
BREAKWATER PIER SHIP BREAKING AREA, BALLAST MOUNDS AND BOILER

Location

BATTERY ROAD WILLIAMSTOWN, HOBSONS BAY CITY

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7822-0559

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site

Review listing of ballast mounds in inventory with view to moving them to the Shipwreck database. This is to occur November 2008. Entry 30th May 2008.

Peter Taylor (pers comms) has reported finding scattered vessel wreckage including a square boiler scattered along the southern (seaward) side of breakwater pier. There were also several bluestone ballast mounds located midway along the pier approximately 30 m offshore over a 200 m long area. Taylor has suggested that a shipbreaker may once have been located in this area. This area was also used by the MHT to dump demolished sections of the degaussing range in the late 1950's (MHTC 593/58). From descriptions of the site it is possible that a shipbreaker was stationed in this area, or that discarded ships material was used to reinforce the pier.

The place has potential to produce artefacts and archaeological evidence relating to its former use. The area is relatively undisturbed and has high archaeological potential.

Hermes
Number 26759

Property
Number

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