

**GREATER GEELONG OUTER AREAS HERITAGE STUDY: STAGE 2**

ADMINISTRATIVE SHEET

<b>Existing Use/Type</b> <input style="width:100%;" type="text" value="Structure/Landscape"/>	<b>Key Dates</b> Original 1924  Major Changes 1963	<b>Site Address</b> No. <input style="width:20%;" type="text" value="210"/> Street/Site Name <input style="width:80%;" type="text" value="Ballarat Road"/>  Town/Suburb <input style="width:50%;" type="text" value="Hamlyn Heights"/> Postcode <input style="width:20%;" type="text" value="3215"/>
Survey Date <input style="width:50%;" type="text" value="02/07/1998"/>	Cons Man Plan <input style="width:50%;" type="text" value="Existing"/>	<b>Precinct Name</b> <input style="width:100%;" type="text" value="Bell Post Hill"/>
Recorded By <input style="width:80%;" type="text" value="David Rowe"/>		<b>Current Site Name</b> <input style="width:100%;" type="text" value="Bell Post Hill Service Basin &amp; Valve Station"/>



**Heritage Status**

**Register of the National Estate**  
 Database No.  File No.

**Victorian Heritage Register**

**Planning Scheme:**

**Heritage Inventory (Archaeological)**

**National Trust Register:**

**Other:**

**Recommended Heritage Listings**

- Victorian Heritage Register
- Victorian Heritage Inventory
- Register of the National Estate
- HO City of Greater Geelong

**Heritage Study Degrees of Significance**

A H C Assessment Criteria	Significance Level
Aesthetic value <input style="width:50%;" type="text" value="D.2"/>	<input style="width:50%;" type="text" value="Local"/>
Historic value <input style="width:50%;" type="text" value="A.4"/>	<input style="width:50%;" type="text" value="Regional"/>
Scientific value <input style="width:50%;" type="text" value="F.1"/>	<input style="width:50%;" type="text" value="Regional"/>
Social value <input style="width:50%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width:50%;" type="text"/>
<b>Overall Significance Level</b>	<input style="width:100%;" type="text" value="Regional"/>

**Condition of the fabric**

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Ruinous
- Unexposed

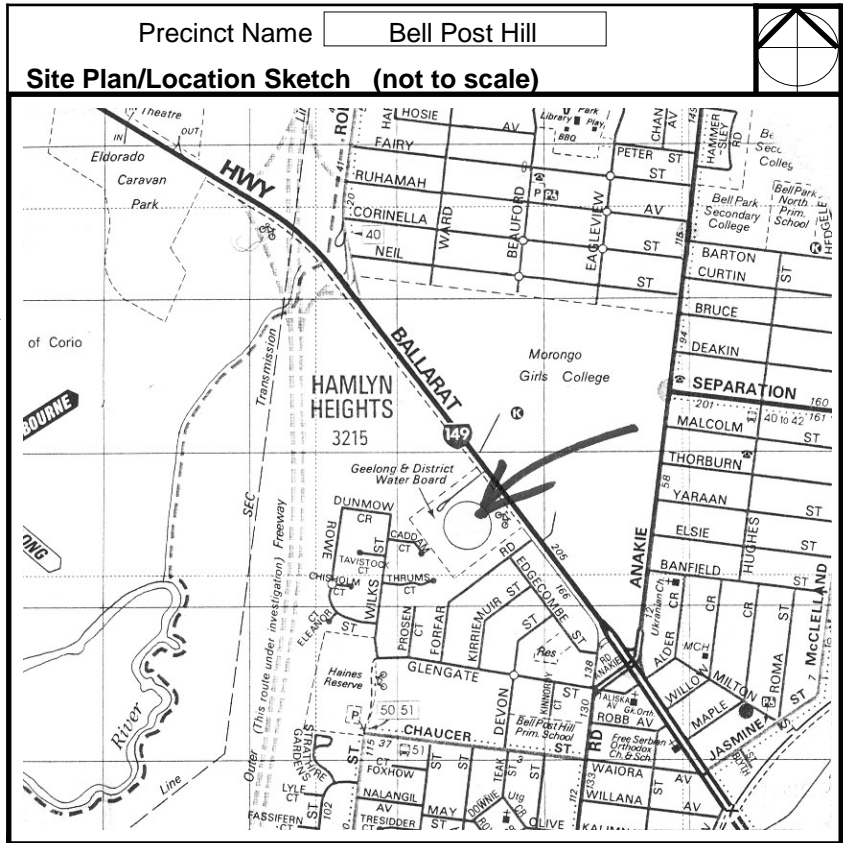
**Integrity of the site**

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Partially excavated
- Fully excavated

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TECHNICAL SHEET



**Site Address**

No.  Street/Site Name

Town/Suburb  Postcode

Site Name

**Australian Map Grid Co-ordinates**

E 265400km N 5778125km

Map

Scale

Ownership

**Cadastral Location**

County

Parish

Allotment

Block

**Types of Sites**

- |                                       |                                       |  |                                     |   |   |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> monument     | <input type="checkbox"/> recreational | <input type="checkbox"/> residential               | <input type="checkbox"/> aviation   | <input type="checkbox"/> gate               | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building |
| <input type="checkbox"/> industrial   | <input type="checkbox"/> public       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> relic/ruin | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> tree(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> religious            | <input type="checkbox"/> educational         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial   | <input type="checkbox"/> maritime                  | <input type="checkbox"/> fence      | <input type="checkbox"/> garden             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> machinery | <input type="checkbox"/> miscellaneous       |

**Historical Themes**

Heritage Study Theme	AHC Theme No.	Heritage Study Theme	AHC Theme No.
Early settlement	<input type="text"/>	Industry	<input type="text"/>
Maritime	<input type="text"/>	Community Life	<input type="text"/>
Tourism	<input type="text"/>	Urbanization	<input type="text"/>
Transport	<input type="text"/>	Landscapes	<input type="text"/>
Townships	<input type="text" value="tpsInfrastructure"/>	Miscellaneous	<input type="text"/>

**Significant Architectural Features**

- Original Materials
  - Original Chimneys
  - Wall Decoration
  - Verandah Structure
  - Verandah Decoration
  - Original Parapet
  - Other Prominent Elevations
  - Appropriate Fence
  - Early Garden
- Roof
- Openings
- Decoration
- Finish
- Stylistic Character

**Present Threats**

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

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Site Address	No.	Street/Site Name	Town/Suburb	Postcode
	210	Ballarat Road	Hamlyn Heights	3215
<b>Site Name</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Bell Post Hill Service Basin &amp; Valve</span>				
<b>Description</b>				
<p>The site at 210 Ballarat Road consists of a water basin, valve house, inlet and outlet mains and floating arm and inlet tower. The basin wall is up to 70 foot wide at its base and is 10 wide at its top. <sup>1</sup> It is constructed of 'stony material', 'selected clay' with a 'puddle clay core' and a 'concrete and mild steel cut-off shield.' <sup>1</sup></p> <p>The round valve house, located to the east of the basin, is constructed of reinforced concrete <sup>1</sup> and has a battlemented parapet at the top. It also has a smaller cylindrical battlemented section that projects above the main base. There is an early timber door and two small rectangular windows facing north and south.</p> <p>The inlet house, situated to the east of the basin, is of similar construction and design as the valve house, <sup>1</sup> although it does not have narrower cylindrical section projecting above.</p> <p>The mains extend from the valve house through the embankment to a floating arm (outlet) or the inlet tower. <sup>1</sup> The floating arm swivells from the base of the outlet main, its height being determined by floats attached to its extremity. <sup>1</sup></p> <p>The substantial pine trees within the site make an important contribution to the visual amenity of the area, and act as a screen from to the Ballarat Road.</p>				
<b>History</b>				
<p>With the creation of the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust in 1908, there soon followed developments for a larger water supply for Geelong to service the growing population. <sup>1</sup> The design of the Bell Post Hill Service Basin in 1924 and its construction in 1925-26 was the result of an attempt by the GWST to keep up with the increasing need for water. <sup>1</sup> The construction of the holding tank on Newtown Hill did not hold enough water to cope with the demand on hot days. <sup>2</sup></p> <p>The Bell Post Hill Service Basin is situated on a 12 acre site. <sup>1</sup> Its original construction was of a cut and fill type, where the rocks and clay sediments extracted from the water holding area (basin) were used to construct the basin walls (embankment). <sup>1</sup> The basin was designed to hold up to 10,734,408 gallons of water at a maximum 18 foot water depth. <sup>1</sup> Originally, there was a perimeter fence and gates constructed from reinforced concrete and strung with barbed wire. <sup>1</sup> The gates were made from wire mesh, with two strings of barbed wire along the top. <sup>1</sup> In 1963, alterations were carried out to the basin. <sup>1</sup></p>				
<b>Heritage Precinct: Significant Urban Character Features visually connected to this place</b> <i>(this section is only applicable to places in precincts)</i>				
<b>Precinct Name</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Bell Post Hill</span>				
<b>Neighbouring Buildings</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Similar Types <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Bulk/Form			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Similar Styles <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Architectural Detailing			
<b>Urban Design</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Similar Construction Dates <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Materials & Finishes			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Set Backs <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Fence Designs & Locations			
<b>Landscaping</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Historical Development <input type="checkbox"/> Original Paving			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Urban Focii <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Allotment Sizes			
<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Views <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Street Furniture				
<input type="checkbox"/> Original Kerbing				
<input type="checkbox"/> Treelines <input type="checkbox"/> Public Gardens <input type="checkbox"/> Median Strips <input type="checkbox"/> Nature Strips				

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SIGNIFICANCE SHEET

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			<b>Site Name</b>	Bell Post Hill Service Basin & Valve

**Comparative Listings**

**Statement of Cultural Significance**

The substantial cypress trees within the Bell Post Hill Service Basin site at 210 Ballarat Road are *aesthetically* significant at a **LOCAL** level. They contribute to the visual amenity of the area.

The Bell Post Hill Service Basin site at 210 Ballarat Road is *historically* significant at a **REGIONAL** level. It is associated with the further development and expansion of Geelong's water supply by the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust in the 1920s.

The Bell Post Hill Service Basin at 210 Ballarat Road is *scientifically* significant at a **REGIONAL** level. It illustrates the technological processes involved in water storage of the 1920s, and contributes to a wider understanding of the history of Geelong's water supply during the interwar period.

Overall, the Bell Post Hill Service Basin at 210 Ballarat Road is of **REGIONAL** significance.

**References**

1. Austral Heritage Consultants, 'An Archaeological Survey of the Bell Post Hill Service Basin'.
2. Wynd, *So Fine A Country: The History of the Shire of Corio*, p.35.

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