
Sunnyside Wool Scour includes Humble & Son Wool Scouring Plant including interior

Location

76 Tucker Street, BREAKWATER VIC 3219 - Property No 218721

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1146

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO47

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE - GRC - HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENTATION SHEET NO. 148

The area downstream from the Breakwater was the earliest major industrial area of Geelong, being developed from the 1840's onwards predominantly with wool scours, fellmongers, tanneries and boiling down works. The wool industries of Geelong came to have national importance until after world war, as a wool processing and manufacturing centre. The Sunnyside Wool Scour, incorporating components of buildings and equipment from throughout its period of operation, remains as the only intact complex downstream of the Breakwater. The full range of equipment including the soaking tanks, sweat house, locally manufactured scour and press, survive. The site is of outstanding importance to the industrial and technological history of Geelong and Victoria.

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register

Historic Buildings Council Register

Australian Heritage Commission Register of the National Estate

National Trust of Australia (Victoria) Register

REFERENCES

Smith W - "The Break" privately produce film.

Smith, W - Unpublished Research Notes and personal communication.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE - City of Geelong West - Urban Conservation Study - Building Identification Form

Historically, a small remnant of the early fellmongery works which led to the industrial developments of South Geelong and the continued prosperity from wool-oriented industry.

EXTERNALLY INTEGRITY: - The complex is all but gone with the exception of the earliest basalt section.

STREETScape: - Visually connected to the adjacent Sunnyside complex, this site to be redeveloped.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study, Allan Willingham, 1986;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	20959
Property Number	

Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION - City of Geelong West - Urban Conservation Study - Building Identification Form

Until recently a complex consisting of the modified early stone (basalt) and brick section, a later timber-framed drying sheds (also altered) and a simple early double-fronted timber cottage, the original fabric of this group has been recently reduced to the stone section. This section presumably one had a pitched roofline and evidently different floor levels. Red bricks used in machine rooms at the rear of the stone wing are pressed with the maker's name: 'Widdicombe Port Arlington and TH Widdicombe, Portarlington.

Widdicombe owned the Portarlington mill until it closed in 1874, as well as the adjacent brick yards. His bricks were used in the Portarlington Berllerie Presbyterian church of 1872. Drysdale Anglican Church (1872).

By c1884 Thomas Widdicombe had moved to Ballarat after listings as a miller in the mid-1870's. Hence the presence of his bricks confirm the major improvement coursed out in 1874, apparently the recently demolished brick wing adjoining the stone section.

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 source.

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