

Historical Plaques in South Yarra.

This list covers the historical plaques and markers in the Melbourne South Yarra area. It does not include the many tree markers in the Royal Botanical Gardens, surrounding the Shrine of Remembrance or in the Rotary Garden on the corner of Anderson Street and Domain Road.



Francis Clapp at 252 Domain Road, now called Kingsgate, formerly Endion. This plaque is the only one in this City of Melbourne series where the original house is still standing. Francis Clapp was living next door at Airlie when he had this house built to plans by Architect Guyon Purchase in the gothic revival style. Born in America, Francis Clapp came to Australia during the gold-rush, but made his money in the transport industry, starting one of Melbourne's earliest cable car lines.



George Rusden at 821 Punt Road. This plaque is on the fence of a 70s block of flats, the original house 'Cotmandene' having long been demolished. As you can see from the inscription Rusden had many interests and held many different positions. In the fifty years he owned the house he spent much of the time overseas in China and England, but he spent his final ten years here between 1893 - 1903. The Rusden name endures as one of the houses at Melbourne Grammar.



Alfred Deakin at 196 Walsh Street. Once again the original house is no longer standing, in its place a number of townhouses. The fence however could well be original. As our first Prime Minister and one of the founders of federation Alfred Deakin needs no introduction.



Wimmera Bakery/Thomas Harrington at 80 Milswyn Street. Lower part of the inscription reads: Architect: Norman Hitchcock 1836 - 1899. His legacy of 100 ornate buildings from Brunswick to Toorak are wonderful examples of late nineteenth century bourgeois tastes. There is no indication of who placed this plaque.



Horse hitching post 1 Walsh Steet. The inscription reads:
*This hitching post was placed in this position, outside the house of
 Dr William Thomson, resident here 1862 - 1883.*
 The building behind is now an apartment block.



Victoria Architecture Medal at 228 Domain Road.
 Affixed to the front wall of a brutalist house judged the outstanding house of the year for 1967. The architect was Neil Clerehan, one of the founders of the Melbourne South Yarra Residents Group.



Nareeb Gates at the D entrance to the Royal Botanical Gardens.



Irene Mitchell under a peppercorn tree behind St Martins Theatre. Irene Mitchell was one of the leading lights of the Little Theatre Company in St Martins Lane. She also helped create the St Martins Youth Theatre that now occupies the building.

Edward George Honey in Birdwood Avenue, opposite the Shrine of Remembrance.

This plaque is on a large boulder on the ‘Tan’ running track. It seems he was the first to suggest the period of silence as a memorial in a letter to the Times newspaper in London, however it had already been observed in a ceremony in South Africa the previous year.

Tess Ley in Walsh St. A delightful private memorial comprising an old bike and an ever-changing display of colourful blooms at the base of a street tree, erected and maintained by a nearby resident.

Steven Tynan and Damian Eyre Memorial in Walsh Street.

The plaque commemorating the Walsh Street killing of two police officers in 1988. The plaque is listed in an inventory of historical markers (Monument Australia) but it seems to be missing.