
Former Lighthouse - Time Ball Tower



B0240 Time Ball Tower

Location

Gellibrand Point,, WILLIAMSTOWN VIC 3016 - Property No B0240

Municipality

HOBSONS BAY CITY

Level of significance

State

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1649

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

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The Lighthouse - Time Ball Tower, is a structure of some 98 feet in height, comprised of a square bluestone section (1852) with a cylindrical brick extension (1930s) on top. The bluestone section has battered lower stories, features rusticated masonry with smooth string courses and had originally a castellated parapet with mast and spherical, copper plate, time ball above. The time ball was dropped daily at 1 p.m.

The Lighthouse - Time Ball Tower is a unique reminder of the period when Williamstown was a thriving port and is a singular example of a Time Ball Tower, a rare structure in Victoria. The Tower is also most distinctive amongst lighthouses in Victoria, being one of, if not the, earliest survivor of lighthouses in the state and is unusual also for its square plan form and originally its Picturesque Castellated Gothic Design. The building's importance

remains despite defacement.

Lighthouse (Time Ball Tower), has been extensively altered and added to and has been unsympathetically painted. The Time Ball was discontinued in 1926.

Classified: 'Local' 17/07/1958

Revised: 06/05/1965

Hermes Number 65858

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