
BERWICK POTTERY



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Location

340-350 Princes Highway OFFICER, Cardinia Shire

Municipality

CARDINIA SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO105

Heritage Listing

Cardinia Shire

Statement of Significance

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Berwick Pottery (kiln, chimney, early clay sheds, office, hedge, palms) is significant to the Cardinia Shire as an early pottery site (one of only two surviving in the Shire for its role in the development of extractive and secondary industries in the district. It is an important district industrial site with remaining brick kilns and other structures associated with brick-making, pipe-making and pottery production from the post-First World War era. The site (with the Hicks pottery opposite) is the oldest secondary-industry site in the shire and has close links with the locally important Hicks family.

Regional Significance

Heritage Study/Consultant	Cardinia - Cardinia Shire Heritage Study 1996, Graeme Butler & Associates, 1996;
Construction dates	1900, 1931,
Other Names	340-350 Princes Highway, Officer,
Hermes Number	29958
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

This complex consists of many corrugated-iron gabled clay sheds, some new some old, with a tall square-section strapped brick chimney at the north end which is adjacent to an early brick tunnel kiln inside the adjoining shed. This kiln is now used as a showroom and (with the chimney) is the most important element on the site.

A relatively new house from the 1950-60s is beside the complex, on the west, behind a mature cypress hedge with palms visible behind, and perhaps indicates an earlier garden setting for the previous house. There is also a small gabled tile-roof office, similar to the one on the north side of the highway, which may have been a display building for Wunderlich or similar products.

Physical Conditions

The complex appears to date from a particular period, 1920s-30s, with added minor elements from recent times. The sheds are in both fair and good condition.

Historical Australian Themes

Themes

- 4.3 Brick making
- 5.5 Other (blacksmiths, chain makers, rabbiters, water drilling)

Physical Description 2

Associations - Hicks, James

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