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# Klipspringer



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## Location

56-84 Cranwell Street, BRAYBROOK VIC 3019 - Property No 8402994000

## Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO113

## Heritage Listing

Maribyrnong City

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - February 22, 2000

Klipspringer Pty Ltd is significant to the City of Maribyrnong and within the western region of Melbourne.

Architecturally, the building is a distinctive example of the application of the Moderne style to an industrial use, making characteristic use of horizontal and vertical elements. It is also an externally near intact factory of a type once widespread in the western region of Melbourne but now rare, particularly examples in the Moderne Style.

(Criterion A3)

Historically this unusual factory building is a notable example of a unique industry which operated here without pause for over 60 years. Tennis gut manufacture is an unusual and rare industry and may have only begun in Australia with the establishment of this works, possibly corresponding to the rise in popularity of tennis from the 1920s on. (Criterion B2) The works is representative of the development of existing noxious trades in the 1920s and 30s where new uses were found for the old products. It is also one of the few surviving factories reflecting the considerable industrial growth in the Braybrook area at this time. The facade of the building provides a suitably distinctive expression for this novel industry. (Criterion E1)

Australian Heritage Commission (AHC) criteria

The Australian Heritage Commission criteria consist of a set of eight criteria which cover social, aesthetic, scientific, and historic values. Each criterion has sub-criteria written specifically for cultural or natural values. The relevant criteria are:

A.3 richness and diversity of cultural features

B.2 rarity

E.1 aesthetic importance to the community or cultural group

Heritage Study/Consultant	Maribyrnong - Maribyrnong Heritage Review, Jill Barnard, Graeme Butler, Francine Gilfedder & Gary Vines, 2000;
Construction dates	1930,
Other Names	Listed as number 37 in Maribyrnon Heriage Study Vol3. pg. 56,
Hermes Number	28360
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## Physical Description 1

A symmetrical face brick and cement render facade in the Moderne style with gable roofed factory behind. Bold raised lettering proclaiming "Tennis String Factory" and painted "Klipspringer Pty Ltd." on the facade. Principal elements in the main facade include rendered pavilions balancing a similar central stepped feature with red brick "finial", each element incorporating the words "Tennis", "String" and "Factory" in low relief in its design. Buttresses are red brick set against clinker brick spandrels. The panels with "Klipspringer Pty Ltd." are later and may conceal original detail.

## Physical Conditions

Generally in good condition externally, the saw-tooth factory having been partially re-clad in new corrugated iron possibly having originally been asbestos cement.

## Integrity

Externally intact apart from minor changes in the paint scheme, such as the redone company name and inclusion of new named panels which are sympathetic in style.

## Physical Description 2

Located on secondary arterial road in mixed commercial/industrial area although much of the former noxious industry has relocated in the last decade.

## Historical Australian Themes

### Thematic context

**Australian Principal Theme** Manufacturing and Processing

**PAHT Subtheme:** Manufacturing and Processing

**Local Theme** Industry Pushing Outwards:

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