Location:
Gheringhap Street and Malop Street GEELONG, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Heritage Status / Level of Significance:
Registered

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number: H1116
Listing Authority: VHR

Heritage Overlay Number: HO111

Statement of Significance:
A Listed - State Significance

THE PUBLIC DRINKING FOUNTAIN KNOWN AS THE "BELCHER FOUNTAIN" WAS PRESENTED TO THE PEOPLE OF GEELONG IN 1874 BY THE THEN TOWN MAYOR GEORGE FREDERICK BELCHER. THE FOUNTAIN DESIGNED BY ANDREW HANDYSIDE AND CO., IS ERRECTED ON A BASALT STONE BASE WITH A CIRCULAR PLAN CAST IRON SUPERSTRUCTURE OF FIVE CORINTHIAN COLUMNS SUPPORTING A CLASSICAL ENTABLATURE ENHANCED WITH DELICATE ACRITERIA AND SURROUNDED BY AN URN AND CUPID. THE DESIGN IS DERIVED FROM THE "MONUMENT TO LYSICRATES" OF ANTIQUITY. THE STRUCTURE IS ONE OF THE FINEST CIVIC MONUMENTS IN VICTORIA AND DOMINATED THE WESTERN APPROACH TO MALOP STREET.

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Geelong Regional Commission register
Historic Buildings Council Register

REFERENCES


The diary of G. F. Belcher (1825-1909) is in the possession of the manuscript section of the Latrobe Library, Melbourne.

A search of the local newspapers of the day, may reveal more details of the origin of this sculpture.

Andrew Handyside & Co. - Works in Iron, Spon, London, 1868 for details of this work of this firm of iron founders.

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