CITY OF GREATER GEELONG

Victorian Heritage Database Report

Band Rotunda & Weighbridge

Location:
Newcombe Street, PORTARLINGTON VIC 3223 - Property No 256592

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:
Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Number: HO1575
Listing Authority: Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance:
Statement of Cultural Significance - B Listed

The Weighbridge was constructed on this site c1891. In 190910 the weighbridge building was replaced with the present structure built by J P Bartlett and comprised of meeting room, weighbridge office and band rotunda. Integrity is good.

It is of scient ific, socia l and historic significance to the region.

The Weighbridge, located above the jetty, was important in the economy of the region as most of the produce of Bellarine Peninsula farms was shipped from Portarlington. The Weighbridge was still in operation in 1958 and the metal plate and weighbridge mecha nism survive and are of technical interest . The octagonal two storey building above the Weighbridge was built as a Band Rotunda with an office and meeting room on the lower storey. Because of its location on an open site on the foreshore hill visible from the sea, the Rotunda is a well known building both to the local community and to summer visitors. It is especially significant in represent ing the importance of tourism in Portarl ingtons history.

It is of REGIONAL cultural significance.

References

Geelong Advertiser index 1891

Sands and McDougall directories 1907,1912,1922 and 1958

Wynd. I, 1988 Ballawein, a history of the Shire of Bellarine pp, 83,149

Description

Physical Description of Site

The structure is located on an open site on the Portarlington foreshore, opposite the Grand Hotel. The metal plate for the weighbridge is embedded in the ground on the east side of the rotunda, the.weighbridge mechanism is located in a room under the band rotunda.

The double storey, timber frame, weatherboard clad structure has an octagonal plan, an octagonal hipped roof, clad in corrugated iron, with a tall flag pole at the apex. The lower level has two door openings on the northerly elevations, and three doublehung timber frame windows.

The upper level of the band rotunda is open, without wall cladding, has a timber balustrade and posts and timber floorboards.

Heritage Study / Consultant	Greater Geelong - Bellarine Heritage Study, Huddle, Howe, Lewis and Francis, 1996
Construction Date Range	
Architect / Designer	
Municipality	GREATER GEELONG CITY
Other names	
Hermes number	21493
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