

# PRINCES PIER



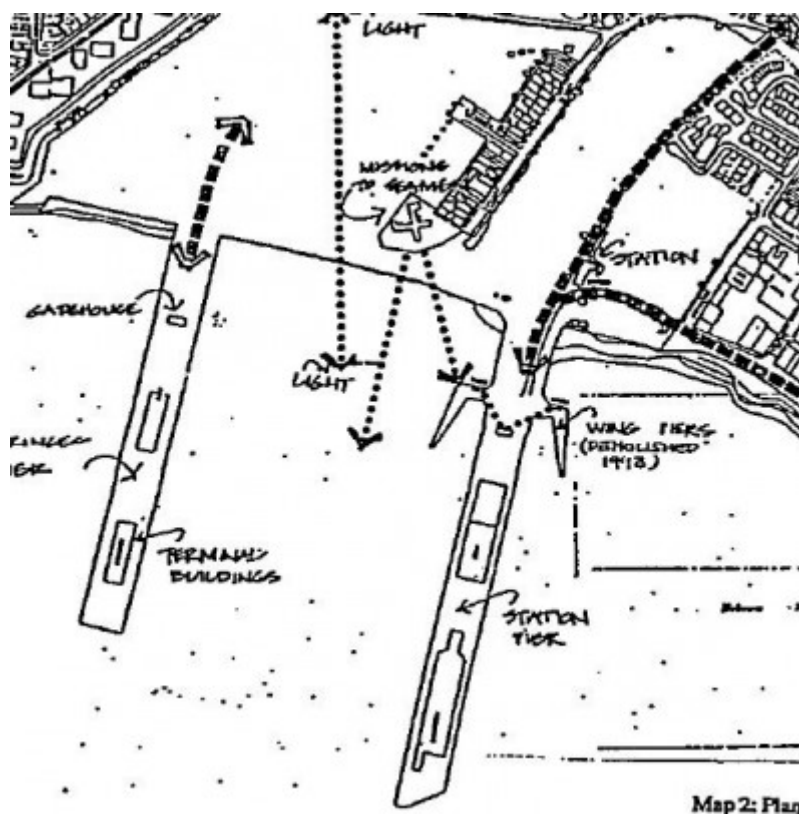
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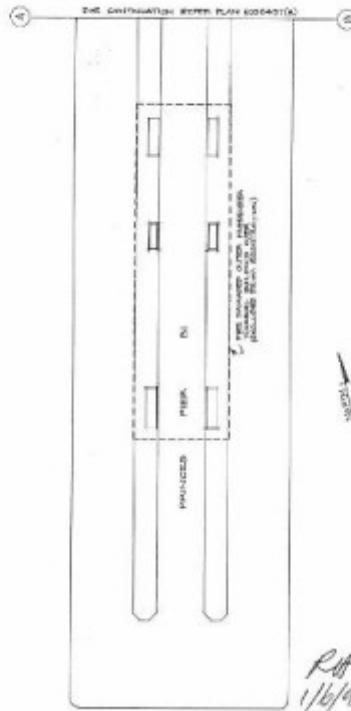


1 princes pier beach road port melbourne entry building front view

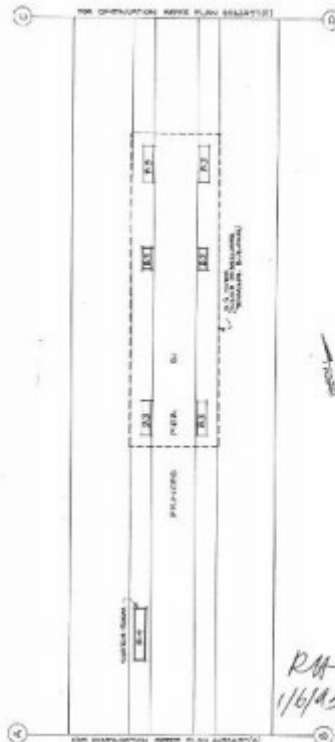


Map 2: Plan

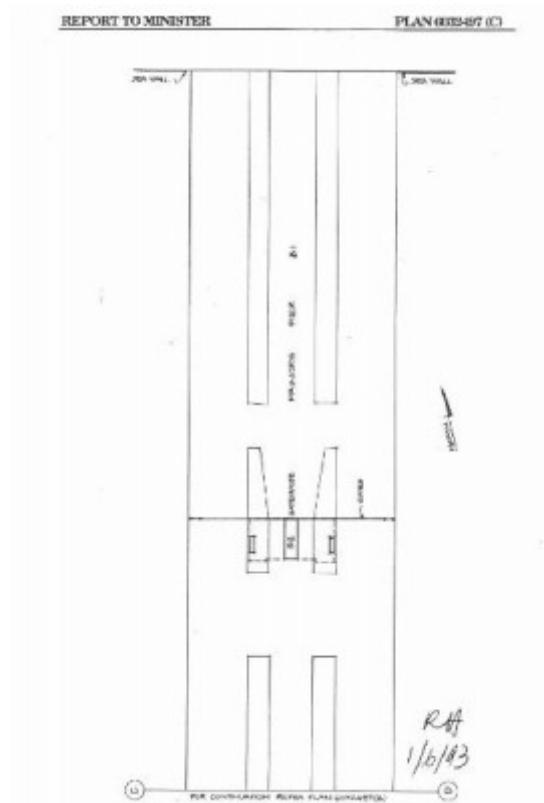
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Princes Pier Plan A



Princes Pier Plan B



Princes Pier Plan C

**Location**

BEACH STREET PORT MELBOURNE, Port Phillip City

**Municipality**

PORT PHILLIP CITY

**Level of significance**

Registered

**Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number**

H0981

**Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO43

**VHR Registration**

March 23, 1995

**Heritage Listing**

## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - November 29, 1996

Construction between 1912 and 1915, Princes Pier is of architectural and historic significance as a largely intact, rare surviving waterfront complex of structures dating from the early twentieth century and the second largest timber piled wharf structure in Australia. The gatehouse and barriers, terminal building, amenities rooms, good lockers, ablution blocks, railway sidings and passenger gangway tracks are integral to its significance.

Princes Pier is of historic significance, reflecting a critical period in Melbourne's maritime history. It is able to provide important evidence of the activities of the Melbourne Harbour Trust Commissioners during the period 1912 to the 1930s, in their quest to ensure that the Port of Melbourne could accommodate the largest vessel in the international trade. It is also evidence of their adoption of a distinctive system for the handling of overseas cargo and passengers on a large scale, the workings of which are visible today.

Princes Pier has a long association with Australia's military history, through its use as the site of embarkation for Australian troops in the First and Second World Wars and as an arrival point for United States troops during the Second World War. From the time of its completion in 1915 until 1969 it was also a major point at which many migrants, particularly during the post-war period, arrived in Australia and is therefore significant to the development of a multi-cultural society in Australia.

Construction dates	1912,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	2870
Property Number	

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## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 981.

Princes Pier, Beach Road, Port Melbourne

(To the extent of:

The whole structure known as the Princes Pier including the railway tracks marked B1, the whole of the gatehouse and associated fences and gates marked B2, the whole of the elevated inner passenger terminal building including stairs and luggage stores marked B3, and the whole of the switchroom marked B4 on Plans 6032497(A), 603249(B) and 603249(C) endorsed by the Chair, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.)

[*Victoria Government Gazette* No. G11 23 March 1995 p.669]

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