
Port Melbourne Band Rotunda



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Location

Beach Street (opposite Stokes Store), Port Melbourne, PORT PHILLIP CITY

Municipality

PORT PHILLIP CITY

Level of significance

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Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1735

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO49

Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - March 2, 2001

Victorian Heritage Register:

Extent of Registration: To the extent of all of the structure known as the Band Rotunda, Port Melbourne and the land as defined by the Heritage Council.

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The Band Rotunda has social, historical and architectural significance to the state of Victoria.

The band rotunda has historical associations with the First World War and the community's commemoration of the event. The rotunda, along with band rotundas at Fitzroy and Natimuk, is a comparatively unusual memorial to the war and an early First World War memorial. The location of the rotunda is particularly poignant as Port Melbourne was the point of embarkation and disembarkation for troops during the First World War.

The rotunda has social significance as an expression of a once popular form of entertainment in parks and gardens. It symbolises the importance of music in the cultural and social life of the community in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

The rotunda has architectural significance as an intact example of a band rotunda with a distinctive roof, a pyramidal form supported by timber columns and surmounted by a domed cupola terminating in a flagpole. The rotunda, with its picturesque and exotic composition, is an important element of the Port Melbourne foreshore.

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Beach St, Port Melbourne
Ref No. H1735

Construction dates 1918,

Hermes Number 127022

Property Number

Physical Description 1

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Historical Australian Themes

Remembering the fallen

Usage/Former Usage

Commemoration

Veterans Description for Public

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