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# Alsop Park



2-4 Mt Pleasant Road,  
Belmont - Alsop Park

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## Location

2-4 Mt Pleasant Road, BELMONT Vic 3216 - Property No 233571

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1824

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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C Listed - Local 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

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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.
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Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - City of Greater Geelong Belmont Heritage Reports, Dr David Rowe, 2007;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	27019
Property Number	

## Physical Description 1

### 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.

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