
Berth No. 5, North Wharf



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Location

Flinders Street extension and North Wharf Road,, MELBOURNE VIC 3000 - Property No B7087

Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

Level of significance

State

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1798

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

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The No 5 wharf, shed and Malcolm Moore crane are of historical, social and scientific (technological) significance at the State Level as the last intact example of an integrated wharf-crane-shed berth in the Port of Melbourne.

The crane is a unique survivor of a semi-portal, level-luffing, travelling general goods handling crane in the port and a key feature of the maritime landscape of the Yarra River. The crane is also significant as a surviving product of the important local engineering firm Malcolm Moore Ltd.

No 5 North Wharf is the only place within the Port of Melbourne where a traditional non-containerised berth can be seen with all the equipment and facilities.

No 5 North Wharf berth is also the furthest up-stream surviving wharf on the city side of the river, demonstrating

the historical beginnings of Melbourne's Port as river wharfs adjacent to the original settlement and major commercial centre of Melbourne. A wharf dates from 1855 in this location and although periodically repaired and reconstructed, the current structure is fundamentally the same type and of a very similar plan and position, to that existing 145 years ago.

The No 5 Wharf cargo shed is the last intact shed on the north side of the river (Melbourne's first port) and is also of interest for its transitional architectural design incorporating elements of reinforced concrete and the more traditional bolted and welded steel trusses and framing. The latter being fabricated by Charles Ruwolt Ltd., one of Melbourne's leading steel fabricators during the inter-war period. The complex therefore represents local industrial and technological developments rather than imported.

It is the oldest surviving shed specifically designed for modern mechanised goods handling such as fork lifts and pallet trucks.

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