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# Portland Battery Point



b3303 The Battery

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## Location

PORTLAND VIC 3305 - Property No B3303

## Municipality

GLENELG SHIRE

## Level of significance

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## Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

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Hermes Number 125983

Property Number

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## Veterans Description for Public

Portland Battery Point, between Victoria Parade and Port Road, was one of three shore defences at important strategic locations on Victoria's western coastline, including Port Fairy and Warrnambool which were constructed in the late 1880s. Fears were growing that the conflict between Russia and Great Britain was imminent. In 1887, noted authorities Sir W. Jervois and Peter Scratchley arrived to advise the colonies on a defence plan.

The Battery is set on an elevated position overlooking the ocean and the settlement. The three gun emplacements are located around a central mound which was the old magazine. The ground slopes from this mound to the east and west. A semi-subterranean battery and magazine was constructed on the site in 1889. Prior to the Battery, the site was the "observatory" (1839), a flagstaff (1854) and a lighthouse complex (1859). The lighthouse was moved to Whalers Bluff in 1889.

*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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