
COCHS BOAT BREAKING YARDS

Location

POINT LILLIAS AVALON, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7721-0090

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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This is the remains of one of three mid-20th century boat breaking yards in the area. Significance has not been assessed

Interpretation of Site	This site was used for hauling out iron vessels for scrapping. The technology appears to have been very basic.
Hermes Number	27182
Property Number	

History

Les Kees (Cheetham Salt Works) recounted that there was a venture in the 1960s to dismantle and breakup iron boats in this area. The vessels were hauled ashore via a gantry set back on the shore. Several people were employed here during that period, and there was also a hut onsite for the caretaker.

Rod Duncan (Planner, Geelong DSE Office) recalls seeing two vessels tied up in this area in the 1960/70s that were moored to the shore via iron cables. The vessels were being broken up and remained in this region for many years before attempts were finally made to dismantle them. A large fire broke out during efforts to cut them up with an oxy acetylene torch, which set fire to oil in the vessels.

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