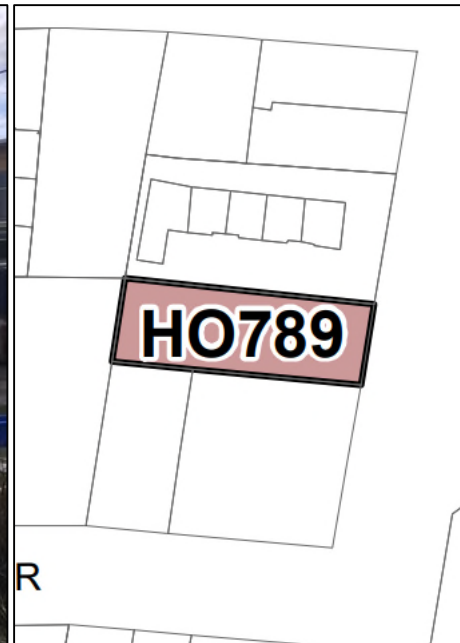


**Statement of Significance: Black Rock Pre-school Centre - 55 Bluff Road,  
Black Rock, November 2020**

<b>Heritage place:</b> <i>Black Rock Preschool</i> 55 Bluff Road, Black Rock	<b>PS ref no:</b> HO789
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**What is Significant?**

The Black Rock Preschool at 55 Bluff Road, Black Rock, constructed in c.1956-58 is significant. Significant elements of the place include the three-dimensional form and planned aspects of the building and its original fenestration.

Later alterations to the original roof and wall cladding, non-original windows to the east and south elevations, verandah and clear-roofed pergola additions to the north and south of the building, shed and front fence are not significant.

**How is it significant?**

The Black Rock Preschool is of local historical, representative (architectural) and social significance to the City of Bayside.

**Why is it significant?**

The Black Rock Preschool in Black Rock is of historical significance as an example of a modest purpose-built kindergarten built in the 1950s in the City of Bayside. It demonstrates the population expansion and increased demand for preschool education for children that occurred in the suburbs of Black Rock and Beaumaris in the post-war period. (Criterion A)

With its pragmatic design, simple gable roofed built form and large areas of glazing it is a legible and reasonably intact representative example of a 1950s preschool. Its economical design reflects post-war building restrictions and limited resources that characterised the period. (Criterion D)

As a place that has served the community as a place of preschool education since 1956-58, the Black Rock Preschool in Black Rock is of social significance to the City of Bayside.

It reflects the increased social importance of preschool education in the post-war period and its continuing community importance since this time. (Criterion G)

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