
The Dell, Heritage Area

Location

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Municipality

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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The Clifton Springs Mineral Spa Complex was established in the early 1870's, following the discovery of mineral springs along the foreshore. The name Clifton Springs was a major destination for bay steamers and overland travellers. The Clifton Springs Mineral Spa Resort was also a manufacturer of sparkling drinks and an employer in the tourism industry within and outside the district. Up to twelve springs were noted along the foreshore. The site consists of seven wells, a possible underground storage tank, remnants of the food cellar, one bay steamer jetty or the long jetty (uprights only), one bathing jetty (uprights only), two railway iron jetties (uprights only) and foundations (timber, metal, brick, ceramic) of several buildings relating to the spa complex located along and partly buried within the foreshore sand and cliff embankment.

The site has the potential to provide a wealth of information through maritime, historical and archaeological investigation, and therefore has scientific significance. Key components such as the wells and foundations, the mineral springs themselves and the name Clifton Springs are significant extant components of the site which will make a major contribution to site interpretation. As an economic and tourist centre, and residential growth area for this part of the Bellarine Peninsula, the Clifton Springs Mineral Spa Complex has social and historical significance. This site is also the only "sea-side" mineral spring resort that operated in Victoria - the others being in and around Daylesford and Hepburn.

Several sites in this area are recorded on the Heritage Victoria Inventory of archaeological sites.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Bellarine Heritage Study, Huddle, Howe, Lewis and Francis, 1996;
Hermes Number	22184
Property Number	

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