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## Dale Stables



HO153 - Dale Stables & Peppercorn Trees, 35 Chifley Drive, Maribyrnong.JPG



HO153(2) - Dale Stables & Peppercorn Trees, 35 Chifley Drive, Maribyrnong.jpg

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### Location

35 Chifley Drive, MARIBYRNONG VIC 3032 - Property No 8405399006

### Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO153

### Heritage Listing

Maribyrnong City

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### Statement of Significance

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Dale Stables are of historical significance to the City of Maribyrnong as one of the few remaining examples of horse stable complexes related to the local racing industry, originating with the first races in the colony and developing through associations with other local race courses such as the Maribyrnong racecourse near Fishers property, Ascot racecourse, and of course, Flemington. (Criterion A3)

The surviving large trees including elm and pepper corns contribute to the landscape significance of the place. The Dale stables are the best surviving demonstration of the private horse stabling which once characterised the district. (Criterion D2)

The small privately run racing stables once commonplace within a few kilometres of Flemington Racecourse, have drastically diminished in the last ten years. (Criterion B2)

The stables are also of interest for their association with the Dale family, who were among the first families to settle in the new Maribyrnong township estate and were active in a variety of undertakings including pig farming, road transport and horse rearing. (Criterion G1) The contextual and historical association with the Dale House (q.v.) contributes to the significance of the place.

Australian Heritage Commission (AHC) criteria

The Australian Heritage Commission criteria consist of a set of eight criteria which cover social, aesthetic, scientific, and historic values. Each criterion has sub-criteria written specifically for cultural or natural values. The relevant criteria are:

A.4 demonstrates well the course and pattern of history, important historic events

B.2 rarity

G.1 social importance to the community

D.2 good example of type

Heritage Study/Consultant	Maribyrnong - Maribyrnong Heritage Review, Jill Barnard, Graeme Butler, Francine Gilfedder & Gary Vines, 2000;
Construction dates	1920,
Other Names	Listed as Plantation St & Chifley Drive in the Maribyrnong Heritage Review Volume 3, pg 160,
Hermes Number	28621
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

Complex of stables and yards associated with Flemington Racecourse and the prominent horse training industry in the district. The sheds are generally of timber-framed construction with corrugated iron cladding to walls and roofs. Parts of the lower walls are of brick and cement render. Adjustable timber louvres are mounted high in the walls below the eaves to provide ventilation while ridge vents are also in the roofs. Internal inspection was not possible, but from external evidence, the stable floors are paved in a combination of brick and concrete, and the stall partitions constructed in timber.

Remnants of original exotic plantings include elm and peppercorn, evidently planted for shading the yards.

The former Dale house also survives in the Esplanade (qv.)

## Physical Conditions

In fair to poor condition but generally structurally sound

## **Integrity**

While the stables appear to be an accumulation of structures of several periods, they appear intact.

## **Physical Description 2**

Located close to the Maribyrnong River in the flood-prone part of Maribyrnong township - part of a residential area, but adjacent to undeveloped land below the escarpment.

## **Historical Australian Themes**

### **Thematic context**

**Australian Principal Theme** Organising recreation

**PAHT Subtheme:** Recreating in the outdoors

**Local Theme** Racing and Coursing

## **Physical Description 3**

**Creation date(s):** 1920s c.

**Heritage Significance** *city*

**Map (Melway)** 29 B7

**Boundary description** The extent of current allotment

**Local Government Area:** City of Maribyrnong

**Ownership Type** City of Maribyrnong

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