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# Oak Park Reserve



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## Location

26 Josephine Street, Oak Park VIC 3046 - Property No 53960

## Municipality

MERRI-BEK CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO314

## Heritage Listing

Merri-bek City

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - September 28, 2004

What is significant?

The Oak Park Reserve, in Josephine Street, Oak Park.

How is it significant?

The Oak Park Reserve, in Josephine Street, Oak Park is of local historic significance to the City of Moreland. It is also possibly of State significance.

Why is it significant?

Of historic significance, as a remnant section, over 150 years old, of the rear garden of John Pascoe Fawkner's Belle Vue Park Estate, the site of his large and influential nursery dating from 1840 to 1855. Remnant trees on the site, including an oak, cypresses and peppercorn trees, have been estimated to date from Fawkner's residency. The park's close proximity to the site of the original homestead of which it was once part, and the visibility of the extended c.1880 homestead from the park, enhance Oak Park Reserve's ability to demonstrate this important part of Victoria's history. (AHC Criteria A.4 & H.1)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Moreland - Keeping Brunswick's heritage: A Report on the Review of the Brunswick Conservation Study, Context Pty Ltd, 1990; Moreland - City of Moreland Heritage Review, Allen Lovell and Associates, 1999; Moreland - Moreland City Council: Local Heritage Places Review, Context Pty Ltd, 2004;
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## Physical Description 1

A small suburban reserve containing a number of mature trees. The reserve is located at the summit of a hill, and adjoins the rear of the remnant site of the original 1840 homestead of Belle Vue Park, owned by John Pascoe Fawkner.

A number of mature trees including, most significantly, a Common Oak (*Quercus robur*) registered by the National Trust of Australia (Victoria), and estimated to be 140 years old. Other trees on the site include two Italian Cypress (*Cupressus sempervirens*), Monterey Cypress (*Cupressus macrocarpa*) and three Pepper Trees (*Schinus molle* var. *areira*), situated on a small knoll.

The site shows evidence of being used for driveway access to adjacent housing, including some concrete work and a crossover to the footpath and road.

## Physical Conditions

Good

*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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