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## HO40 - Plumpton Hare Enclosure



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Location of the enclosure,  
one wall is visible in the  
foreground

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### Location

847-1071 Blackhill Road TOOLERN VALE, MELTON SHIRE

### Municipality

MELTON CITY

### Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

### Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-0146

### Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO40

### Heritage Listing

Melton City

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### Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

The place comprises the remains of one of three original Sir WJ Clarke hare enclosures. It consists of well-built foundations of drystone walls, which once formed three sides of a large enclosure, situated around a redgum tree.

The hare enclosure site is of historical significance at the LOCAL level (AHC A4, B2). It the most substantial surviving remnant of the three hare enclosures built by Sir WJ Clarke in Diggers Rest as part of his pioneering of the sport of greyhound coursing in Australia. There is no other known fabric surviving from this historic development of the sport at Diggers Rest, which included the establishment of the first greyhound coursing Plumpton in Australia. It is also a rare, and the most substantial, physical fabric associated with the sport of greyhound coursing remaining in the Shire of Melton, where the sport was particularly prominent in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Melton - Shire of Melton Heritage Study phase 2, David Maloney, David Rowe, Pamela Jellie, Sera Jane Peters, 2007;
Construction dates	1870,
Other Names	847 Blackhill Road, Toolern Vale,
Hermes Number	30015
Property Number	

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## Physical Description 1

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The place comprises the remains of one of three original Sir WJ Clarke stone hare enclosures.[1] It consists of very well-built foundations of drystone walls - clearly built by a professional waller - which once formed three sides of a large enclosure. They are 1-200 m. long, situated around a redgum tree (possibly planted).

It is now situated at the back of Mr John Beaty's property on Blackhill Road.

[1] John Beaty, personal conversation, 8th May 2002

## Historical Australian Themes

*Melton Historical Themes: 'Horses, Hounds and Hares'*

## Integrity

Integrity - Damaged/Disturbed

## Physical Conditions

Physical Condition - Ruinous

*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.*

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