
Reserve - Shelter, Eastern Park

Location

Eastern Beach, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 297899

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO905

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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C Listed - Local Significance

Statement of Cultural Significance

The shelter (rotunda) in Eastern Park, Geelong, has significance as a moderately intact example of an early 20th century garden structure within a well-treed landscape and with views to Corio Bay. Built before 1916, the shelter appears to be in fair condition.

The shelter (rotunda) in Eastern Park is architecturally and historically significant at a LOCAL level. It is associated with the development of Eastern Park and associated garden structures in the early 20th century, and it demonstrates some original design

qualities. These qualities include the octagonal plan with fixed timber seating on all sides except for two doorways, unusual ogee form roof clad in galvanised corrugated iron, heavy stop chamfered timber columns, steel framed roof structure, and the steel tie rods attached to the top of the columns to support the centre of the roof.

Overall, the shelter (rotunda) in Eastern Park is of LOCAL significance.

References

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Heritage Act Categories Registered place,

Hermes Number 21731

Property Number

Physical Description 1

Description

The shelter (rotunda) in Eastern Park, Geelong, is set in a well-treed landscape with northern views to Corio Bay.

The small shelter is characterised by an octagonal plan with fixed timber seating on all sides except for two doorways. The unusual ogee form roof is clad in galvanised

corrugated iron and is supported by heavy stop chamfered timber columns. The roof is also steel framed and steel tie rods are attached to the top of the columns to support the centre of the roof.

The small shelter has experienced some changes. The early timber finial at the apex of the roof is missing, as are brackets at the top of the columns. The capped timber

balustrading - forming a herringbone pattern - has replaced an earlier timber capped vertical boarded balustrade.

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