

# ABERFELDIE BABY HEALTH CENTRE



13 Beaver Street, Aberfeldie  
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13 Beaver Street, Aberfeldie  
(2)

## Location

13 BEAVER STREET, ABERFELDIE, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO381

## Heritage Listing

Moonee Valley City

## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 9, 2013

### What is significant?

The Aberfeldie Baby Health centre, designed by S.C. Steele and constructed in 1955, at 13 Beaver Street, Aberfeldie is significant. The Aberfeldie Baby Health Centre is typically domestic in appearance, resembling a cream-brick postwar house, asymmetrical in plan with a hip tile roof with boxed eaves. The walls are constructed of cream bricks on a clinker brick plinth. Entry is via a small semi-enclosed porch set into the southwest corner, which has a square fixed window. Other windows are double hung timber framed sash with brick sills: there are

three in the front elevation between the entry and the 'Aberfeldie Baby Health Centre' spelt out in stylized metal letters above the foundation stone; and single and paired windows in the side elevations. There is one brick chimney.

Later additions and alterations to the building, other buildings on the site, the front fence, and play equipment are not significant.

### **How is it significant?**

The Aberfeldie Baby Health Centre is of local historic, social and architectural significance to the City of Moonee Valley.

### **Why is it significant?**

It is historically significant as an example of a place associated with an important program that encouraged the provision of modern maternal and child health facilities in suburban Melbourne during the early to mid-twentieth century. It is socially and historically significant as a place that symbolises the determined efforts of the Council and local community to establish a place that would improve the health and welfare of women and children. It has social significance as a building that has been in continuous use since 1955 as a baby health or infant welfare centre. (Criteria A & G)

It is architecturally significant as a representative example of a small baby health centre, which illustrates the simple domestic scale and design that is typical of these buildings and reflects the philosophy of the Victorian Baby Health Centres Association. (Criterion D)

## **Theme**

### **8. Building community life**

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moonee Valley - Moonee Valley Heritage Study, Context Pty Ltd, 2015, 2015; Moonee Valley - City of Moonee Valley Stage 1 Heritage Gap Study, Context PL, 2013;
Construction dates	1955,
Other Names	Infant Welfare Centre, Kindergarten, Child Care Centre,
Hermes Number	196162
Property Number	

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## **Physical Description 1**

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The front fence is not original (i.e., it was not constructed at the same time as the centre).

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