
H V McKay offices / Massey-Ferguson (Aust) Ltd



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Location

2 Devonshire Road, SUNSHINE VIC 3020 - Property No 53

Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO11

Heritage Listing

Brimbank City

Statement of Significance

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The McKay-Massey-Ferguson office complex at Sunshine is of historical, social and architectural significance at the State and national level for its association with H.V. McKay, the inventor of the Sunshine Harvester and one of Australia's foremost industrial entrepreneurs. The name 'Sunshine', which he gave to the harvester he designed, is perpetuated in the name of the suburb. The offices also represent (by default of being the most substantial surviving element) the scale of the former works as a large dynamic industrial complex that evolved constantly from the establishment of the Braybrook Implement Company in 1889 to the closure of the site by

Massey-Ferguson in 1986.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Brimbank - Brimbank City Council Post-contact Cultural Heritage Study, G. Vines, 2000;
Construction dates	1909,
Architect/Designer	Robinson, J Raymond,
Hermes Number	106032
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Physical Description 1

Two-storey stuccoed Edwardian era former McKay offices extending to the corner of Devonshire Road as a major streetscape element within the Sunshine centre and as seen from the railway and beyond. Styled in the Edwardian Baroque revival and finished in cement render, the building is set out in bays along the main facades, with the distinctive curved corner surmounted by a multi-hipped roof clad with slate and terra-cotta. Raised pierced parapets add emphasis to bays in the elevation. Around the corner in Harvester Road is another earlier building - McKay's offices, built in 1909, but now absorbed into the larger complex. The McKay name was in large letters across the front but reputedly these were removed when Massey Ferguson took over the works. South of this is the sheer wall of the garage, with its moulded cement stringcourse (formerly with moulded cement lettering as well). The Devonshire Road frontage incorporates the engineering department which provides fairly plain transition between the head office and Hampshire House which continues as the Hampshire Road shop strip. The prominent concrete water tower which surmounts the complex is a local landmark.

Physical Conditions

The office complex is substantially intact to its 1940 extent with substantial components of 1909 and 1927. Some external finish has been removed and the interiors have been degraded, but the original blackwood-panelled head office interiors are intact.

Intactness

Substantially intact.

Historical Australian Themes

3 Developing local, regional and national economies

3.14 Developing an Australian engineering and construction industry

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