

Victorian Heritage Database Report

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Bills Trough



Bills Trough - Cnr Walker and Rennie Streets, Lara

Location

Rennie Street Roadside LARA, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1982

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE

What is Significant?

The Bills drinking trough, corner Walker and Rennie Streets, Lara, is significant as it forms part of the Annis and George Bills Estate, which was established to provide watering facilities for horses after George's death in 1927. The concrete structure is also a legacy of the days of horse drawn vehicles, before the motor car was introduced.

Why it is Significant?

The Bills drinking trough is historically and socially significant at a LOCAL level.

How is it Significant?

The Bills concrete trough is associated with Annis and George Bills from c.1927, who established a fund in the early 20th century to provide adequate watering facilities for horses and dogs (Criterion A & H) . This trough is just one structure of over a thousand troughs throughout Australia, and the U.S.A. which are a legacy of the Bills Estate. It is one of only two known to survive in the Greater Geelong municipality. The trough is recognised by the local Lara community as demonstrating a distinctive custom that is no longer in use (Criterion G).

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Lara Heritage Review Phase 2, D. Rowe & W. Jacobs, 2013;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	195365
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION

The Bills cement trough, near the RSL Hall in Rennie Street roadside, Lara, consists of two parts with one large horse and one small dog trough. There are incised rectangular panels on the front side of the structure, with an elaborate curved back. The trough rests on rectangular concrete members. Surrounding the structure are introduced, protective timber posts and rails. At the time of the site visit, the trough showed signs of considerable deterioration, with spalling concrete and cracks evident. Subsequent to the site visit, the trough was removed from the site in October 2012 and is under repair.

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place data owner.

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