

Mt. Derrimut Homestead & farm buildings



1988a - Brimbank City
Council Post-contact Cultural
Heritage Study 1996



1988b - Brimbank City
Council Post-contact Cultural
Heritage Study 1996



HO017 Derrimut Homestead
1.JPG



HO017 Derrimut Homestead
2.JPG



HO017 Derrimut Homestead
3.JPG



Site 011 - Mt Derrimut
homestead & farm
buildings.jpg

Location

475 Mt Derrimut Road and 475 Mount Derrimut Road DERRIMUT, BRIMBANK CITY

Municipality

BRIMBANK CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO17

Heritage Listing

Brimbank City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - June 24, 1996

Mt. Derrimut homestead and farm is of State significance for its historical associations with the Morton brothers cattle stud - one of the first major grazing and breeding properties in Melbourne's West, renowned for the quality of its breeding stock, and important for the role it played in the development and improvement of cattle breeds for Australian conditions. It is also of regional significance as a rare example of a nineteenth century grazing property with its surviving Italianate homestead and garden, and some remaining outbuildings and stone walls. The role of the site as formerly the Melbourne University agricultural field station is also to its significance, demonstrating a longevity and continuity of use in connection with agriculture and animal husbandry in Victoria.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Brimbank - Brimbank City Council Post-contact Cultural Heritage Study, G. Vines, 2000; Brimbank - Melbourne Western Region Industrial Heritage Study, G. Vines & A. Ward, 1989;
Construction dates	1850, 1883,
Hermes Number	106323
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

Homestead, bluestone outbuildings and dry stone walls on the renowned early cattle stud property of the Morton Brothers, later part of Melbourne University's department of Agriculture. Single storey rendered bluestone and brick, hipped corrugated iron roof. The Mt Derrimut farm complex is on a rise in otherwise flat terrain. Permission for access required. The farm landscape includes hawthorn hedges and rubble stone walls on both sides of the road and in paddocks as fence lines. Mt Derrimut is located on the east side of Station Road south of Deer Park at Grid Ref. CU040146. The homestead and stable buildings are classified by the National Trust. Notable garden planted in the 1880s.

Condition

The surviving buildings were in good condition and well-maintained by the University of Melbourne, but are now vacant and vandalised. The site has also lost much of its early building stock through progressive upgrading of the site, particularly for the field station uses. As a result, the earliest phase is only represented by the outbuildings.

Physical Conditions

The surviving buildings were in good condition and well-maintained by the University of Melbourne, but are now vacant and vandalised. The site has also lost much of its early building stock through progressive upgrading of the site, particularly for the field station uses. As a result, the earliest phase is only represented by the outbuildings.

Historical Australian Themes

- 3 Developing local, regional and national economies
- 3.5 Developing primary production

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.

For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>