
Mt. Derrimut dry stone walls



1987 - Brimbank City Council
Post-contact Cultural
Heritage Study 1996



HO017 Derrimut Wall 1.JPG



HO017 Derrimut Wall 2.JPG



HO017 Derrimut Wall 3.JPG



Site 030 - Mt Derrimut dry
stone wall.jpg

Location

475 Mt Derrimut Road; Middle Road, DERRIMUT VIC 3030 - Property No 30

Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO17

Heritage Listing

Brimbank City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 24, 1996

The Mt. Derrimut stone wall is of regional significance as the most substantial dry stone farm wall either in the metropolitan area, or on the Keilor-Melton basalt plains. Although repaired in part, it is an original link with the first phase of settlement of the basalt plains reflecting both the nature of the terrain encountered by the pastoralists who had to clear the fields of rock, and the ways they dealt with the shortage of timber. The walls also reflect the (probably) Irish skilled labourers who built them in the middle of the last century.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Brimbank - Brimbank City Council Post-contact Cultural Heritage Study, G. Vines, 2000; Brimbank - Melbourne Western Region Industrial Heritage Study, G. Vines & A. Ward, 1989;
Construction dates	1850, 1883,
Hermes Number	106322
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Substantial dry stone wall averaging 1.5 metre high with a more than 2 metre high section flanking the main entrance. This has been reconstructed several times and is only partly of skilled construction. The walls taper gradually from the driveway, and also curve inwards by about 90 degrees towards the driveway. The face of the wall has achieved a quite regular surface considering the very irregular form of the individual boulders. The wall is therefore also uncoursed, and features a mix of roughly round weathered fields stone (indicating the rock collected from the surface of the ground) and some larger angular blocks, probably dug from the ground in areas which were cultivated. The coping stones are only slightly larger than the average of those used in the wall.

Condition

Good.

Physical Conditions

Good

Historical Australian Themes

3 Developing local, regional and national economies

3.4 Exploiting natural resources

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