
Breakwater

Location

358 Breakwater Road, BREAKWATER VIC 3219 - Property No 313352

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO54

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

B Listed - Regional Significance

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The breakwater on the River Barwon at Geelong was erected in 1845 and modified in 1848 to the design of the New South Wales Superintendent of Bridges for Port Phillip, David Lennox.

The breakwater, of brick and bluestone construction was located to prevent tidal interference with the fresh water supply from the Barwon River to the infant Geelong township. The structure largely became redundant in 1874 when a permanent water supply system was established for Geelong. The breakwater was later adopted as a road bridge. The structure is a permanent link with the early years of development at Corio Bay and the Barwon River.

References

Brownhill, W. R. History of Geelong and Corio Bay Melbourne 1955 p. 230 Illustration.

Anthill, J.M. 'David Lennox (1788-1873)' in Pike Douglas (ed) Australian Dictionary of Biography M.U.P. Melbourne, Volume 2, 1967 pp. 106-107.

Geelong Advertiser 16 September 1844, 25 January 1845, 19 March 1845, 22 February 1848.

Geelong Historical Society, Investigator Volume 3. 1969 espec. pp. 87-91, 102-109.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study Volume 2, Allan Willingham, 1986;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered object,
Hermes Number	22038
Property Number	

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.

For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>