
Coburg Oval & Grandstand

Location

Harding Street, Coburg, Moreland City

Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO31

Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

Statement of Significance

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Coburg Oval is of local interest as the home ground of the Coburg VFL Football Club, which has had a long association with the local area. The site contains a notable avenue of Elms, which contributes significantly to the amenity value of the site and the streetscape generally.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - City of Moreland Heritage Review, Allen Lovell and Associates, 1999; Moreland - Moreland City Council: Local Heritage Places Review, Context Pty Ltd, 2004;
Hermes Number	59158
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

A large football ground and associated buildings including a brick interwar grandstand adjacent to GA Bridges Reserve (refer to separate citation in this Study). A bowling green with associated buildings is located to the south of the oval. The site is the home ground of the Coburg VFL club.

Earth mounding formed into bleachers surrounds the oval. A large brick grandstand is located on the southern end of the oval, with a foundation stone dated 1925. The scoreboard is located towards the north- eastern side of the oval.

The oval is surrounded by a few perimeter plantings of Elm (*Ulmus procera*) and Pepper Tree (*Schinus molle* var. *areira*), which are generally obscured by more recent native sub-plantings. To the east of the bowling green is an avenue of mature Elm (*Ulmus procera*) following a driveway that curves away to the east.

Potential Threats

Removal of mature trees in favour of native species, eroding the heritage character of the place. Vandalism to vegetation or structures. Elm Leaf Beetle and Elm Bark Beetle are both serious pests of Elm trees, capable of causing major damage and even killing mature trees. As yet, Dutch Elm disease is not known in Australia.

Physical Conditions

Good

Integrity

Altered

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