


**BELMONT HERITAGE REPORT (INDIVIDUAL CITATIONS)**  
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<p><b>Existing Use/Type</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Landscape</div></p> <p><b>Survey Date</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">17/08/2007</div></p> <p><b>Cons Man Plan</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"></div></p> <p><b>Recorded By</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">David Rowe</div></p>	<p><b>Key Dates</b>  Original  1880c</p> <p><b>Major Changes</b></p>	<p><b>Site Address</b>  <b>Street/Site Name</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Mt Pleasant Road</div></p> <p><b>No.</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">2</div></p> <p><b>Town/Suburb</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Belmont</div></p> <p><b>Postcode</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">3216</div></p> <p><b>Current Site Name</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Alsop Park</div></p>	A D M I N I S T R A T I V E  S H E E T												
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TECHNICAL SHEET

<p>Precinct Name <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/></p> <p><b>Site Plan/Location Sketch (not to scale)</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Site Address</b></p> <p>No. <input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/> Street/Site Name <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/></p> <p><input style="width: 40px;" type="text"/> Mt Pleasant Road</p> <p>Town/Suburb <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/> Postcode <input style="width: 60px;" type="text"/></p> <p><input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/> Belmont <input style="width: 60px;" type="text"/> 3216</p> <p>Site Name <input style="width: 180px;" type="text"/></p> <p><input style="width: 180px;" type="text"/> Alsop Park</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Australian Map Grid Co-ordinates</b></p> <p><input style="width: 180px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Map <input style="width: 180px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Scale <input style="width: 180px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Ownership <input style="width: 180px;" type="text"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cadastral Location</b></p> <p>County <input style="width: 180px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Parish <input style="width: 180px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Allotment <input style="width: 180px;" type="text"/></p> <p>Block <input style="width: 180px;" type="text"/></p>
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### Types of Sites

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|---------------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> monument     | <input type="checkbox"/> recreational      | <input type="checkbox"/> residential    | <input type="checkbox"/> aviation   | <input type="checkbox"/> gate               | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> building      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> industrial   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public | <input type="checkbox"/> infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> relic/ruin | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> tree(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> religious | <input type="checkbox"/> educational   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial        | <input type="checkbox"/> maritime       | <input type="checkbox"/> fence      | <input type="checkbox"/> garden             | <input type="checkbox"/> machinery | <input type="checkbox"/> miscellaneous |

### Historical Themes

Heritage Study Theme	AHC Theme No.	Heritage Study Theme	AHC Theme No.
Early settlement	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>	Industry	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
Maritime	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>	Community Life	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
Tourism	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>	Urbanization	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
Transport	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>	Landscapes	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/> IpsRecreational
Townships	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>	Miscellaneous	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>

### Significant Architectural Features

- ☐ Original Materials
- ☐ Original Chimneys
- ☐ Wall Decoration
- ☐ Verandah Structure
- ☐ Verandah Decoration
- ☐ Original Parapet
- ☐ Other Prominent Elevations
- ☐ Appropriate Fence
- ☐ Early Garden

Roof	<input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>
Openings	<input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>
Decoration	<input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>
Finish	<input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>
Stylistic Character	<input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/>

### Present Threats

- ☐ Human; mining
- ☐ Human; visitor erosion
- ☐ Human; vandalism
- ☒ Human; development
- ☐ Human; conservation/maintenance
- ☐ Human; stock
- ☐ Natural Forces; erosion
- ☐ Natural Forces; vegetation
- ☐ Not threatened

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	2	Mt Pleasant Road	Belmont	3216
			Site Name	Alsop Park

**Description**

Alsop Park at 2-4 Mt Pleasant Road, Belmont, is set on a triangular piece of land, with roads to all sides of the site. The triangular form is also emphasised by the bluestone border around the park that appears to have been introduced in the late 20th century.

Alsop Park is especially characterised by its two mature Canary Island Palm trees in the centre of the site, together with the perimeter garden beds and other trees, and the open grassed areas.

**History**

The earliest record for Alsop Park appears to be October 1880, when it was temporarily reserved from sale in the *Victoria Government Gazette*. The Gazette read as follows:

“Site for Road purposes, also with held from sale, leasing and licensing, and excepted from occupation for mining purposes, or for residence or business under any miner’s right or business license. - Nine perches, County of Grant, Parish of Corio, situate in Section A: Commencing at the intersection of the north side of Roslyn street [sic. - Mt Pleasant Road]: and the east side of Francis Street; bounded thence by the latter street: and the east side of Francis Street; bearing N 5°10'E, one chain twenty-eight links; thence by Mount Colite [Barwon Heads] Road bearing S 30° 46'E one chain fifty links; and thence by Roslyn street [sic. - Mt Pleasant Road] aforesaid bearing N 89° 17' W eight-eight links to the point of commencement.”

On 12 November 1880, a “corrigendum” appeared in the *Victoria Government Gazette*, amending references to Roslyn Street with Mt Pleasant Road. ... continued under Comparative Listings ...

**Heritage Precinct: Significant Urban Character Features visually connected to this place**  
*(this section is only applicable to places in precincts)*

Precinct Name

<b>Neighbouring Buildings</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Similar Types	<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Bulk/Form
	<input type="checkbox"/> Similar Styles	<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Architectural Detailing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Similar Construction Dates	<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Materials & Finishes
	<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Set Backs	<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Fence Designs & Locations

<b>Urban Design</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Historical Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Paving
	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Urban Focii	<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Allotment Sizes
	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Views	<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Street Furniture
	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Kerbing	

**Landscaping** ☐ Treelines ☐ Public Gardens ☐ Median Strips ☐ Nature Strips

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### Comparative Listings

\* Belmont Heights Neighbourhood Park, fronting Regent & Amundsen Streets, Belmont. This park was not established until after 1913 as part of the Belmont Heights Estate subdivision.

... History continued ...

In 1886, the park was shown on the Plan of the Waverley Estate as a plantation. In 1909, it was described on a Parish Plan as “a reserve for road purposes”.

No details have been ascertained in support of the tree planting and landscaping of the Park. This may have been carried by 1886, given the term “plantation” being used in the Waverley Estate subdivision plan.

In the second half of the 20th century, the site was named “Alsop Park” in honour of Joseph Alsop, President of the South Barwon Shire between 1940 and 1941. A street in Belmont was also named after him around this time.

### Statement of Cultural Significance

Alsop Park at 2-4 Mt Pleasant Road has significance as the earliest-known public landscape reserve in Belmont. It was first gazetted in 1880 and by 1886 trees appear to have been planted as the site was known as the plantation. The mature Canary Island Palm trees and associated landscaping make an important aesthetic contribution to this part of Belmont. The only other comparable park in Belmont is the Belmont Heights Neighbourhood Park established after 1913. The only comparable historic park in Belmont is the Belmont Heights Neighbourhood Park established in 1913. Associated with Alsop Park from the latter 20th century is Joseph Alsop, Shire President of the South Barwon Shire in 1940-41. It was named in honour of Alsop in the second half of the 20th century.

Alsop Park at 2-4 Mt Pleasant Road is **aesthetically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC D.2, E.1). It demonstrates important visual qualities. These qualities include the mature Canary Island Palm trees, other mature trees, perimeter garden beds and the open grassed areas - the whole forming a triangular layout.

Alsop Park at 2-4 Mt Pleasant Road is **historically** significant at a **LOCAL** level (AHC A.4, H.1). It is associated with the 19th century residential development of Belmont, and particularly with the Waverley Estate subdivision of the 1880s when roads were finalised, allowing for a road reserve. In the second half of the 20th century, the site was named Alsop Park in honour of Joseph Alsop, Shire President of the South Barwon Shire in 1940-41.

Overall, Alsop Park at 2-4 Mt Pleasant Road is of **LOCAL** significance.

### References

1. *Victoria Government Gazette*, 22 October 1880, p. 2623 & 12 November 1880, p.2773.
2. Plan of the Waverley Estate, 14 December 1886, Geelong Heritage Centre maps and plans collection.
3. Parish Plan of Corio, 4 April 1909, Geelong Heritage Centre maps and plans collection, L5915/46.
4. ‘A Brief History - Shire of South Barwon Centenary Publication’, November 1974, Geelong Heritage Centre.
5. *Geelong Advertiser*, 27 November 1967.