
PORT PHILLIP MILLS WHARF



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Maribyrnong May 2003 001



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Wooden Drain Exit And
Wharf Piling

Location

BETWEEN DYNON RD AND BUNBURY ST FOOTSCRAY, MARIBYRNONG CITY

Municipality

MARIBYRNONG CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-0480

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site Peter Somerville has provided photographs of work undertaken in the late 1980's in this area extending south to the end of Henderson's Piggery Wharf, where sections of the original wharfing was removed to the waterline and beaching placed over the top of the wharf ties, and this is also confirmed by Haffenden (1987:19). From Somerville's photo's, it is clear that extensive sections of wharf piles and foundations are buried under the current foreshore pathway and beaching.

The site has archaeological significance as a former industrial site and potential to provide evidence relating to the use and construction of the wharf and the industries associated with its use.

Hermes Number 23463

Property Number

History

This site was originally used as a quarry to supply ballast for vessels returning overseas from 1855 (Footscray Council, 1960: np), and therefore presumably had makeshift wharves to load the stone. Port Phillip Mills Co. Ltd first built their factory on the site of the former quarry in 1920. Baled wool was brought to the mills to be sorted and scoured before being processed through the textile mills (Haffenden, 1987: 15). The mills were heavily involved in the production of clothing for the defence forces from 1939-45, and operated around the clock during this period (Footscray Council, 1960: np). Port Phillip Mills leased a section of the Footscray Wharf to service their factory (Somerville, pers comms). The site was later used as a coffin making factory after the mills closed (Haffenden, 1987: 15).

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