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# Diesel Engine - Asparagus Farm now 13th Beach Golf Club (5mtrs around machine)

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## Location

1732 Barwon Heads Road, CONNEWARRE VIC 3227 - Property No 220968

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1707

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Alexander Shanks & Son diesel engine and pump house at "Tomara", 1732-1770 Barwon Heads Road, is a historically significant at a REGIONAL level. It is associated with the asparagus farm operated by George and Walter Foster for the Australian Jam Company from the early 1920s. The pump house at "Tomara", 1732-1770 Barwon Heads Road, is socially significant at a REGIONAL level. It represents part of the operations of the former asparagus farm no longer in use, yet still recognised by the community for these associations. The Alexander Shanks & Son diesel engine at "Tomara", 1732-1770 Barwon Heads Road, is scientifically significant at a STATE level. The engine is a legacy of the technological process developed for reticulating water throughout a network of underground concrete pipes, as part of the asparagus farming operations. Overall, the pump house at Tomara, 1732-1770 Barwon Heads Road, is of REGIONAL significance.

References

1. Parish Plan of Connewarre, 1903, Geelong Historical Records Centre. 2. Shire of South Barwon Rate Books, 189899, 18991900, 190001, 190404, 190910, 191011, 191112, 191415, 191516, 191617, 191920, 192122, 192223, 192324, 192425, 192526, 192627, 193031, 193637, 194344. 3. Interview by Cheryl Timbury with Cobden Martin, former employee of the AJC asparagus farm between 193842, on 5 July, 1999. 4. Oral information from Doug Hocking, current owner, 1998. References

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Greater Geelong Outer Areas Heritage Study Volumes 1, 2 & 4, Authentic Heritage Services Pty Ltd, 2000;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	15231
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## Physical Description 1

An Alexander Shanks & Son Ltd (engineers, Arbroath and London) diesel engine that once pumped water from the freshwater lagoon (that formed part of the Murtna Ghurt Swamp) is located within a galvanised corrugated iron interwar vernacular pump house, characterised by a gable roof form. The shed consists of a timber structural frame and has remnants of timber framed windows and doors to three sides. The fourth side has a long, narrow projecting wing which formed part of the pumping operations.

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