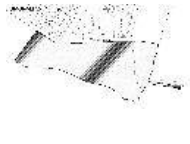


Victorian Heritage Database Report

POINT LONSDALE MARITIME AND DEFENCE PRECINCT



Location:

2 POINT LONSDALE ROAD POINT LONSDALE, QUEENSCLIFFE BOROUGH

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:

Registered

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number:

Listing Authority: HI

Heritage Overlay Number: HO84**Statement of Significance:**

What is significant?

The Point Lonsdale Maritime and Defence Precinct including all buildings, structures, objects, ruins and archaeological features and deposits related to the location's strategic role in both defence and maritime navigation and rescue. Buckley's Cave is also significant for its association with William Buckley. How is it significant?

The Point Lonsdale Maritime and Defence Precinct is of archaeological and 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. Criterion C

Potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Victoria's cultural history. Criterion D

Importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of cultural places and objects. Why is it significant?

The Point Lonsdale Maritime and Defence Precinct is significant at the State level for the following reasons:

Point Lonsdale Maritime and Defence Precinct is historically significant for the strategic role it has played in maritime navigation and rescue since the 1850s. The establishment of maritime navigational aids at Point Lonsdale was key in assisting the safe passage of vessels from Bass Strait into Port Phillip Bay. Safe passage through this stretch of water was important in the development of Melbourne as a major port. The Point Lonsdale Maritime and Defence Precinct is also historically significant its role in maritime rescue and its connections to the numerous shipwrecks that have occurred off its coast. [Criterion A] The Point Lonsdale Maritime and Defence Precinct is also significant for its associations with the military in both World War I and World War II. Its strategic location at the entry to Port Phillip Bay made it key in the defence of Victoria from potential seaborne attack. It is was one of a network of strategic defence locations around Port Phillip Bay, that also includes Point Nepean and Shortlands Bluff. [Criterion A] Buckley's Cave is significant as it is widely believed that William Buckley sheltered here. Buckley was an absconder from the 1803 camp at Sullivan Cove near Sorrento. He is a key figure in early contact between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people around Port Phillip Bay. [Criterion A] Point Lonsdale Maritime and Defence Precinct is archaeologically significant for its potential to contain archaeological remains, features and deposits relating to the location's maritime and defence history. Valuable information is likely to be yielded about the place's maritime functions throughout various eras of its operation. Information is also likely to be yielded about the lives of personnel stationed at Point Lonsdale during World War I and II. [Criterion C] The Point Lonsdale Maritime and Defence Precinct is significant as both a notable maritime precinct and a notable defence precinct. Located strategically at the dangerous entry point to Port Phillip Bay, it contains an array of buildings and other features which demonstrate maritime navigation and rescue techniques and technologies from various eras. The Lighthouse is notable for its early use of reinforced concrete. The precinct also contains examples of a range of elements associated with the defence of Port Phillip Bay during World War I and World War II. [Criterion D]

Heritage Study / Consultant	
Construction Date Range	1863 -
Architect / Designer	

Municipality	QUEENSCLIFFE BOROUGH
Other names	
Hermes number	1693
Property number	

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