its associations with the pioneering families of the Dodds and Goudies, and for its links with improvements in orcharding and market gardening, best demonstrated in the surviving tomato-ripening shed.

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	1870,
Other Names	Brimbank Park,
Hermes Number	105983
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

### Description

Weatherboarded, verandahed, double-fronted house with cement sheet, concrete and timber outbuildings (including a tomato-ripening shed) and an earlier rubble stone outbuilding - a sunken stone-walled dairy - all in the former farm setting, now manicured as parkland next to the river bend. One outbuilding is clad in flattened kerosene tins, a once-common but rare surviving form of building generally adopted during the 1930s depression. The main house faces the approach drive flanked by sugar gums and other plantings and a length of unusual (for the use of sandstone) dry stone wall, forming an open courtyard. Peppercorn tree, willows and poplars (*P. deltoides*) on the river, Monterey pine and Jacarandas in the yard plus pittosporum in the garden.

## Physical Conditions

### Condition/integrity

In good condition, although alterations have been undertaken over the years, including the construction of a new kitchen/laundry, and lining of some of the former outbuildings.

## Historical Australian Themes

3 Developing local, regional and national economies

3.5 Developing primary production

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