
FORMER PARKSIDE SWIMMING POOL

Location

HEARNE PARADE EAST GEELONG, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7721-0223

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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This site is of social significance for the local community as part of their former recreational landscape.

Heritage
Study/Consultant

Heritage Victoria - Maritime Infrastructure Assessment Project, Heritage Victoria, 2005;

Interpretation of Site

A promenade from the Eastern Beach baths terminates at a knuckle in the seawall (Eastern Beach Seawall # 5) at the former root of the previous Swimming Pool Pier. From this point northwards, there is a pronounced change in seawall fabric and construction technique (Eastern Beach Seawall #6), and it is suggested that seawall # 5 was purpose built and/or alteration to the existing seawall to act as a promenade from the Eastern Beach Baths. A 2m long single tier bluestone block groyne wall (with concrete attached to its side) probably marks the former access way to the pier. The groyne has been partially destroyed by storms and the blocks are scattered along the beach south of this location. Approx 60 and 100m to the north east along the foreshore lie two horizontal concrete piles. The piles appear to have been recycled from either a pier (or other in water structure), and have evidence of former iron shoes and rebate and/or lugs for attaching platform structures to them. The piles appear to have been used as vernacular groynes, probably in an attempt to encourage sand accretion along the foreshore as a beach for the swimming pool patrons (which on examination of a very rocky foreshore seem to have failed). The piles are not cemented into the seawall, further suggesting that they postdate Seawall #6. Anderson and Mills have reported remnants of structural components underwater offshore.

Other Names FORMER PARKSIDE PROMENADE SEAWALL & GROYNES,

Hermes Number 111663

Property Number

History

The swimming pool was built sometime around the late 1930s early 1940s (G138), but were demolished sometime after 1960 (G165). The pool consisted of a semi- enclosed U shaped pier, which partially curved back towards shore. Anderson and Mills both recall that the structure led out from the end of the path down from Hearne Drive to the foreshore, and was a popular attraction during their youth (c 1950s/60s).

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