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# DEAD DOG BAY EEL TRAP



Dead Dog Bay Eel Trap  
Williamstown April 2003 001



Dead Dog Bay Eel Trap  
Williamstown April 2003 002

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## Location

GREENWICH RESERVE, THE STRAND NEWPORT, HOBSONS BAY CITY

## Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-0450

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Interpretation of Site

Dead Dog Bay (the bay at top of The Strand), was a popular eeling location with local residents. It was called dead dog bay as locals used this area to "discard" (drown) unwanted pets here, and hence resulted in an abundance of eels in the area to feed on the carcasses (Leak, pers comms). Locals would make "cubbyholes" in the seawall (at the top of the bay under where the ash pits retaining walls are) for shelter from the elements when eeling. There are still holes in the seawall in this area, which could correspond to this report. The site is of archaeological significance for the potential to provide evidence relating to the use of the area and activities associated with possible local eeling. The site has social significance as a place of recreational food gathering.

Hermes Number 23875

Property Number

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