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## Dodd homestead RUINS



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Heritage Study 1998



Site 035 - Dodd homestead  
ruins.jpg



Site 035 - Dodds homestead  
ruins - original structure.jpg

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### Location

Dodds Road; Brimbank Park, KEILOR VIC 3036 - Property No 35

### Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO47

### Heritage Listing

Brimbank City

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### Statement of Significance

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The ruins of the former Dodd farm are of regional historical significance for its association with the original European settlement and farming of the Maribyrnong Valley, and connections with the prominent local families, Dodds and Delahays. While ruinous, the site offers considerable scope for interpreting the history and environment of the area (within the context of Brimbank Park) and is of very high significance for its

archaeological potential.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Brimbank - Brimbank City Council Post-contact Cultural Heritage Study, G. Vines, 2000;
Construction dates	1850,
Hermes Number	106044
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

### Description

Complex of stone structures including homestead ruins, a well/cistern, pitched paving, cement pigsty and associated stone walls. The homestead ruin comprises two separate structures connected by a narrow paved courtyard, possibly originally a breezeway dividing the main living areas from the detached kitchen. The walls are now standing less than one metre high, with a large proportion of the original stone having simply fallen into the building interiors. As a result a rough mound of rubble has been formed. The paved passage is formed from bluestone pavers about 25 by 40 cm. set in sand or mud. The standing walls are built in basalt, employing both weathered surface stone and the more typical roughly cut quarried bluestone. Walls are random coursed rubble, about 40 cm thick, with a mud mortar (no cement or lime evident) and a large quantity of small make-up pieces used to make regular courses at about 40 cm intervals. The main buildings appear to be divided into four rooms with internal stone walls showing some signs of original rendering and whitewash. To the west, are two rooms, also with internal rendering. A bluestone-pitched yard extends around the east and south side of the ruin with a pitched driveway? curving away to the north. To the east, are the remains of a formed concrete piggery building. The floor is also concrete. Corrugated iron and timber between the two suggest other outbuildings, although no clear form could be discerned.

## Physical Conditions

### Condition/integrity

The area has been bulldozed in the past with rubble and earth pushed up against the bluestone walls. Boxthorn is also growing through the rubble, both causing damage as roots grow through the stone work, and protecting the site from human access.

## Historical Australian Themes

3 Developing local, regional and national economies

3.5 Developing primary production

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