

# LEADING LIGHTS



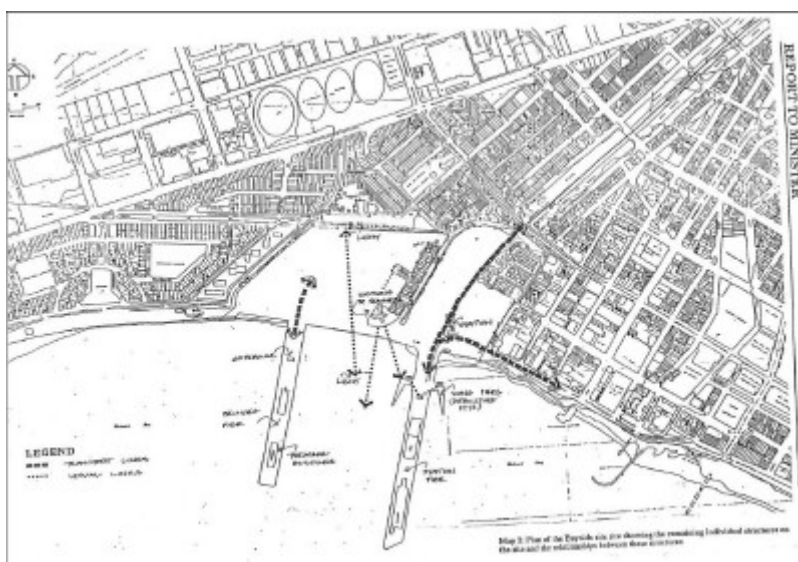
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1 leading lights beach road  
port melbourne view of inner  
leading light



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## Location

BEACON VISTA AND HOBSONS BAY PORT MELBOURNE, PORT PHILLIP CITY

## Municipality

PORT PHILLIP CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0982

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO44

## VHR Registration

March 23, 1995

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 8, 1997

The Port Melbourne Leading Lights are of architectural and historic significance as a rare building type in Victoria because of the materials and form adopted which represents a notable application of the Trinity lighthouse design to a navigational installation of this type.

Whilst not distinctive in function, the combination of form and placement of the Port Melbourne Leading Lights, one in the water which of timber construction is unusual when compared to other similar structures.

The significance of the Port Melbourne Leading Lights is enhanced by the fact that they are essentially intact and rare survivors from a range of navigational aids constructed around Port Phillip Bay before 1945.

The easement following the line of sight between the lights is essential to their significance, linking as it does the land based light to the water based light. The easement has also been a key historical factor in the layout of the neighbouring property boundaries, along with the railway approaches, and has resulted in a large expanse of land free of roads and without substantial development well into the twentieth century.

The Port Melbourne Leading Lights are historically significant as structures surviving from an important visual and functional link between Princes and Station Piers and along with these piers reflect the pattern of shipping activity during the 1920s and 1930s.

## Permit Exemptions

### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must **notify** the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a

determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

Construction dates            1920,  
Heritage Act Categories    Registered place,  
Hermes Number                4604  
Property Number

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## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 982.

Leading Lights, Beach Road, Port Melbourne

(To the extent of:

1. All of the structures known as the Leading Lights, marked B1 and B2 on Plan 602267D(A) endorsed by the Chair, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.
2. All of the land marked L1 on Plan 602267D(A) being a 20 metre (66 feet) wide strip of land from Howe Parade to the High Water Mark centred on the mid-line between the two leading light being part of the land contained in "Bayside Land", as defined in the **Bayside Project Act 1988**, endorsed by the Chair, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.)

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G11 23 March 1995 p.670]

*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.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*