
FORMER BLUNTS (CLEMENT) BOATBUILDERS

Location

EASTERN BEACH GEELONG, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7721-0211

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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The Blunt site is significant as on of only three private boat builders in the area. Blunts also had strong associations with the early development of the Geelong Yacht Club and the Corio Bay Rowing Club.

Heritage Study/Consultant Heritage Victoria - Maritime Infrastructure Assessment Project, Heritage Victoria, 2005;

Interpretation of Site The site probably lies under reclaimed land towards the northern end of Bellarine St and east of the eastern extremity of the Eastern Beach Seawall, which is currently used as a car park on the western end of Ritchie Parade.

Hermes Number 111651

Property Number

History

The foreshore area from Bellarine St to Swanston St was reserved for dockyard use from at least 1854 (G80), and was listed as Boat Building Yards in 1893 (Downes). Blunt's Boat Yard is shown with six buildings, a slipway and a boat jetty by the 1920s (F81). All the boatyards had disappeared from this area by the late 1920s (G 347), probably as part of foreshore beautification works, and by 1937 the site had been covered by foreshore land reclamation (G389). Clement Blunt moved to this site at eastern Beach before 1870 from Port Melbourne. He had previously operated sites on the south bank of the Yarra River east of Princes Bridge, and before that in Corio Terrace Geelong. He had a house and boatbuilding yards on his premises, and built many yachts, yawls and boats here (Champ, 1989:77, 78).

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