
Kinnears Rope Walk (formerly Donaghy's Fairview Rope Works)

Location

95 Pakington Street, GEELONG WEST VIC 3218 - Property No 203556

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1169

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO741

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The rope walk is highly significant as the longest in Victoria at the time of its construction in the 1870s. It is one of the very few remaining rope walks and still in use with its original equipment. It is of State significance.

POLICY/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Historic Buildings Register, National Estate Register, Geelong Regional Planning Scheme.

Other work by an industrial archeologist/historian would be needed to confirm the exact significance of this rope walk in context with other, eg. Footscray

REFERENCES

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Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	16007
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Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION

The unusual form of the rope walk, approximately three metres wide by four hundred metres long has had an influence on the subdivision of surrounding streets. This is particularly noticeable from Collins Street. Here one can see the formation of very short, dead-end streets with a small park and the rope walk wall at the end of each one. The rope walk has a high degree of integrity particularly the internal fittings and machinery, although the walls may originally have been clad in another material. The main factory area is built of a combination of nineteenth century timber trussed roofs with columns and polychrome brick was on the Lawton Avenue side. These areas have been modified and extended.

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