

KELLYBROOK WINERY AND OAK TREE

Place No. 279

ADDRESS	1-3 Fulford Road Wonga Park	Last Update
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DESCRIPTION The Kellybrook Winery occupies a small valley, the slopes on all sides being covered with grapevines. The cider apple orchard was planted more than 30 years ago, and is located close to the house and winery. Stock for the orchard was brought from England. It is thought to be the only commercial cider apple orchard in Australia.[1]

The restaurant was the original winery building built after the 1962 bushfires. Box Hill Electricity Supply provided power poles which were used to construct this building which replaced an early building. The building was built as a machinery and hay shed. [1]

Within the garden at the Winery is a large spreading oak (species not identified) which is believed to be located on/close to the former homestead site occupied by William Martin. It is thought to be over 100 years old. [1]

Condition	Good	Integrity	Intact
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Threats	None apparent	Key elements
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Designer	N/A
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HISTORY The large old oak tree which still stands on this site may have been associated with the homestead of William Martin, gardener and orchardist, who leased Crown Allotment 90 (an Eight Hour Pioneer Settlement (EHPS) property) in the 1890s. Martin was rated for 27 acres in 1894[2], valued at 4 pounds. A house was listed for the first time in 1898 when the valuation increased to 8 pounds.[3] It increased to 13 pounds by the turn of the century.[4] From this time Martin was rated as the owner/occupier of the property and was described as an orchardist.

In 1917-18 Martin's Estate with 12 acres of fruit trees, 5 acres under oats, and a 4-roomed WB cottage with a verandah in front, iron roof and double brick chimney, and a small detached kitchen, "all in good order," was considered for purchase by the Closer Settlement Board. On 18 August 1918, 870 pounds was paid to Martin.

Between 1924 and 1927 the lessee was Leslie John Hartley, who had six years of orchard experience. The father of four boys aged 1, 2, 3 and 4 years, Hartley had to give up the property in Fulford Road in 1927 because of bad seasons. By this time only 7½ acres of the orchard was "in fair condition, the remainder having died". It was suggested that the land could be used for market gardening. However, the 4-roomed weatherboard house was valued still at 290 pounds. By then the Hartleys had a family of seven children. Later lessees were Reuben Elstron of Merino, a discharged soldier, in 1930-31; and J. W. Wilcox in 1931-36.[5]

The former Martin farm on Crown Allotment 90 was offered by the Closer Settlement Board in 1936 in a combined sale with the adjacent Crown Allotment 9P in Dudley Road. Both properties were purchased by Alfred Kelly, Assistant Town Clerk at St. Kilda, who said he proposed to "employ labour, and to engage in raising pigs, poultry and small fruits, in a small way". The purchase price for 90 was just over 351 pounds.[5]

The property has been in the Kelly family for over 60 years. A cider apple orchard was planted 33 years ago, the original having been destroyed by the 1962 fires; it is Australia's only commercial cider apple orchard and distillery.[6]

The history of the property during Kelly family ownership is told in Manningham City Council building permit records and in family history provided by the Kellys. According to Darren Kelly, the original winery (now used as a restaurant) was built in 1963.[7] In 1967-68 a two-storey brick veneer residence was constructed by Craig Davis Homes Pty. Ltd. for Darren and Farley Kelly. It was listed at 40 Dudley Road.[8]

In 1973 a new winery was constructed, according to Darren Kelly.[9] In 1974 a weatherboard dwelling was built and a concrete block store added to the winery. There were further additions to the winery warehouse and to the winery in 1978 and 1983. In 1987 triple-fronted additions were made to the restaurant (the original winery) and a verandah and deck built. A few years later, in

1993-94, a Bar and Bottle Shop were added to the winery. This was a brick and timber addition.

In 1993 the original 1890s weatherboard orchard homestead of the Martin family was demolished. A Federation style timber house with a verandah was brought from Brighton and relocated to the Kelly property. Alterations and additions were made by Trove Park Pty. Ltd. to “an existing relocatable dwelling” in 1993-94.[10]

Creation Date -	Change Dates
Associations	Local Themes
William Martin, Kelly family, Eight Hou	5.02 - Orchards & market gardens

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE The Kellybrook Winery property has local significance for the remaining old oak tree, which is thought to be associated with the 1890s homestead of William Martin, gardener and orchardist. The present Kellybrook Winery and Restaurant have significance for their associations with the Kelly family between the 1960s and 1990s. The vineyard landscape, with its rare Cider Apple orchard, is an unusual and beautiful local feature. (Criterion A4, D2, E1, H1)

LEVEL

RECOMMENDATIONS

Heritage Register Listings

Register	Reference	Zoning	Status
None Specified			

Extent

Heritage Schedule

External Paint Controls:	On VHR:	VHR Ref No:
Internal Alteration Controls:	Prohibited Uses:	
Tree Controls:	Aboriginal Heritage Place:	
Outbuildings or Fences:	Incorporated Plan:	Incorporated Plan Details
Description:		

Conservation Management

Extra Research

BIBLIOGRAPHY [1] Workshop Place 18 (Cider Apple Orchard) and Workshop Place 24 (Restaurant) and Workshop Place 4 (Oak tree).
 [2] Shire of Lillydale RB p.39.
 [3] Shire of Lillydale RB 1898 SW Riding No.1262.
 [4] Shire of Lillydale RB 1902-3 No.1609.
 [5] Land File 1 Sale Contd. CA 9P, Parish of Warrandyte. Incorporates file on 9O.
 [6] Wonga park: Past and Present, Place No.24.
 [7] Pers. comm. Darren Kelly.
 [8] Manningham City Council records.
 [9] Pers. comm. Darren Kelly.
 [10] Manningham City Council records.