
Railway Tunnel including interior - Little Myers Ryrie Street, Geelong

Location

Ryrie Street, GEELONG VIC 3220 - Property No 313359

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1106

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1640

HO144

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

Last updated on -

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE - GRC HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENTATION SHEET NO 183

The Geelong Railway Tunnel, one of very few tunnels constructed in Victoria by the Victorian Railways in the nineteenth century, was built by Overend and Robb as part of a contract to construct the first 12 miles of the Geelong to Colac Railway work commencing in October 1874. The tunnel was adopted only after considerable debate over the location of a surface route could not be resolved, and economic factors prevailed. This single line tunnel with characteristic Victorian railway design bridge abutments is built of basalt and brick. The tunnel has long been an item of interest on the Melbourne-Warrnambool railway route and a notable engineering achievement of the nineteenth century in Victoria.

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission Register

Australian Heritage Commission Register of the National Estate

Historic Buildings Register

REFERENCE:

Victorian Railways Administration Offices, Spencer Street, Melbourne - Archives and Plan Records. Plans, Bin 2-714, Nos 218-225.

Brownhill, W. R. - A History of Geelong and Corio Bay, Wilke & Co., Melbourne, 1955, pp. 444

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Geelong Region Historic Buildings and Objects Study Volume 2, Allan Willingham, 1986; Greater Geelong - Geelong City Urban Conservation Study, Volumes 2-5, Graeme Butler, 1991; Greater Geelong - Geelong City Urban Conservation Study Volume 1, Graeme Butler, 1993; Greater Geelong - Geelong City Urban Conservation Study, Volume 4(a), Helen Lardner, 1995;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	22045
Property Number	

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