
Altona Pier



Altona Pier, Hobsons Bay
Heritage Study 2006

Location

Pier Street and Esplanade ALTONA, Hobsons Bay City

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO256

Heritage Listing

Hobsons Bay City

Statement of Significance

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What is Significant?

The Altona Pier, originally constructed c.1888 with later modifications, at the intersection of the Esplanade and Pier Street, Altona.

How is it Significant?

The Altona Pier is of local historic and aesthetic significance to the City of Hobsons Bay.

Why is it Significant?

Historically, it is significant for its strong associations with the historic development of Altona as it was specifically constructed to promote the attractiveness of Altona as a bayside suburb as well as providing an important means of access in the days prior to the opening of the railway. It has been used by pleasure boats, swimmers, promenaders and fishermen over a long period from the late nineteenth century onwards as both as a social focus of seaside recreation and a facility for industry. (AHC criteria A4 and G1)

Aesthetically, it is significant as a local landmark, which is an important element within the cultural landscape of the Altona foreshore. (AHC criterion E1)

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Hermes Number 22235

Property Number

Physical Description 1

This timber trestle pier, using round-section timbers piles and sawn decking and balustrading, with attached landings has been renewed over time but using similar construction to the original.

Integrity

External Condition

Good

External Integrity

Low to Moderate - most timbering has been renewed in matching or similar form.

Physical Description 2

Context

Part of the Altona & Laverton Foreshore Precinct, adjoining Altona Beach and the old Laverton homestead and grounds, and the focus of a view from the commercial area in Pier Street.

Historical Australian Themes

Making Suburbs

Physical Description 3

Associations

Altona Bay Estate Company (?), Victorian Government (?)

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