
HUTTON'S WHARF OR PIER / RIPPLESIDE WORKSHOPS

Location

43 LIVERPOOL STREET RIPPLESIDE, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7721-0153

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Heritage Study/Consultant	Heritage Victoria - Maritime Infrastructure Assessment Project, Heritage Victoria, 2005;
Interpretation of Site	The former boatyard, slipway and Hutton's Wharf site now lies under the current Rippleside workshops and slipway, and possibly retained some degree of integrity through their potential inclusion as landfill.
Historical Significance	This site has significant historic value as a vital service for the Geelong Harbour (GHT Workshops), which have operated on this site from around 1905. The site has been used almost continuously for ship and boat maintenance/repair/breaking since it was first developed over 150 years ago. It also has value as the wharf played a vital role in supplying ballast for shipping.
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History

Huttons Wharf was completed in 1855 (Brownhill, 1990: 45) and was used for ballasting vessels and for refitting or heaving down vessels (Loney, 1981: 131). During its occupation by private enterprise the site was filled with rusty anchors and buoys, and children often played on a vessel nicknamed the Monkey Cage, which was either a vessel being built or broken up. The private facilities at this site were demolished sometime after 1905, and harbour Trust facilities were established sometime after that. Dredging and diving services were offered from the site (Strachan, 2000: 14). A new wharf was planned for the site immediately south of Huttons Wharf as early as 1905 and as late as 1933. The new jetty had been installed by 1941 and GHT moorings are shown close by in 1940. The Rippleside Workshops and Pier were officially opened in 1955, and included extensive workshops, a crane, Rippleside Pier, and a slipway for slipping large vessels up to 250 tons. Huttons Wharf was an important link for the residents of the Western Beach / Rippleside areas with Geelong, and Steamers operated from this pier regularly for many years.

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