
Golf Links Heritage Area HO1650

Municipality

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1650

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The Golflinks Precinct is of aesthetic, historic, scientific and social significance at a **National level** for its intact links type golf course of 1920-22. The links design exploits the natural topography and characteristics of the predominantly treeless and barren coastal land. This links golf course is the only course in Australia of the 1920s based on the design of coastal golf course architecture in Scotland. Its distinctive features include the natural and semi-natural undulating terrain; rolling greens and sandy hillocks; manicured greens and fairways covered in native and exotic grasses including couch grass; strategically placed and substantial cypress trees forming wind buffers, screens and visual foci within the course landscape; bunkers situated on the slopes and valleys of natural inclines; and views to the clubhouse and coastline panoramas beyond to Ocean Grove, Point Lonsdale and the Mornington Peninsula. The precinct also has some intact, detached, single and double storey, horizontal weatherboard and rendered brick houses of the interwar period in good condition. The Stephens Parade section of the precinct has large allotments, typical front and wide side setbacks and side vehicular access. The allotments have been developed along the east-west axes of Stephens Parade that follows the contours of the coastline are other features of interest. This section of the precinct is also characterised by the pitched gabled and/or hipped roof forms adorned with early chimneys. These houses are visually connected to the golf course and contribute to the highly significant, unique character of the precinct. Stephens Parade is distinguished for its unmade gravel road with gravel verges and narrow, grassed nature strips. Historically, the precinct was once the farmland of the Hopgood family, and later developed into the Barwon Heads links golf course (and housing subdivision) in 1920.

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