
SUNSHINE STATION RAIL RESERVE

Location

75 DERBY ROAD SUNSHINE, BRIMBANK CITY

Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

D7822-0841

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - March 30, 2010

Data has been updated as a result of the Outer Western Metro Project, Context, March 2010.

Interpretation of Site

Evidence from aerial photographs demonstrates that the north eastern corner of Wright and Edwards' carriage works extended into the site, and it is likely that activity relating to the Sunshine Pottery works, probably including the dumping of material, also extended into the site.

The probable military buildings erected near to the rail tracks are shown on the photographs to have been backed by cultivated ground and vehicle tracks which may have removed evidence of previous activity. A nissen type metal structure beyond the northern edge of the site, which is currently occupied by a smash repair shop, is further evidence of military activity at what was likely an important transport node during the Second World War.

Archaeological Significance	A mound of bluestone and concrete rubble that was identified on the site in 2005 and suggested as the site of a goods shed had been removed prior to the 2010 survey, and piles of dumped material at the south eastern end of the site indicate a degree of recent disturbance.
Historical Significance	It is possible that the remains of basic timber foundations relating to the buildings shown in 1946 survive within the site, together with fragmentary evidence of previous activity. The site is of historical significance in relation to large scale industrial activity in Sunshine and owing to its proximity to the railway, an important focus of this industry.
Other Names	SUNSHINE STATION ASSOCIATED WORKS AND INDUSTRIES,
Hermes Number	14322
Property Number	

History

Wright and Edwards had a carriage works from the late 1880s until they went into liquidation in 1891, the north east corner of which lay within the rail reserve. Their factory buildings were dismantled and moved in 1897. The Sunshine pottery works was established nearby in 1916, Derby Road forming its northern extent.

A 1946 aerial photograph of Sunshine Station and the rail tracks to its south east shows a row of buildings within the site. These appear fairly insubstantial and were probably temporary structures in some way associated with the military.

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