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# WESTERN BEACH SEAWALL & LAND RECLAMATION PHASE 1-4

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## Location

WESTERN BEACH FORESHORE ROAD GEELONG, GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

## Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7721-0171

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

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Heritage Study/Consultant

Heritage Victoria - Maritime Infrastructure Assessment Project, Heritage Victoria, 2005;

The land is now occupied by a car park, and the western wall is visible in the course of the promenade at the western end.

Interpretation of Site

The blaths site possibly lies under the current Western Beach Carpark and possibly extends up to 20m past the seawall into the bay. Most of the site is probably buried under seawall reclamation.

Other Names

WESTERN BEACH SEAWALL #1, GEELONG PUBLIC BATHING HOUSE, JACKSON AND RAYS BATHS,

Hermes Number

111464

Property Number

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## History

**Phase #1:** The first phase of land reclamation west of Cunningham Pier sometime before 1893 and until as late as 1897, when Seawall #1 was probably built to act as a promenade to the Western Beach Baths, and to provide additional land for the GHT (Downes, 1893; G288).

**Phase #2:** The area of land reclamation was extended further west sometime after 1897 (G288, when a second seawall (#2) was built from the Western extremity of Seawall #1 extending to the Western Beach Gents Baths (western end of the Lew Marine site), where it is shown in 1927 (G347) as terminating at the eastern edge of the bath's swimming pool structure.

**Phase #3:** Sometime after 1927 (G347), the wall was again extended past the extant baths, to the current site of the north eastern corner of the Western Beach Boat Club, where it cut diagonally across the current site to the foreshore near where the current clubhouse now stands.

**Phase #4:** Further land reclamation was undertaken sometime around the late 1950s, when the rest of the current Western Beach Boat Club site was filled, leaving the current boathouse landlocked, whereas it had formerly been set over the water. The site had been leased after the Corio Bay Rowing Club moved back to the Barwon River, and was filled to provide further boat hard storage space (Ethyll, 2004:1).

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