
Barwon Water Lovely Banks Basin

Location

600 Anakie Road, LOVELY BANKS VIC 3221 - Property No 276102

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1721

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lovely Banks Reservoirs and other structures at 600-602 Anakie Road, including the three circular water basins, open brick channel, settling pond, lime house/inlet tower, brick outbuilding, timber and brick caretakers cottage and two avenues of cypress trees, are **aesthetically** significant at a **REGIONAL** level. They demonstrate original design qualities of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The intact qualities of the design of the reservoir include the form of the basins and settling pond, Victorian eclectic style of the tower and outbuilding including the polychrome brick, galvanised corrugated iron roof cladding, narrow eaves with bands of dentils and stringcourse, early chimney, drip moulds, base walls and stringcourse, double courses of yellow brick courses and iron finial.

The Lovely Banks Reservoirs and other structures at 600-602 Anakie Road, including the three circular water basins, open brick channel, settling pond, lime house/inlet tower, brick outbuilding, timber and brick caretaker's cottage and two avenues of cypress trees, are historically significant at a **REGIONAL** level. They are associated with the early water supply of the Geelong region from the latter nineteenth century.

The Lovely Banks Reservoirs and other structures at 600-602 Anakie Road, including the three circular water basins, open brick channel, settling pond, lime house/inlet tower, brick outbuilding, timber and brick caretakers cottage and two avenues of cypress trees, are scientifically significant at a **REGIONAL** level. They illustrate nineteenth century technology employed in a major water supply process which is still extant.

The Lovely Banks Reservoirs and other structures at 600-602 Anakie Road, including the three circular water basins, open brick channel, settling pond, lime house/inlet tower, brick outbuilding, timber and brick caretakers cottage and two avenues of cypress trees, are socially significant at a **REGIONAL** level. They are recognised and valued by the community of the Geelong region for their important association in the history and culture of Geelong, and for demonstrating a distinctive custom that is in danger of being lost and is of exceptional interest.

Overall, the Lovely Banks Reservoirs and other structures at 600-602 Anakie Road, including the three circular water basins, open brick channel, settling pond, lime house/inlet tower, brick outbuilding, timber and brick caretaker's cottage and two avenues of cypress trees, are of **REGIONAL** significance.

Recommendation That a Conservation Management Plan be carried out on the site, which should further investigate the retention of the brick structures, open brick channel, timber and brick caretaker's cottage, and two avenues of cypress trees. The Management Plan could also investigate the retention of the form if not all the original construction of the water basins and settling pond, if new development and technology was required for the long term operation of the reservoirs. Statement of Cultural Significance

References

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Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION

The site at 600-602 Anakie Road is comprised of three circular water basins, a settling pond, open brick channel, brick lime house, brick outbuilding with a chimney, former timber and brick caretakers cottage, two avenues of cypress trees and other recent brick outbuildings including a caretakers residence.

The circular, earthen, water basins have brick and bluestone beaching around their splash zones, and are approximately 80 metres in diameter. 3 The early, open cement rendered brick channel spans between the settling pond and water basin number one. It is approximately one metre wide. The early, single storey,

octagonal, unpainted polychrome brick lime house/inlet tower structure is situated in the centre of the settling pond. It is characterised by its early octagonal pyramidal roof, clad in unpainted galvanised corrugated iron. Narrow overhangs and a band of brick dentils and projecting stringcourse is a feature of the eaves. Blind circular arches, highlighted by their double course of voissours and central keystones, are blocked in by unpainted and rendered brick walls. Double timber doors are situated on the northeastern side. The springing of the arches are supported by projecting brick stringcourses which in turn are supported by unpainted brick base walls.

The early, single storey, asymmetrical brick building nearby water basin no. 1 is of similar design and construction to the lime house/inlet tower. It is constructed of unpainted polychrome brick, with the corners and openings characterised by decorative yellow brick quoining. The hipped roof is clad in galvanised iron, while narrow overhangs, a band of dentils and a brick stringcourse are features of the eaves. The single doorway has an elaborate rendered drip mould above. The unpainted brick chimney is of different brick construction and appears to be a later addition. The early, single storey, horizontal weatherboard and brick Victorian style caretaker's cottage is characterised by two simple gable roof forms, with the earlier southern gable being of steeper pitch to the gable of the later brick extension. These roof forms are clad in unpainted galvanised corrugated iron. A horizontal weatherboard parapet adorns the roofline of the early structure, which suggests that its original function may have been as store or shop. Two early unpainted brick chimneys adorn the roofline, while early timber framed, twelve paned double hung windows are located on the timber section, with a segmentally arched timber framed, twelve paned window situated on the brick extension. An early four panelled timber door is centrally located on the timber structure.

The two avenues of cypress trees situated on the site are early and substantial, and contribute to the visual amenity of the site.

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