

## HERITAGE CITATION REPORT

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**Name** Belle Vue Park Stables (former)

**Address** 9 Oak Park Court Oak Park

**Significance Level** 2004 Local

**Place Type** Stables



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**Recommended**      **VHR - HI - PS -**  
**Heritage Protection**

## **Integrity**

Altered

## **History and Historical Context**

John Pascoe Fawkner established Belle Vue (or Grand View) Park on this site in 1840, comprising a substantial timber house and outbuildings, including stables, barn, blacksmith's shop and worker's cottages, and a large diversified farm and orchard. Fawkner lived at Belle Vue Park between 1840 and 1855, before moving to Collingwood, retaining the farm as a weekend residence until his death in 1869. (1) It was the only property he retained following his insolvency in 1843-45. (2)

Belle Vue Park was sold following Fawkner's death. In 1880, the part of the Estate containing the homestead and stables was acquired by Joseph English who constructed a new two storey residence that replaced (or possibly modified) Fawkner's homestead. This house still exists at 7 Oak Park Court (refer to separate citation in this Study). The stables building is now probably the only surviving remnant of Fawkner's original Belle Vue complex. It was converted to a residence in the post war period.

## **SOURCES**

- (1) Lemon, A, 'Broadmeadows. A Forgotten History', West Melbourne 1982, pp.17, 19  
Australian Heritage Commission. Database of the Register of the National Estate, No. 014697.  
(2) AHC, Database of the Register of the National Estate, No. 014697

## **Principal Historic Themes:**

Association with early agricultural activity, association with individuals or families

## **Description**

### **Physical Description**

The former Belle Vue Park stables building is a single storey brick structure, now rendered and painted, with a gabled roof clad with corrugated galvanised steel. Window openings are not original and appear to date from the 1970s, and the building has been extensively altered internally.

### **Conservation Guidelines:**

Retain any remaining original fabric. It would be desirable to undertake a more detailed analysis of the extent of surviving original fabric.

### **Physical Condition**

Fair

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## Statement of Significance

What is Significant?

The Belle Vue Park Stables (former), constructed c.1845, at 9 Oak Park Court, Oak Park.

How is it Significant?

The Belle Vue Park Stables (former) are of local historic significance to the City of Moreland. They are also of potential State significance for their associations with the Belle Vue Park Estate.

Why is it Significant?

Of historical significance for its associations with John Pascoe Fawkner, pioneer, politician and co-founder of Melbourne, who lived on the property between 1840 and 1855, which was the only property he retained following his insolvency in 1843-45. Whilst the intactness of the former Belle Vue Park stables is poor, it is significant as possibly the only surviving remnant of Fawkner's original estate. (AHC Criterion H.1)

## Assessment Against Criteria

AHC B2: i.e., the house (former stables) is probably the only remaining structure from John Pascoe Fawkner's Belle Vue Park estate.

AHC H1: i.e., the house (former stables) is associated with John Pascoe Fawkner, pioneer, politician and co-founder of Melbourne.

## Recommendations 2004

External Paint Controls

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Internal Alteration Controls

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Tree Controls

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Fences & Outbuildings

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Prohibited Uses May Be Permitted

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Incorporated Plan

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Aboriginal Heritage Place

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## Other Recommendations

City of Moreland Heritage Review 1999: Add to HO - individualTo the extent of the former stables building only.Recommended for VHR nomination with the Oak Park Reserve at Josephine Street, Oak Park.

This information is provided for guidance only and does not supersede official documents, particularly the planning scheme. Planning controls should be verified by checking the relevant municipal planning scheme.