

BELLARINE HERITAGE STUDY RECORD SHEET

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Address	not applicable	Leopold/Drysdale/Ocean Grove/Queenscliff		126
Site Name	Geelong-Queenscliff Railway			Page No.
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Key Dates: Original Major Changes

Existing Use/Type

Railway

Precinct Name

Survey Date

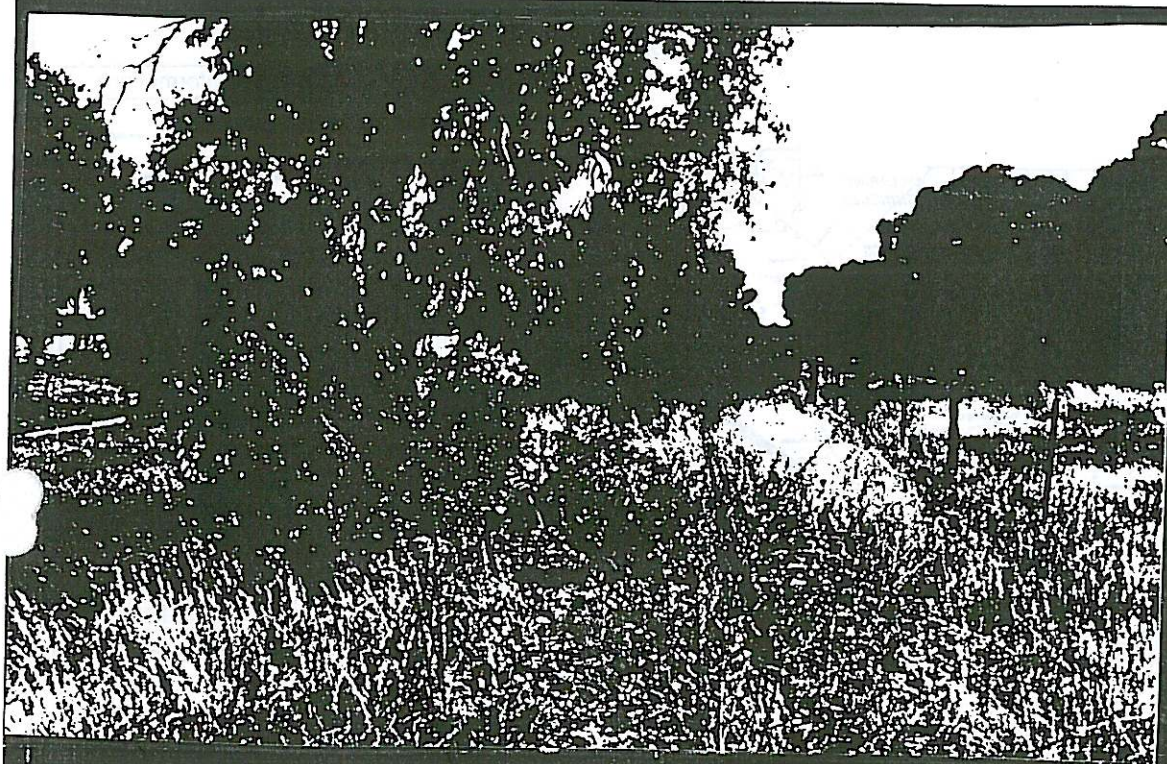
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Neg. No.

Video Track No.

Recorded By

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Heritage Status:

CATEGORY REGISTRATION NUMBER

National Estate:

Nominated

Registered

Historic Buildings Register

Nominated

Registered

National Trust Register:

Planning Scheme:

Historical Archaeological Register :

H 7721-032

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

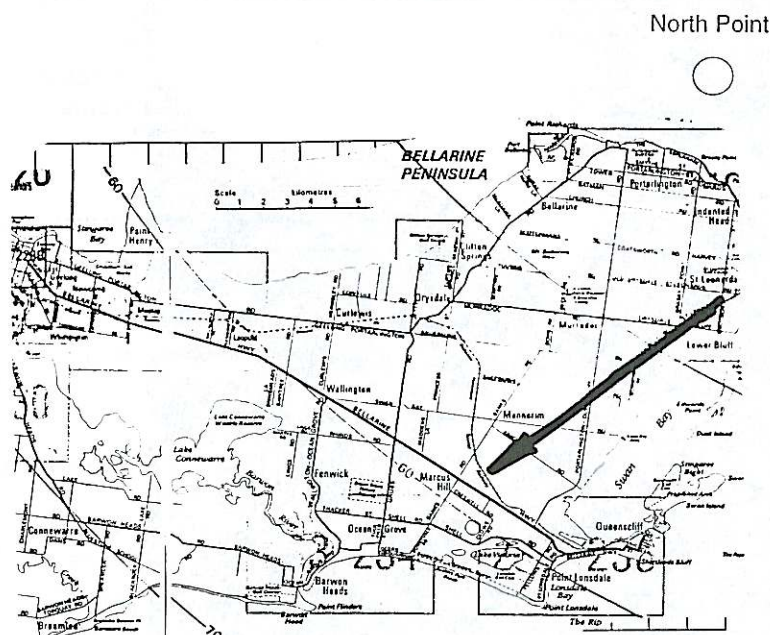
☐ Early Fence

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Site Plan/ Location Sketch

Not To Scale



Australian Map Grid Co-ordinates

(See additional information)

Map

Scale

1: 25,000

Access

Unrestricted most places

Informants

Geelong Steam Preservation Society 'Bellarine Peninsula Railway. Brief History and Guide Book' 1988

Ownership:

☒ Crown

☐ Private

☐ Resident owner ☐ Occupier only

Local Govt Area

☒ City of Greater Geelong

Cadastral Location:

County

Grant

Parish

Moolap, Bellarine, Paywit

Allotment

Block

Physical Description of Site:

Majority of alignment between South Geelong and Drysdale is intact with timber sleepers and railway tracks still present, although overgrown in many places. Closer to Geelong (ie in the suburbs), timber and iron have been removed although mounded alignment extant. Line between Drysdale and Queenscliff taken over by the Geelong Steam Preservation Society for the Bellarine Peninsula Railway in 1978. The line was regauged from Victoria gauge (5'3") to narrow gauge (3'6") compatible with the GSPS rolling stock.

Condition: Fair-good

Integrity: Some removed. Some intact. Majority-altered sympathetically.

Present threats: Possible walking track establishment along/on alignment of disused section.

Directions for relocation

The alignment is easily found by driving down any of the north-south roads which cross it. The map is a good coverage map of the route and shows the currently disused part of the route (approximately half the original distance). Map source: Melways Street Directory

Relevant Special Interest Groups:

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Types of Sites:

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

Historical Themes:

Early Settlement	esLand Transport	Communities	
Maritime		Landscapes	
Tourism	tsmPost WW2	The Wider World	wwCommunication
Workforce		Cultural Activity	caRecreation
Townships	twmCommercial	Miscellaneous	Public transport

History of Site/Object/Place:

The history of the railway line use consisted of military, passenger and goods transportation with fluctuating importance between 1879 and 1976.

Built in 1879, the Victorian Railways branch line from South Geelong to Queenscliff was built to service Fort Queenscliff '... so that Australia could be better defended'. Messers Topham, Angus and Smith won contract for £58,997 for 21 miles. '... Men and materials could now be concentrated at Queenscliff from Melbourne in 90 minutes, for the defence of the Port'. The line closed due to poor paying capacity etc in 1976.

References:

Geelong Steam Preservation Society *Bellarine Peninsula Railway. Brief History and Guide Book* 1988

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Statement of Cultural Significance:

The Geelong - Queenscliff railway line was constructed in 1879 as a Victorian Railways branch line between South Geelong and Queenscliff. It was built to service Fort Queenscliff. Between 1879 and 1976, railway use fluctuated in importance but consisted of military and passenger, with goods transportation having been the predominant use. In 1976, the railway line closed due to poor paying capacity, amongst other reasons.

The Geelong - Queenscliff railway line spans the entire Bellarine Peninsula. This complex has been recorded as an Historical Archaeological site, and along its length were several railway stations or sidings established at various times which met the needs of their respective communities.

The majority of the alignment between South Geelong and Drysdale is intact with timber sleepers and iron rails still present, although overgrown in many places with grass or bush. Closer to Geelong (i.e. in the suburbs) timber and iron have been removed although the mounded alignment is extant. The line between Drysdale and Queenscliff was taken over by the Geelong Steam Preservation Society, for the Bellarine Peninsula Railway in 1978. The Geelong - Queenscliff Railway line has social and historical significance.

It is of **STATE** cultural significance.

Additional Information

No Site Location Australian Map Grid co-ordinates are listed because the site goes across four maps.

Map name: Leopold (7721-1 SE)
 Drysdale (7821-4-3)
 Ocean Grove (7821-3-4)
 Queenscliff (7821-3-1)