
SANDY'S GRAVE

Location

REMOUNT HILL AND OFF RANDALL STREET AND OFF CHICAGO STREET MARIBYRNONG,
MARIBYRNONG CITY

Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-0734

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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THE HORSE "FISHERMAN" WAS IMPORTED FROM BRITAIN AND WAS AN IMPORTANT RACING AND STUD HORSE. THE HORSE "LANTERN" WON THE MELBOURNE CUP AND THE DERBY IN 1864. THE HORSE "SANDY" WAS THE ONLY HORSE TO RETURN TO AUSTRALIA AFTER WWI AND WAS BURIED IN 1923. THE GRAVE SITES HAVE NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE BECAUSE OF SANDY'S ROLE IN THE WAR EFFORT AND FISHERMAN'S AND LANTERN'S CONTRIBUTION TO HORSE RACING IN THE 19TH-C.

Interpretation of Site	THE SITE IS BELIEVED TO CONSIST OF TWO HORSE GRAVES. ONE CONTAINS THE MILITARY HORSE SANDY, INTERRED IN 1923. A DRAWING DATED 5/11/1892 SHOWS A RING OF TREES AND A PICKET FENCE AROUND FISHERMAN'S GRAVE.
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History

IN THE 1860S, HURTLE [SIC] FISHER AND HIS BROTHER CHARLES DEVELOPED THE MARIBYRNONG HORSE STUD. ONE OF THE HORSES FROM THIS STUD, LANTERN, WON THE MELBOURNE CUP IN 1864 AND ALSO THE DERBY AND "THE PUBLICAN'S PURSE " RACE. THE HORSE DIED SOON AFTER AND WAS BURIED AT MARIBYRNONG IN THE SAME GRAVE AS THE STALLION FISHERMAN. (FORD & LEWIS, 1989:12-13) THE OTHER HORSE, SANDY, WAS OWNED BY GENERAL BRIDGES AND WAS THE ONLY HORSE TO RETURN FROM WWI. IT IS BELIEVED THAT SANDY WAS BURIED NEXT TO THE OTHER HORSES IN 1923 ON THE BOTTOM SLOPE OF REMOUNT HILL.

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