

# Victorian Heritage Database Report

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## Selwyn Park



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Site 068 - Selwyn park.jpg

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### Location

Selwyn Street,ALBION

### Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO074

### Heritage Listing

Brimbank City

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### Statement of Significance

Last updated on - August 24, 1997

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Selwyn Park is historically significant as an example of the close ties between the Sunshine Harvester Works and the local area, since the McKay firm donated the land for the park, part of McKay's Sunshine Estate. The special link with the family of Hugh Victor McKay is expressed in the naming of the park after Selwyn (eldest son of H.V. and Sarah McKay), who died at Sunshine in 1913. The park is also significant because it reflects the concepts of the Garden City movement which influenced Sunshine's early development. Since its establishment, the park has played a major role in the sporting life of the Sunshine district, especially as a venue for cricket, football and soccer.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Brimbank - Brimbank City Council Post-contact Cultural Heritage Study, G. Vines, 2000;
Construction dates	1920,
Hermes Number	106299
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

### Description

Recreation reserve and sports field on an unusual octagonal plan adjacent to Kororoit Creek, at the end of King Edward Avenue and along Selwyn Street. The reserve contains many tall, mature sugar gum (*Eucalyptus cladocalyx*) trees planted around the reserve's perimeter, There are also two kurrajongs (*Brachychiton acerifolius*), a number of pepper trees (*Schinus molle* var. *areira*) and a *Lagunaria patersonia*, which all date from c.1910-20s. An adjacent timber house at 61 Selwyn St, currently the Albion Community House, is thought to have originally been a caretaker's house.

## Physical Conditions

### Condition/integrity

Good

## Historical Australian Themes

4 Building settlement, towns and cities

4.1 Planning urban settlements

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