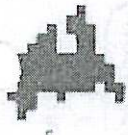


HISTORIC PLACES DOCUMENTATION SHEET



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PLACE NAME: THE BREAKWATER

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: CITY OF GEELONG

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY (References)

STYLE OR PERIOD: Engineering Structure

ARCHITECT(S)/DESIGN ORIGIN: David Lennox, Superintendent of Bridges Port Phillip District of New South Wales.
Reference: A.D.B. Vol.2 (1788-1850) pp. 106-107

BUILDER: Reference: A.D.B. Vol.2 (1788-1850) pp. 106-107

PRINCIPAL ARTISANS/ARTISTS/TRADES Reference:

TENDER NOTICE: Reference:

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION: 1845-1848
Reference: Geelong Advertiser, 16th September 1844, 19th March 1945, 22th February 1848.

ESTIMATE/CONTRACT VALUE

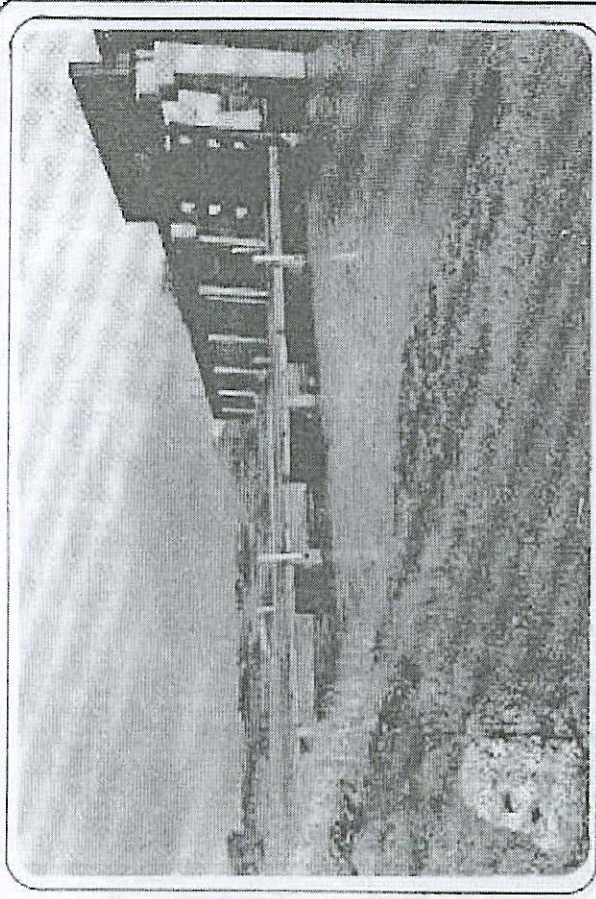
SUBSEQUENT WORKS/ALTERATIONS/ADDITIONS

The breakwater, originally constructed in 1845 was extensively remodelled in 1848, and in recent times was converted to a roadway bridge.

ORIGINAL OWNER(S)/OCCUPANT(S): N.S.W. Government

SUBSEQUENT SIGNIFICANT OWNERS/OCCUPANTS

OTHER NOTES



NEGATIVE FILE:

Australian Heritage Commission Register of National Estate

National Trust of Aust (Vic) Classified/Recorded File No.

Historic Buildings Preservation Council Register No. File No.

Geelong Regional Commission Register No. 54

IDENTIFICATION DATA

PLACE NAME: The Breakwater,
ADDRESS: Over the Barwon River, Breakwater

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: City of Geelong
TITLE INFORMATION

MAP REFERENCE

PRESENT USE: Road Bridge
PRESENT OWNER/LESSEE: City of Geelong
ADDRESS: TELEPHONE

PLACE NAME THE BREAKWATER
 LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA CITY OF GEELONG

DOCUMENTATION REFERENCES AND BIOGRAPHIC NOTES

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CITATION

The breakwater on the River Barwon at Geelong was erected in 1845 and modified in 1848 to the design of the New South Wales Superintendent of Bridges for Fort Phillip, David Lennox.

The breakwater, of brick and bluestone construction was located to prevent tidal interference with the fresh water supply from the Barwon River to the infant Geelong township. The structure largely became redundant in 1874 when a permanent water supply system was established for Geelong. The breakwater was later adopted as a road bridge. The structure is a permanent link with the early years of development at Corio Bay and the Barwon River.

SIGNIFICANCE OF PLACE

- Its creative and/or technical accomplishment.
- Its demonstration of a way of life, custom, process or function no longer practised.
- Its danger of being lost or of exceptional interest.
- Its strong association with an important figure or figures, development, or cultural phase.
- Its townscape and/or landscape value.
- Its scarcity value.

SIGNIFICANCE

- LOCAL REGIONAL STATE NATIONAL WORLD

CONDITION

- EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATED RUINS

INTEGRITY

- HIGH LOW ALTERED DAMAGED

RECOMMENDATIONS: PROTECTIVE MEASURES

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