

BELLARINE HERITAGE STUDY RECORD SHEET

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fmr Mineral Springs Spa Complex				1 of 4

Key Dates:	Original	c1880s	Major Changes	
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Existing Use/Type
Foreshore recreation, walking etc

Precinct Name

Survey Date
20.3.96

Neg. No.

Video Track No.

Recorded By
FW



Heritage Status:

CATEGORY REGISTRATION NUMBER

National Estate:

Nominated ☐

Registered ☐ ☐

Historic Buildings Register

Nominated ☐

Registered ☐ ☐

National Trust Register:

☐ ☐

Planning Scheme:

☐ ☐

Historical Archaeological Register :

H 7821-048

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

Original Openings

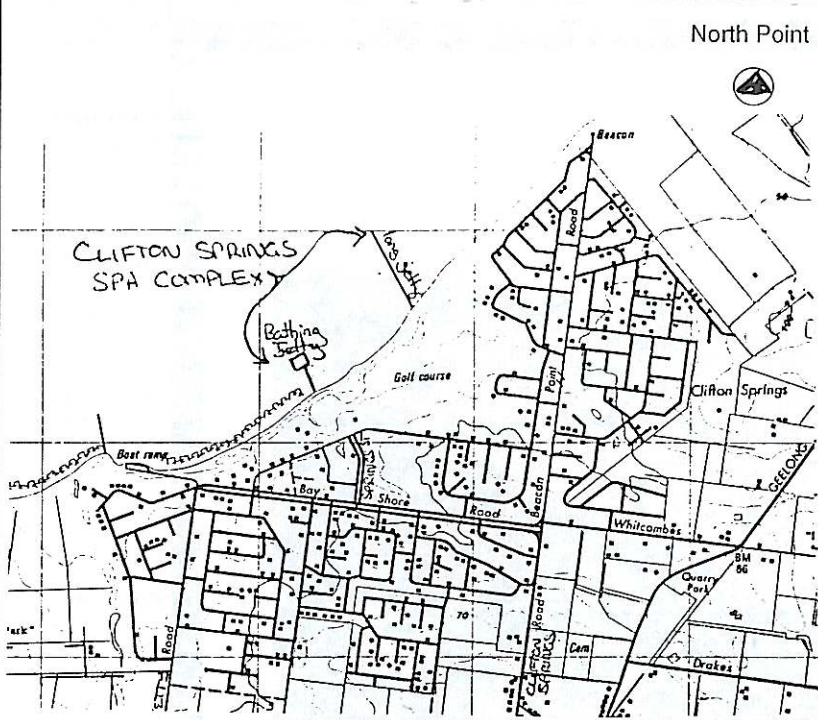
Original Decoration

Original Finish

☐ Early Garden

☐ Early Fence

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Site Plan/ Location Sketch Not To Scale		Australian Map Grid Co-ordinates <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">E286500 N5774400</div> Map <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">DSM Drysdale 7821-4-3</div> Scale <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">1: 25,000</div>
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Ownership: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crown</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Private</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Resident owner</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Occupier only</div> </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> Local Govt Area <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> City of Greater Geelong</div> </div>		Cadastral Location: County <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Grant</div> Parish <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Bellarine</div> Allotment <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div> Block <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div>
Physical Description of Site: <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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).</p>		
Relevant Special Interest Groups: Maritime Heritage Unit (Heritage Victoria)		

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Types of Sites:

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<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 Maritime Tourism Workforce Townships	Communities Landscapes The Wider World Cultural Activity Miscellaneous
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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

