

DUCK PONDS LIME KILNS/ LIMEBURNERS BAY

Location

FORESHORE ROAD CORIO, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7721-0131

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

Last updated on - April 19, 2004

This site is historically significant as it represents one of the earliest industries in Geelong.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Heritage Victoria - Maritime Infrastructure Assessment Project, Heritage Victoria, 2005;
Interpretation of Site	No evidence of the former lime kilns in this area was seen, but could exist under the sandy foreshore, roadway or adjacent hillocks. The sand in this area is known to be highly mobile, especially along the shoreline (Parkinson, pers comms)
Hermes Number	111783
Property Number	

History

Lime burning was also undertaken at the Duck Ponds, which in 1875 was producing superior quality lime to that at Limeburners Point. Tests showed that the Duck Ponds lime retained its supportive qualities in wet conditions, whereas the Point lime fell apart. The Duck Ponds were run by the Melbourne Builders Lime and Cement Company (Brownhill, 1990: 402, 403). The Duck Ponds are labelled in Henry's 1864 chart of Geelong near the current location of the Geelong Grammar School foreshore near the southern end of Biddlecombe Road (CS29).

The area inside Limeburners Bay requires further investigation to determine whether further lime burning was undertaken inside the bay.

Limeburners Point was originally known as Galena Point, with the original name Limeburners Point being allocated to the entrance of what is now known as Limeburners Bay (in the 1950s called Limeburners Creek, entrance to the Duck Ponds) (Brownhill, 1990:406).

This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.

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