
HIGGS BROTHERS MARINE

Location

WESTERN BEACH GEELONG, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Municipality

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Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7721-0173

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Heritage Study/Consultant	Heritage Victoria - Maritime Infrastructure Assessment Project, Heritage Victoria, 2005;
Interpretation of Site	The site appears to have been either buried or removed during the construction of the Western Beach Playground Reserve.
Other Names	WOODEN BARGE CONSTRUCTION YARD,
Hermes Number	111474
Property Number	

History

This site was first used to construct timber barges for coal storage (Phillips, 1959:57), and may have been operated by one of the nearby shipping company coal yards. The site was later incorporated into Higgs Brothers Marine, and used to build and launch landing craft built at the Ford Factory during WWII (Phillips, 1959:58; Don

Campbell, pers comms; Mike Trickey, pers comms). Most vessels were launched sideways into the water and were chocked up on the mud flats to perform inspections etc. The boatyard operated until the 1950s and possibly later. Craddock (pers comms) recalls that the shipwright Higgs was located opposite Finnegan's, and gave up about 20 years ago. Further research is required for this site.

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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