

Victorian Heritage Database place details - 12/12/2019
BELCHER DRINKING FOUNTAIN



Location:

MALOP STREET GEELONG, Greater Geelong City

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number: H1116

Listing Authority: VHR

Extent of Registration:

AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 1116.

Belcher Drinking Fountain, intersection of Gheringhap and Malop Streets, Geelong, City of Greater Geelong.
Extent

To the extent of:

1. All of the structure known as Belcher Drinking Fountain, Geelong marked B-1 on Plan 601046 endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.

[Victoria Government Gazette No. G44 9 November 1995 p.3155]

Statement of Significance:

The Belcher Drinking Fountain was presented to the Town of Geelong by retiring Mayor Councillor GF Belcher in 1874. The cast iron fountain, which was imported from Andrew Handyside and Co, iron founders in England, consists of a cylindrical structure surrounded by Corinthian columns and surmounted with a cupid figure and lantern.

The Belcher Drinking Fountain is of architectural, aesthetic and historical significance to Victoria.

The Belcher Drinking Fountain is architecturally significant as a rare and intact example of an early imported cast iron drinking fountain, which is still operating. The structure is a representative example of iron work produced by Andrew Handyside and Co, accomplished iron founders from Derby, England. The design of the fountain is important for artistic reasons relating to its derivation from a Classical inspired Monument of Lysicrates at Athens, Greece.

The Belcher Drinking Fountain is historically significant as a representation of Temperance Movement activities that advocated the restriction or abolition of the use of alcoholic drinks. The fountain is also important for its association with George F. Belcher, who was a pioneer in the Geelong and Wimmera districts. He was sub-treasurer in Geelong, Vice-Consul for Norway and Sweden and Mayor of Geelong on two occasions.

Heritage Study	
Year Construction Started	1874
Architect / Designer	Handyside, Andrew & Co
Architectural Style	
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place
Municipality	["GREATER GEELONG CITY"]
Other names	
History	