
FORMER CASTLEMAINE HOTEL

Location

135 QUEENS BRIDGE STREET, SOUTHBANK VIC 3006

Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-2397

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - December 8, 2020

What is significant?

The Castlemaine Hotel archaeological site, northeast corner of Queens Bridge Street and City Road.

How is it significant?

The Castlemaine Hotel archaeological site is of historical and archaeological (scientific) significance to Southbank and the broader city of Melbourne.

Contributory elements include:

- Archaeological evidence of structural form and occupation deposit; and

- Present grassed open space as indicator of its location.

Why is it significant?

The Castlemaine Hotel archaeological site is historically significant as it is one of a small number of former hotels in the Southbank area that served the predominantly industrial workers of the district and, in particular, workers from the Castlemaine Brewery for the period it was operating from the 1880s to 1920s.

Interpretation of Site	Please refer to the citation in the Southbank and Fishermans Bend Heritage Review 2017. See from page 238 of the pdf attached in place record: https://s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/hdp.au.prod.app.com-participate.files/2515/2712/9340/Southbank_and_Fishermans_Bend_Heritage_Review_Biosis_FINAL_-_Part_3.pdf The site is currently used as a public park.
Hermes Number	206983
Property Number	

History

The corner lot on Queens Bridge Street and City Road was originally purchased by W G Boyd. John Phillipson erected the Commercial Hotel on this corner in 1882.

The Commercial Hotel was situated opposite the Castlemaine Brewery on the western side of Queens Bridge Street and next door to its bottling store. With the expansion of the Castlemaine Brewery to the east side of Queens Bridge Street, the hotel was renamed the Castlemaine Hotel.

The Castlemaine Hotel was de-licensed on 7 March 1958 and then demolished to widen the intersection under the Kings Way overpass.

The Castlemaine Hotel was a two-storey brick structure with a cellar. MMBW plans show the hotel wrapping around the corner site with a small yard facing City Road, containing a closet (probably originally with a cess pit), sheds and drainage features. Archaeological remains are likely for all of these, including the wall footings and potentially occupation deposits both in the under floor areas and the rear yard.

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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