MARINE PARADE SEA BATHS



Marine Parade Sea Baths Port Melbourne Aug 2003

Location

20-40 JACKA BOULEVARD ST KILDA, PORT PHILLIP CITY

Municipality

PORT PHILLIP CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-0584

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

The site is one of three bathing pavilions from the 1920/30s in this area, and an important part of the recreational landscape. This was one of a complex of baths clustered in this area, and forms part of the recreational landscape of Melbourne.

Interpretation of Site

This pavillion building is currently occupied by Donovan's Restaurant (not included in this listing). Archaeological evidence of the baths was not visibile from the shore, however the potential for structural remains and relics buried under sand onshore and submerged offshore is high.

Hermes Number

13883

Property Number

History

As part of a move to open sea bathing, the St Kilda Council erected three new bathing Pavilion facilities at Western Beach, Marine Parade and Elwood in 1928. They were all built in the same style, were of reinforced concrete construction and were 180 ft long by 46 ft wide. Each pavilion had 756 lockers, 8 cold showers, 4 toilets, 9 urinals and 3 lavatory basins for men and similar facilities for women. The attached enclosed swimming baths were undergoing construction in 1931. The men's enclosure was 190 by 65 yards for the men's baths, and 190 x 56 yards women. Hot sea baths were also available, as was gymnasium facilities, kiosks, and cafes. The pavilions were leased to separate private interests in 1931.

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