

NORTH CHANNEL LIGHTSHIP

Location

PORT PHILLIP BAY, UNINCORPORATED

Municipality

UNINCORPORATED

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7721-0093

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

This site is historically significant as one of the earliest lightships used in the Bay. Part of a network of navigation aids throughout Port Phillip Bay.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Heritage Victoria - Maritime Infrastructure Assessment Project, Heritage Victoria, 2005;
Interpretation of Site	Jim Anderson has inspected the site using GPS marks derived from the GIS geo-referencing process, and found two bottles of very early origin in an area that was otherwise sterile of artefacts. During another site inspection in 2003, no further artefacts were located, but a pile was found in the same area that probably originated from a later replacement beacon. Further investigation after storm surges may reveal more evidence of the former lighthouse mooring site.
Historical Significance	This site is historically significant as one of the earliest lightships used in the Bay. Part of a network of navigation aids throughout Port Phillip Bay.
Hermes Number	111736

Property Number

History

The Geelong Lightship was placed north of the North Channel by at least 1851 (Ferguson, 1851), and exhibited lights to define the edge of the Channel, as well as tidal signals to indicate the depth of water over the bar (Ferguson, 1854: 18; 1861: 14). The vessel was moored opposite Bird Rock in 1861, (VGG, 15/1/1851:77, V129), and exhibited a bright fixed light 27 feet above sea level that could be seen for nine nautical miles in clear weather. The vessel was moored in 12 feet of water, and exhibited daily tidal signals.

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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