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# Maribyrnong Reserve grandstand



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Maribyrnong Reserve,  
Maribyrnong.JPG

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## Location

off Hortense St MARIBYRNONG, Maribyrnong City

## Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO137

## Heritage Listing

Maribyrnong City

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## Statement of Significance

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The Pridham grandstand is significant to the City because:

- it is one of the oldest sporting structures in the City (criterion B2);
- it is a public building of relatively long standing in the community with consequent long associations with sporting activities (criterion A4, G1); and
- it is associated with William Pridham (the president of the reserve committee who commissioned it), a major

figure among the early 20th century industrialists in the City (criterion H1) .

#### 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.4 demonstrates well the course and pattern of history, important historic events

B.2 rarity

G.1 social importance to the community

H.1 association with important person or group

Heritage Study/Consultant	Maribyrnong - Maribyrnong Heritage Review, Jill Barnard, Graeme Butler, Francine Gilfedder & Gary Vines, 2000;
Construction dates	1935,
Other Names	Pridham grandstand,
Hermes Number	28877
Property Number	

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### Physical Description 1

This the older of two grandstands on the west side of the reserve. It is built from reinforced concrete with panelling along the front balustrade and decorative motifs along the back of the stand. It has a steel framed roof, with gable expressed trussing, corrugated iron roof and timber plats for seating. The timber entry stairs have been modified and a number of service boxes and light fixtures added to the building.

### Physical Conditions

good (partially disturbed, well preserved), signs of disrepair

### Integrity

substantially intact/some intrusions

### Physical Description 2

The stand is beside another more recent example which is nevertheless related in form and scale. The two structures stand out in the largely single storey residential area because of their bulk and the associated vacant land of the reserve. The reserve frontage to Raleigh Road has a public hall and war memorial which add to the public structures in the immediate precinct making this the civic centre of Maribyrnong village.

## Historical Australian Themes

### Thematic context

**Local Theme(s):** Reserves and parks

**PAHT Subtheme:** Recreating in the outdoors

**Australian Principal Theme:** Organising recreation

## Physical Description 3

**Map (Melway) 28B7**

**Boundary description** The extent of the grandstand exterior and land within nominally 10m of its perimeter with emphasis on conserving fabric from the 1930s.

**Heritage Significance:** City

**Creation date(s):** 1935-

**Local Government Area:** City of Maribyrnong

**Ownership Type:** Public

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