
Belcher Fountain Roundabout

Location

Gheringhap Street and Malop Street GEELONG, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1116

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO111

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE - HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENT SHEET - GRC SHEET NO 236

The public drinking fountain known as the "Belcher Fountain" was presented to the people of Geelong in 1874 by the then town Mayor George Frederick Belcher. The fountain designed by Andrew Handyside and Co., is erected on a basalt stone base with a circular plan cast iron superstructure of five Corinthian columns supporting a classical entablature enhanced with delicate acroteria and surrounded by an urn and cupid. The design is derived from the 'Monument to Lysicrates' of antiquity. The structure is one of the finest civic monuments in Victoria and dominated the Western approach to Malop Street.

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission register

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Belcher, C. F. - 'Genealogical Notes Relating to William Belcher of Kells (1703-1798) and his descendants' 1944. Copy in possession of .G F. Belcher at Lilydale, Batesford.

The diary of G. F. Belcher (1825-1909) is in the possession of the manuscript section of the Latrobe Library, Melbourne.

A search of the local newspapers of the day, may reveal more details of the origin of this sculpture.

Andrew Handyside & Co. - Works in Iron, Spon, London, 1868 for details of this work of this firm of iron founders.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study Volume 2, Allan Willingham, 1986;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered object,
Hermes Number	22041
Property Number	

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