


GREATER GEELONG OUTER AREAS HERITAGE STUDY: STAGE 2

ADMINISTRATIVE SHEET

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TECHNICAL SHEET

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| <input type="checkbox"/> agricultural | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> maritime | <input type="checkbox"/> fence | <input type="checkbox"/> garden | <input type="checkbox"/> machinery | <input type="checkbox"/> miscellaneous |

Historical Themes

Heritage Study Theme	AHC Theme No.	Heritage Study Theme	AHC Theme No.
Early settlement	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>	Industry	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
Maritime	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>	Community Life	<input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>
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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
	Adj. 51	Hitchcock Ave	Barwon Heads	3227
			Site Name	Post Box

Description

The Post Box is of the circular column type with an ogee shaped roof capped by a crown. It has a slightly projecting band and a large low door with a handle comprising a fist clutching a rod. The receiving mail opening is above the projecting band.

History

Letterboxes, formerly known as 'pillar boxes' were common in Europe from the early eighteenth century, but not widely used in England until the 1850s. Melbourne established a postal service in 1837 and the first timber post boxes were erected by 1844. Locally made cast-iron post boxes were being erected in Melbourne from the 1860s. There were three main styles of cast-iron post boxes manufactured between the 1860s and 1920, of which only about 200 remain.

The Barwon Heads post box is of the circular column design. The first type of circular column design boxes feature two bands of embossed rosettes and a low small door and a fist clutching a rod as the handle. These type of boxes were popular between 1860 and 1875. The type at Barwon Heads, with its plain band and large door opening, were most numerous and common between 1890-1920.

This post box at Barwon Heads was installed by the Post Office operator, Mr Bates, in c.1983. It was apparently acquired from an Australia Post stockpile of early post boxes as part of the redevelopment of Hitchcock Avenue known as the "Village by the Sea".

Heritage Precinct: Significant Urban Character Features visually connected to this place
(this section is only applicable to places in precincts)

Precinct Name

Neighbouring Buildings	<input type="checkbox"/> Similar Types <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Bulk/Form <input type="checkbox"/> Similar Styles <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Architectural Detailing <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	
Urban Design	<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	
Landscaping	<input type="checkbox"/> Treelines <input type="checkbox"/> Public Gardens <input type="checkbox"/> Median Strips <input type="checkbox"/> Nature Strips	

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Adj. 51

Hitchcock Ave

Barwon Heads

3227

Site Name

Post Box

Comparative Listings

Statement of Cultural Significance

The Post Box, adjacent to 51 Hitchcock Avenue, Barwon Heads, is *aesthetically* and *historically* significant at a **LOCAL** level. Although relocated to its current location in more recent times (c.1983), the circular column design with ogee shaped roof capped by a crown, banding and large door opening with an interesting handle (fist clutching a rod), is reflective of the common post boxes in Victoria between 1890 and 1920. These post boxes are now largely out of service and few remain as working post boxes.

Overall, the Post Box, adjacent to 51 Hitchcock Avenue, Barwon Heads, is of **LOCAL** significance.

References

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Telephone interview by Susie Zada with Richard Lewis (current Post Office operator), November 2002.

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