

BELLARINE HERITAGE STUDY RECORD SHEET

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fmr Mineral Springs Spa Complex				1 of 4

Key Dates: Original Major Changes

Existing Use/Type
Foreshore recreation, walking etc

Precinct Name

Survey Date

Neg. No.

Video Track No.

Recorded By



Heritage Status:

CATEGORY	REGISTRATION NUMBER
National Estate:	
Nominated	<input type="text"/>
Registered	<input type="text"/>
Historic Buildings Register	
Nominated	<input type="text"/>
Registered	<input type="text"/>
National Trust Register:	
	<input type="text"/>
Planning Scheme:	<input type="text"/>
Historical Archaeological Register :	
H 7821-048	<input type="text"/>
Other:	<input type="text"/>
BHS Degree of Significance	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	

Condition of the fabric:

<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good
<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruinous	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed

Integrity of the site:

<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good
<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor
<input type="checkbox"/> Partially excavated	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fully excavated	

Present Threats:

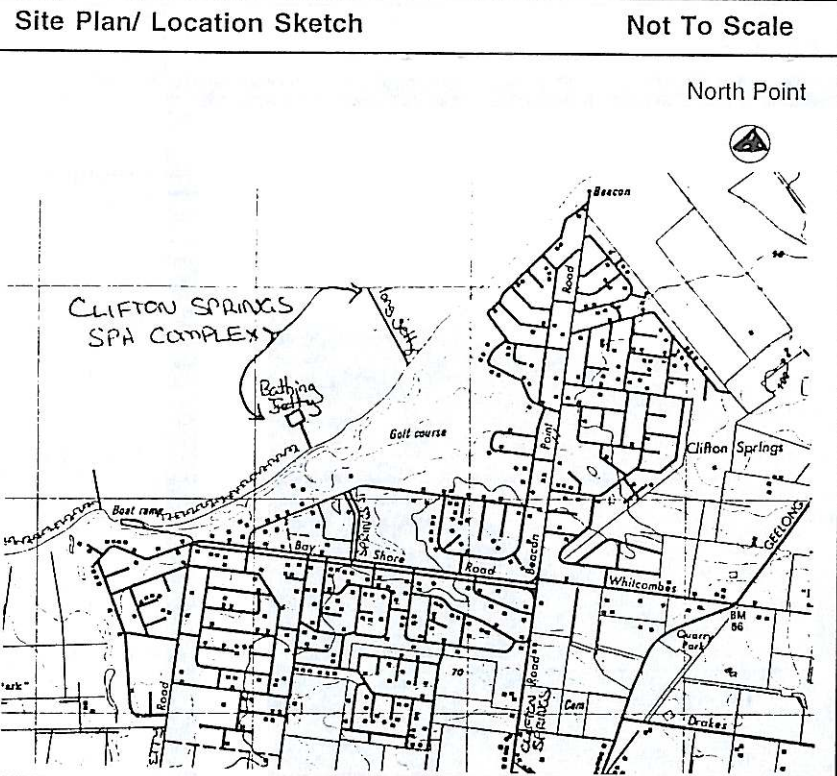
<input type="checkbox"/> Human; mining
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human; visitor erosion
<input type="checkbox"/> Human; vandalism
<input type="checkbox"/> Human; development
<input type="checkbox"/> Human; conservation/maintenance
<input type="checkbox"/> Human; stock
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural Forces; erosion
<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Forces; vegetation
<input type="checkbox"/> Not threatened

Significant Architectural Features:

<input type="checkbox"/> Original Materials	Original Roof <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Original Chimneys	Original Openings <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Wall Decoration	Original Decoration <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Verandah Structure	Original Finish <input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Verandah Decoration	<input type="checkbox"/> Early Garden
<input type="checkbox"/> Original Parapet	<input type="checkbox"/> Early Fence
<input type="checkbox"/> other prominent elevations	

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Australian Map Grid Co-ordinates

<input type="text" value="E286500"/>	<input type="text" value="N5774400"/>
Map	<input type="text" value="DSM Drysdale 7821-4-3"/>
Scale	<input type="text" value="1: 25,000"/>

Access

Informants

Ownership:

Crown Private

Resident owner Occupier only

Local Govt Area City of Greater Geelong

Cadastral Location:

County

Parish

Allotment

Block

Physical Description of Site:

Site consists of one Bay Steamer jetty (uprights only), one bathing jetty (uprights only), two railway iron jetties (uprights only), foundations (timber, metal, brick, ceramic), of several buildings relating to the Spa Complex. Foreshore rock has also been cut for pipes to be lain. The springs are still functioning.

In the second dell area, towards the long jetty, part of the first 9 hole golf course was laid. A sand green was located on a flat area of beach.

Site can be accessed from Bay Shore Road (off both Jetty Road and Clifton Springs Road/Beacon Point Road). Turn north into Springs Street, and continue north along dirt track between the Bowls Club and 'The Springs', to a gateway for 'The Dell'. Descend track to reserve. Remains visible along the beach.

Check Melways Reference Map No. 238. Co-ordinates B4, D3, E3, F3, F2 (Length of foreshore). Main site covers approximately 900 metres of foreshore from Bathing Jetty to Bay Steamer Jetty (extreme eastern edge of area).

Relevant Special Interest Groups:

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Types of Sites:

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

Historical Themes:

Early Settlement	<input type="text"/>	Communities	cmHealth
Maritime	mmBeaches	Landscapes	dscRecreational
Tourism	Tourist attraction	The Wider World	wwGeelong/Melbourne/Q
Workforce	wfManufacturing	Cultural Activity	caRecreation
Townships	<input type="text"/>	Miscellaneous	<input type="text"/>

History of Site/Object/Place:

Spa Resort of Corio Bay. Pre 1870 mineral springs were discovered at the beach. Mr Thomas Bates' property at Clifton. An esplanade was constructed, and subsequently pump rooms, baths (sulphur baths and saltwater bay baths), and a hotel above the beach were constructed. A boiler house, kiosk and bottling plant were also established. The Clifton Mineral Springs Company, Drysdale (Ltd) c.1880.

References:

Richardson John, *Clifton Springs*, Bellarine Historical Society 1978

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Statement of Cultural Significance:

The Clifton Springs Mineral Spa complex was established in the early 1870s, and arose from the discovery of mineral springs along the foreshore. Up to eight springs were noted along the foreshore. The site currently consists of one bay steamer jetty or the Long Jetty (uprights only), one bathing jetty (uprights only), two railway iron jetties (uprights only), foundations (timber, metal, brick, ceramic) of several buildings relating to the spa complex located along and partly buried within the foreshore sand.

The site has the potential for a wealth of Maritime and Historical archaeological information, and therefore has scientific significance. As a site of economic enterprise as well as a tourist destination and source of economic and residential growth for this part of the Bellarine Peninsula, then the Clifton Spring Mineral Spa Complex has both social and historical significance. This site is also the only "sea-side" mineral spring resort which has operated in Victoria - the others having been located around Daylesford, Hepburn etc.

It is of STATE cultural significance.

Additional Information

