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# MCGREGOR STREET UNIDENTIFIED STONE STRUCTURE



McGregor St Unidentified Stone Structure Port Melbourne March 2003  
McGregor St Drain 001



McGregor St Unidentified Stone Structure Port Melbourne March 2003  
Middle Park Baths Groyne 002



McGregor St Unidentified Stone Structure Port Melbourne March 2003  
Middle Park Baths 003



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Middle Park Baths 004

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## Location

255 BEACONSFIELD PARADE MIDDLE PARK, PORT PHILLIP CITY

## Municipality

PORT PHILLIP CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-0455

## Heritage Listing

Interpretation  
of Site

The site was visited twice over the period of three weeks, and a noticeable accumulation of sand had occurred during that period. Taylor (pers comms) has reported what he calls 'ballast mounds' off the Middle Park region in the late 1980s. Inspection of the area between the former Middle Park Baths and the McGregor St Drain located the ballast mound, which was approximately 20m long, 4 m wide and half a meter high, tapering towards the edges. This structure was also visible on aerial imagery for the area. This mound appears to be an extension of the western arm of the site onshore, as it lies directly in front of that feature about 20m offshore. The function of this structure is unknown. The bluestone used in the bulk of the structure is rough cut and rugged in construction, along with the three arms suggest it may have be an early structure, possibly associated with early boatbuilding slipways, or groynes laid to encourage beach sand deposition. The presence of the dressed bluestone and the concrete capping, may indicate adaptive re-use of an earlier structure, possibly for bathing that was associated with later promenade construction from the 1890s onwards.

The site contributes to the maritime cultural landscape of the area. This may be an example of a method to reduce sand movement up along the beach. If this site was used as an early boatbuilding location and archaeological deposits may exist.

Hermes  
Number 13895

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## History

No historical records have been located to identify this site.

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