
RALEIGH CASTLE

Location

14 BELVEDERE CLOSE MARIBYRNONG, MARIBYRNONG CITY

Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-0690

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO101

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

There is archaeological and historical significance attributed to this site. Archaeological significance is based on the extent of the remains. Historical significance relates to the association with Joseph Raleigh, a prominent identity in the early development of Maribyrnong.

Hermes Number 12885

Property Number

History

RALEIGH DEVELOPED THE AREA OF PORTIONS 4-7 FROM ABOUT 1849 AS A BOILING DOWN WORKS WITH A MANAGER'S HOUSE AND GARDEN AND WORKERS' ACCOMMODATION ON THE TOP OF THE HILL. THIS HAS A PROMINENT SPIRE AND WAS OFTEN CALLED A CHURCH OR A CASTLE AND WAS KNOWN AS RALEIGH'S CASTLE. RALEIGH DIED FROM INFLUENZA IN NOVEMBER 1852 AND THIS SEEMS TO HAVE LEFT ALL HIS BUSINESS ACTIVITIES ON HOLD. FOR REASONS THAT ARE NOT CLEAR, BUT PROBABLY RELATE TO RALIEGH'S DEATH, THE SITE WAS IN USE BY 1854 AS THE VICTORIA IRON WORKS RUN BY THE ENGINEERING FIRM ROBERTSON, MARTIN & SMITH. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHEN RALEIGH'S CASTLE WAS DEMOLISHED.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>