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# AVALON BEACH FISHERMEN'S HUTS

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## Location

AVALON FORESHORE ROAD AVALON, GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7721-0097

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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## Statement of Significance

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This site is of high social significance to the local community. There is a strong association with the fishing industry for at least 80 years. The huts represent a unique example of a vernacular fishing shack community close to a regional metropolis.

It also has significance as the signature set of Mad Max, one of the most successful early Australian films that helped launch the industry to the international market.

Interpretation of Site	Various vernacular slipways, ramps and hards are scattered around the site. Evidence of at least one groyne on the western end of the beach. The shacks are an ad hoc and mismatched collection of huts constructed without design (in most cases) from whatever material was available.
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## History

A local resident, Graham Matthews, provided a brief history of infrastructure on the site:

"The older slipways with railway iron have been there for about 80 years. You can still see the railway iron going out into the water. The rocks going out into the water were groynes that were placed there about 60 years ago to give some protection to the boats. There were lots of boats here back then. The groynes went out about 30m and there were a few of them along the beach. They eventually had to pull them out after they started silting up the beach, and made it too shallow for the boats to moor. The concrete wall up there was built by the anglers club. They still use it a fair bit.

Further research is required for this site.

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