
JOY ARK

Location

EASTERN BEACH GEELONG, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Municipality

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Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7721-0212

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - May 3, 2004

As a former entertainment complex this site has significant social value. It is the only dance hall known to be set over water.

Heritage
Study/Consultant

Heritage Victoria - Maritime Infrastructure Assessment Project, Heritage Victoria, 2005;

Interpretation of Site

The site is under the car park and up to 50m offshore. Given that a groyne is located nearby to encourage sand accumulation, archaeological deposits are likely both offshore and under land reclamation.

Hermes Number

111705

Property Number

History

The Joy Ark was built in 1912 as Picture Theatre that extended out over the water. By the 1920s it had become a roller skating rink, dance hall and concert hall. When it was removed in 1926, its framework was used to build the Palais Royal Theatre in Moorabool Street, which is now used as a bingo hall (Hawthorne & Reid, 1989: 120; Henry, 1944: 46)

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.

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