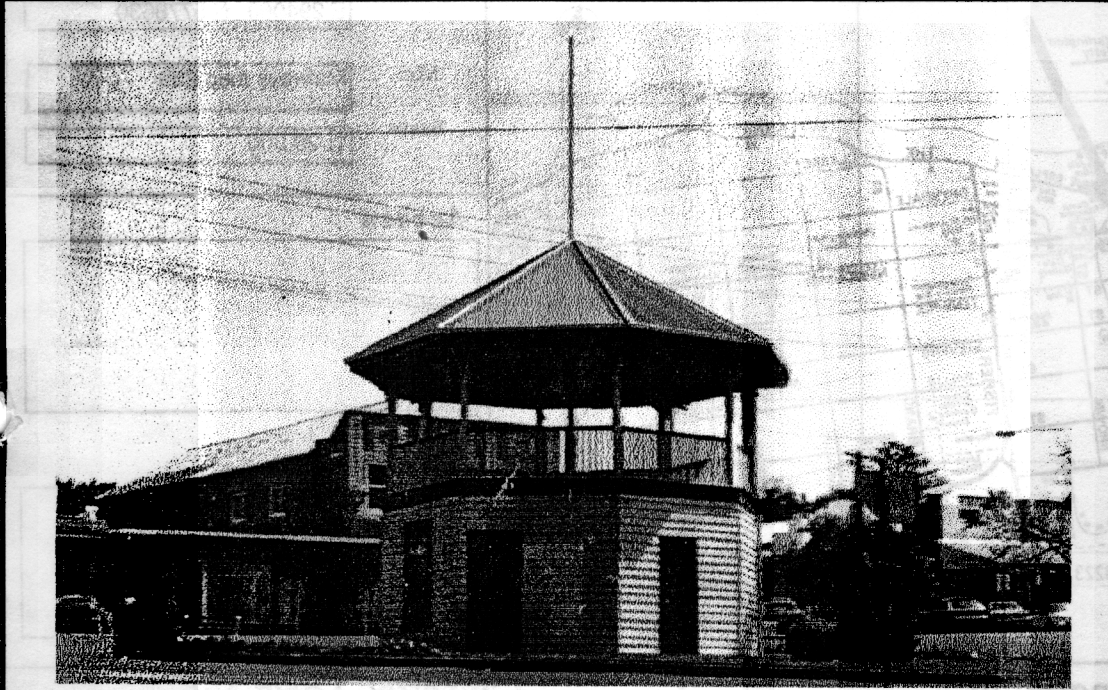


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Site Name				Page No.
Band Rotunda and weighbridge				1 of 4
Key Dates: Original		Major Changes		Existing Use/Type
c1891 and 1909		1922, 1949		Community stall



Precinct Name

Survey Date

4/12/1995

Neg. No.

5/23

Video Track No.

Recorded By

RL/KF

## Heritage Status:

CATEGORY REGISTRATION NUMBER

### National Estate:

Nominated

Registered

### Historic Buildings Register

Nominated

Registered

### National Trust Register:

### Planning Scheme:

Historical Archaeological Register :

Other:

BHS Degree of Significance

☐ A ☒ B ☐ C ☐ D

## Condition of the fabric:

☐ Excellent ☒ Good  
☐ Fair ☐ Poor  
☐ Ruinous ☐ Unexposed

## Integrity of the site:

☐ Excellent ☒ Good  
☐ Fair ☐ Poor  
☐ Partially excavated  
☐ Fully excavated

## Present Threats:

☐ Human; mining  
☐ Human; visitor erosion  
☐ Human; vandalism  
☐ Human; development  
☒ Human; conservation/maintenance  
☐ Human; stock  
☐ Natural Forces; erosion  
☐ Natural Forces; vegetation  
☐ Not threatened

## Significant Architectural Features:

☒ Original Materials  
☐ Original Chimneys  
☐ Wall Decoration  
☐ Verandah Structure  
☐ Verandah Decoration  
☐ Original Parapet  
☐ other prominent elevations

Original Roof form & finish

Original Openings doors

Original Decoration

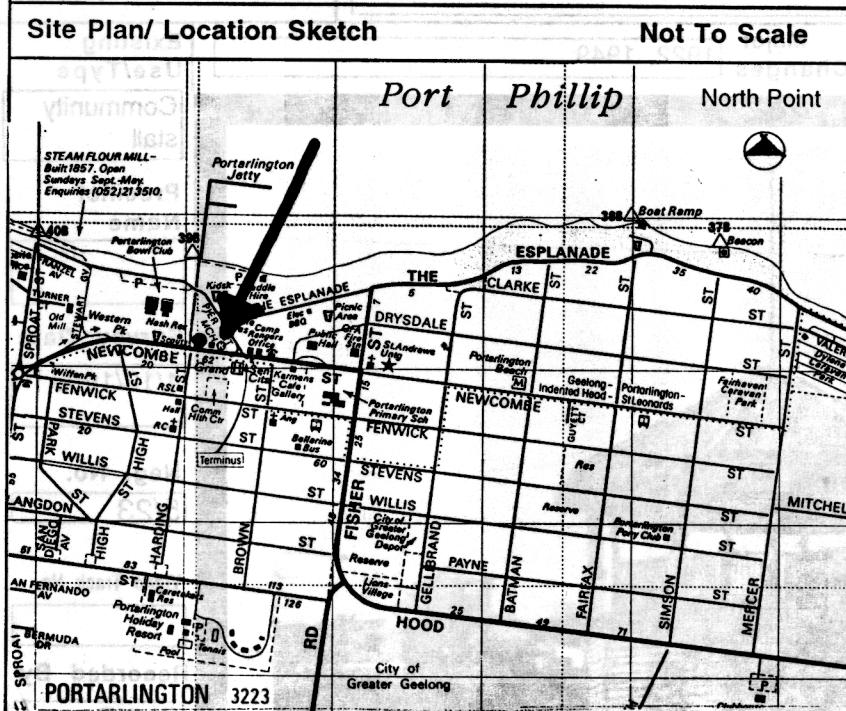
Original Finish

☐ Early Garden

☐ Early Fence

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## Australian Map Grid Co-ordinates

E 294060 N 5778630

Map Melways map 239

Scale 1: 20,000

## Access

## Informants

## Ownership:

☒ Crown

☐ Private

☐ Resident owner ☐ Occupier only

Local Govt Area

☒ City of Greater Geelong

## Cadastral Location:

County Grant

Parish Bellarine

Allotment

Block

## 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 double-hung timber frame windows.

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

## Relevant Special Interest Groups:



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## Types of Sites:

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## Historical Themes:

Early Settlement		Communities	
Maritime		Landscapes	
Tourism	tsmAmusements	The Wider World	
Workforce	wfAgricultural	Cultural Activity	caEntertaining
Townships	twnCommercial	Miscellaneous	

## History of Site/Object/Place:

The weighbridge was probably constructed in 1891 in this location as there is a reference to the "erection of the new Portarlington weighbridge expected to be completed 5. 12. 1891" in the *Geelong Advertiser* 3. 12. 1891 (1). The *Sands and McDougall directory* lists Mrs.M. Ford as the weigher in 1907 and 1912. W. Chirgwin was the weigher in 1922 and it appears that the weighbridge was still in operation in 1958.(2)

The weighbridge building was replaced in 1909/10 by a new structure comprising 'meeting room, weighbridge office and band rotunda'. The building was built by J.P. Bartlett to a design by the engineer at a cost of £97/4s/9d. The Portarlington Improvement Association used the meeting room from 1910 and the Peninsula Band used the rotunda in the 1930s.

The structure underwent repairs in 1922 and in 1949 became the foreshore camp supervisor's office. (3)

## References:

1. *Geelong Advertiser* index 1891
2. *Sands and McDougall* directories 1907,1912,1922 and 1958
3. Wynd. I, (1988) *Balla-wein, a history of the Shire of Bellarine* pp. 83,149

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## Statement of Cultural Significance:

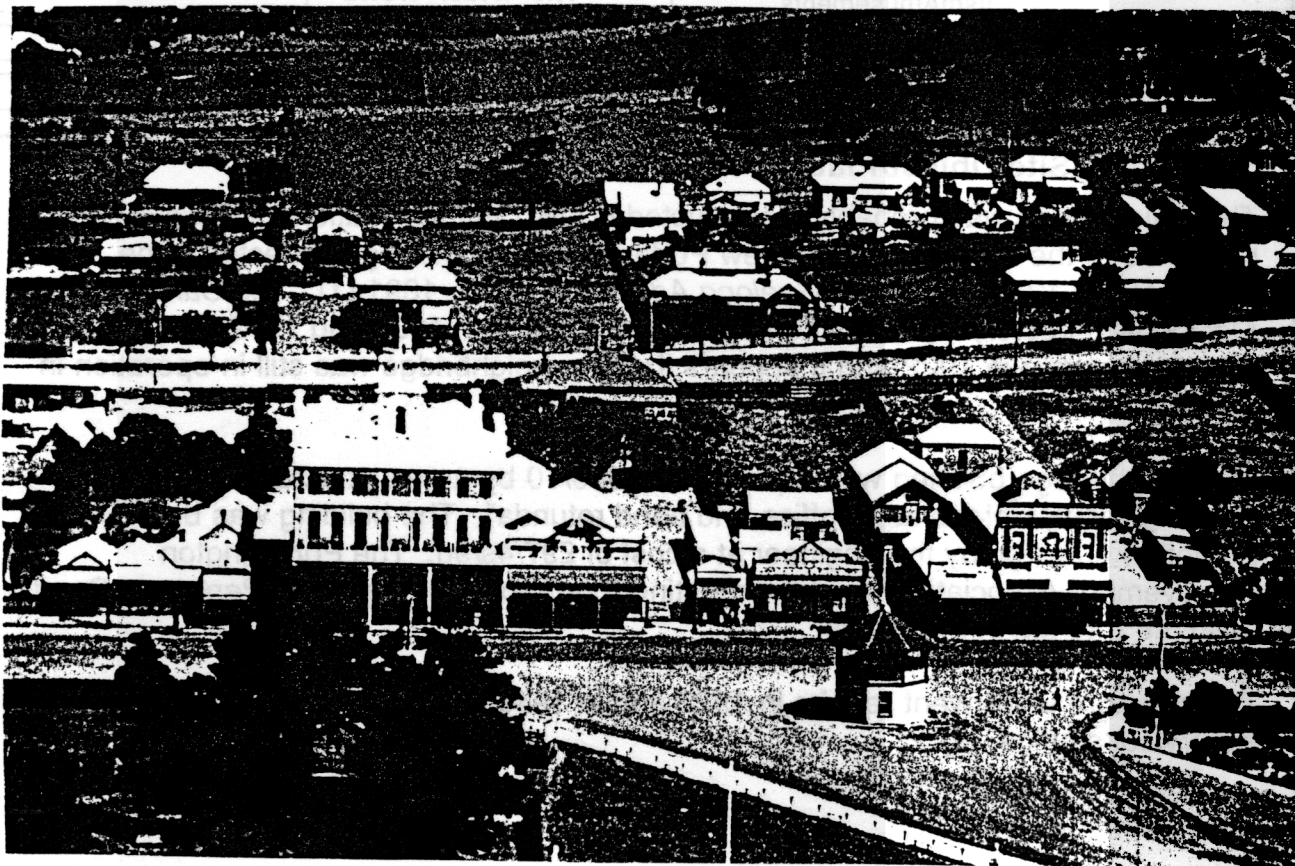
The Weighbridge was constructed on this site c1891. In 1909/10 the weighbridge building was replaced with the present structure built by J P Bartlett and comprised of meeting room, weighbridge office and band rotunda. Integrity is good.

It is of scientific, social 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 mechanism 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 representing the importance of tourism in Portarlington's history.

It is of **REGIONAL** cultural significance.

## Additional Information



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