
Fisher's Stables & Remount Hill

Location

Raleigh Road,, MARIBYRNONG VIC 3032 - Property No B6137

Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

Level of significance

State

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

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Fisher's Stables

Built for the prominent pastoralist and racing identity Charles Brown Fisher probably about 1888, Fisher's stables is significant for its important association with the horse breeding and racing industry in Australia and also for its distinguished architecture. The substantial structure is notable for its enclosed courtyard and the subtle use of coloured brickwork.

Fisher's stable block is the only structure remaining from an extensive complex of horse racing breeding and training structures built at Horseshoe Bend, Maribyrnong. The building of the neighbouring former Maribyrnong Racecourse, operated by the family of the well known racing figure W S Cox, and other stables including the timber stables built for World War 1 remounts have all been demolished.

The interior and external walls of Fisher's stables are substantially original, but the whole of the roof structure was replaced and a roof lantern added in 1919.

Landscape

The larger landscape of Remount Hill, (incorporating the Fisher's Stable, archaeological evidence of the Remount stables and barracks, Raleigh's Homestead and outbuildings, and Aboriginal sites, the cultural landscape of exotic tree plantations) and natural landscape of remnant indigenous vegetation, is of state historical significance for its association with the settlement of the district by successive waves of occupants including the original Woiwung Aboriginal inhabitants (of the Marin balluk clan), the first pastoral settler and industrialist Joseph Raleigh and his family, the racing identities C B and Hurtle Fisher and W S Cox, and the first Royal Australian Field Artillery remount depot. The site also has archaeological significance for the visible, and potential remains such as the footings of Raleigh's homestead and the Remount stables and barracks, and the graves of two horses, General Bridges' "Sandy", the only Australian light horse to return from World War 1 in Europe, and "Fisherman", a champion racehorse and sire of champions owned by C B Fisher.

Classified: 01/10/1990

See also B7212 Former Explosives Factory Maribyrnong

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