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# Navigation Station (Fmr) & Land within 20 metres

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## Location

Point Henry Rd, POINT HENRY VIC 3221 - Property No 271639

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1583

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This former Navigation Station, a freestanding purpose built brick tower situated at the entrance to Corio Bay, was a vital link in the communication between shipping and the Port of Geelong for over 50 years of continuous use.

This place has aesthetic, scientific, historic and social value to the state and region of Greater Geelong.

It demonstrates important visual qualities of a functionalist International style building with the use of nautical features in the design and architect N Schefferle of Buchan, Laird and Buchan. It illustrates the technological process associated with marine communication and displays the changes in technology over time.

The former Navigation Station is one of the few examples of marine communication structures in the State and demonstrates a distinctive activity that no longer exists in this region as this form of communication with shipping has ceased.

It is of STATE cultural significance.

## References

Gordon, CPC, "Point Henry Station", *Investigator* vol 28, no.4, December 1993 pp 116-132.

Ibid, p 120

Ibid, p120, 123 and 132

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Bellarine Heritage Study, Huddle, Howe, Lewis and Francis, 1996;
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## Physical Description 1

### DESCRIPTION

This freestanding purposebuilt tower is on an open site, on the rise at Pt.Henry, looking north to Corio Bay, with Alcoa directly south. The cream brick clad structure has a rectangular base with a cantilevered semicircular concrete lookout station mid way up the tower, on the north elevation. The north elevation has aluminium framed windows under the cantilevered section, as well as a semicircular glassed in lookout station, surrounded externally by a semicircular rail. The west elevation has three round porthole windows directly above one another on the south corner stairwell, and the return of the aluminium framed window under the cantilever. A tall, white painted steel lookout mast and ladder is secured on the roof, with the access stairwell on the south elevation protruding above the roof. There is a tensile steel cable connecting the south cantilever with the lookout mast, and connecting the mast to the ground, on the south side of the tower.

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