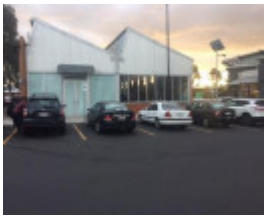
FORMER DONAGHY'S ROPE WALK BUILDING (PART) AND ROPE-MAKING MACHINERY



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Donaghys Rope Walk 1



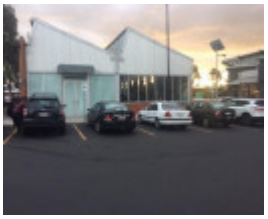
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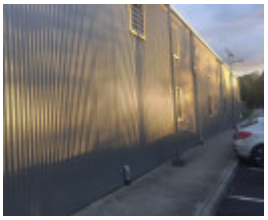
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2018 c.jpg



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2018 f.jpg



2018 g.jpg



2018 land on which rope walk once sat.jpg



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Donaghys historically.jpg



DIAGRAM 1169

Location

95-103 PAKINGTON STREET GEELONG WEST, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1169

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO741

VHR Registration

August 29, 1996

Amendment to Registration

October 28, 2021

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 26, 2022

What is significant?
The Former Donaghy's Rope Walk Building (Part) and Rope Making Machinery.
How is it significant?
The Former Donaghy's Rope Walk Building (Part) and Rope Making Machinery is of historical significance to the State of Victoria. It satisfies the following criterion for inclusion in the Victorian Heritage Register:
Criterion A
Importance to the course, or pattern, of Victoria's cultural history.
Why is it significant?
The Former Donaghy's Rope Walk Building (Part) and Rope Making Machinery is significant at the State level for the following reasons:
The Former Donaghy's Rope Walk Building (Part) and Rope Making Machinery is historically significant as a surviving remnant of one of Victoria's largest ropeworks which opened in 1874. The building, machinery and documentary evidence demonstrates the process of making ('laying') large ropes by the walk method. The Rope Walk Building (Part) contains equipment from at least three periods, possibly including the 1870s original machinery, early twentieth century improvements and 1950s imported components with local adaptations. Some machinery was designed and manufactured by Donaghy's, such as such as the gallantyne and steel 'top'.

Permit Exemptions

General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must notify the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions here.

Specific Exemptions:

General Condition 1
All exempted alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents damage to the fabric of the registered place or registered object.
General Condition 2
Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of works that original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the place or object are revealed which relate to the significance of the place or object, then the exemption covering

such works shall cease and Heritage Victoria shall be notified as soon as possible.
General Condition 3
All works should ideally be informed by Conservation Management Plans prepared for the place. The Executive Director is not bound by any Conservation Management Plan, and permits still must be obtained for works suggested in any Conservation Management Plan.
General Condition 4
Nothing in this determination prevents the Heritage Council from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions.
General Condition 5
Nothing in this determination exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the relevant responsible authority, where applicable.
Specific Permit Exemptions
Exterior
.Minor patching, repair and maintenance which replaces like with like.
.Removal of non-original items such as pipe work, ducting, wiring and making
.good in a manner that does not have a detrimental effect on the heritage fabric.
.Removal of non-original external fixtures and fittings such as hot water services
.and taps in a manner that does not have a detrimental effect on the heritage
.fabric.
Interior
.Painting of previously painted walls and ceilings provided that preparation or painting does not remove evidence of any original paint or other decorative scheme.
.Installation, removal or replacement of non-original carpets and/or flexible floor coverings, curtain tracks, rods and blinds in a manner that does not have a detrimental effect on the heritage fabric.
Installation, removal or replacement of hooks, nails and other devices for the hanging of mirrors, paintings and other wall mounted art in a manner that does not have a detrimental effect on the heritage fabric.
.Demolition or removal of non-original wall linings (including plasterboard, laminate and Masonite), non-original flush panel or part-glazed laminated doors, kitchen wall tiling and equipment, lights and built-in cupboards in a manner that does not have a detrimental effect on the heritage fabric.
.Installation, removal or replacement of bulk insulation and/or plant in the roof space in a manner that does not have a detrimental effect on the heritage fabric.
Note: The above exemptions do not apply to any registered object integral to the registered place within or attached to the building.

Theme

5. Building Victoria's industries and workforce

Construction dates	1874,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place, Registered object integral to a registered place,
Other Names	ROPE WALK, KINNEAR'S, KINNEARS, FORMER DONAGHY'S ROPE WALK, FORMER DONAGHYS ROPE WALK, DONAGHYS, DONAGHYS ROPE,
Hermes Number	4819
Property Number	

History

Donaghys Ropeworks (later known as Kinnears Ropeworks) was a huge industrial site in West Geelong. Rope was made at the factory from 1874 until 1999. The factory consisted of a 500 metre 'Rope Walk' housed within a long narrow corrugated iron shed. The long walk was used to spin, twist and weave long ropes with assistance of special machinery ('rope laying'). Modern technology and cheaper imports forced the closure of the factory and the long narrow section of the Rope Walk was demolished in 2017.

Plaque Citation

This rope walk, where long bundles of fibres were laid before being twisted into rope by the old walk method, was the longest in Victoria at the time of its construction in the 1870s. The shed dates from the early 1900s.

Assessment Against Criteria

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Extent of Registration

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

As Executive Director for the purpose of the Heritage Act 2017, I give notice under section 53 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended by modifying a place in the Heritage Register:

Number: H1169
Category: Registered Place, Registered Objects Integral to a Registered Place;
Place: Former Donaghy's Rope Walk Building (Part) and Rope-Making Machinery
Location: 95-103 Pakington Street, Geelong West
Municipality: City of Greater Geelong

All of the place shown hatched on Diagram 1169 encompassing part of Lot 1 on Plan of Subdivision 611365B and all registered objects integral to the place which are listed in the catalogue held by the Executive Director, being the sets of machinery on both the northern and southern rope walks; the dual tramlines including timber sleepers; fore gears; racks of spools/bobbins; traveller carriages; top carts; gallantyne; stake heads; timber chutes beside each walk; wooden plates with painted distances from the fore gears; control and signal ropes.

28 October 2021

STEVEN AVERY

Executive Director

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/