
Hume and Hovell Cairn



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HO38 Hume Hovell Cairn
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Site 023 - Hume &
Hovell Cairn.jpg

Location

East Esplanade; opposite Power Street, ST ALBANS VIC 3023 - Property No 23

Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO38

Heritage Listing

Brimbank City

Statement of Significance

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Of State significance as a memorial to the first overland crossing of European settlers from the settled area of New South Wales to the Port Phillip District, and therefore demonstrating the first steps in the process of discovery and surveying of Victoria. It is one of a number of stone cairns and monuments erected in 1924 as part of the centenary of the explorations of Hume and Hovell. This example reflects the vernacular construction of the district in roughly-shaped bluestone, the predominant local stone.

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| Heritage Study/Consultant | Brimbank - Brimbank City Council Post-contact Cultural Heritage Study, G. Vines, 2000; |
| Construction dates | 1924, |
| Hermes Number | 106055 |
| Property Number | |

Physical Description 1

Description

A circular stone cairn of roughly-coursed bluestone blocks, possibly originally used or intended for use as road pitchers, set in cement mortar, with the letters 'H H' picked out in white quartz pebbles on opposite sides. The cairn stands about 2.5 metres high and tapers from a base of approximately 1.5 metres diameter to 60 cm. at the top which is crowned by a domed cap with white exposed aggregate, possibly the local light-coloured silcrete. A bronze plaque is set into the side facing the main road bearing the inscription: 'Hume & Hovell passed here Dec. 19th 1824. Erected by Residents of St. Albans and Sydenham, December 19th 1924'. A memorial seat is close by, donated by St Albans History Society, for the rededication of the monument, 18 March 1994.

Physical Conditions

Condition/integrity

In good condition, although the moves have caused some disruption to the original form, for example, the rather heavy mortar courses in the stone work.

Historical Australian Themes

3 Developing local, regional and national economies

3.3 Surveying the continent

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