
ST ALBANS STUD HORSE BURIAL SITE 1

Location

RISEBOROUGH COURT ST ALBANS PARK, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7721-0544

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Riseborough Court burial may contain the remains of significant thoroughbred burials, in addition to that of Mersey, the dam of Carbine.

Although the area of the tree and burial has been subject to suburban development, the area within the direct vicinity of the tree has not experienced significant below-ground disturbance, and it is likely that any horse burials will be substantially intact. The front yard of 17-19 Riseborough Court has been raised, indicating that the burials may be intact. The burials are likely to include bridals and blankets frequently used by the horses.

The site is significant to the broader community for its association with the horse racing history and with notable, individual horses. The site has the potential to contain archaeological evidence about the burial practices of racehorses and may contain DNA evidence relating to individual horses, and their bloodlines.

How is it significant?

Why is it significant?

Hermes Number 208899

Property Number

History

The St Albans Stud burial tree is one of two known burial trees related to the St Albans Homestead (H0741), which was built for notable racehorse breeder and trainer James Wilson in 1873. The homestead was the central residence of St Albans stud, one of the leading horse racing studs and breeding complexes in Australia in the late 19th century. St Albans homestead and stud originally included the homestead, several paddocks with horse shelters and other farming related buildings. The soil quality was poor in the area, so “tree planting was reduced to a system” to assist improve soil quality and reduce water consumption, indicating that the trees were not commonly planted within the complex. Nine Melbourne Cup winners were bred at St Albans Stud, and some of the most significant stallions in Australia’s bloodstock history stood here. There were two known burial sites on the property for horses with notable bloodlines.

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