
COMPASS ADJUSTING BUOYS

Location

HOBSONS BAY PORT PHILLIP BAY, UNINCORPORATED

Municipality

UNINCORPORATED

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-0567

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site

Ships moored onto the central buoy, and swung the ships head to point in the direction of the buoy which was positioned at a known compass bearing. This was the only compass swinging facility known to exist in the area, and was an essential shipping facility for the port. The site has not been visited, but Peter Taylor has reported mooring chain and anchor close to the east, which may be associated with this feature (see H7822-0740)

Hermes Number

13863

Property Number

History

Five compass adjusting buoys were provided to the west of the extremity of Princes Pier from at least 1864 to 1907. The buoys were a facility provided for swinging (calibrating) ships compasses.

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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