

WORLD WAR II COMPLEX, CAPE NELSON RD, PORTLAND WEST

Location

CAPE NELSON ROAD PORTLAND, GLENELG SHIRE

Municipality

GLENELG SHIRE

Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7221-0298

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Interpretation of Site	U-shape structure is a military look-out dating from WWII. Gun-mount & tunnel are also related to WWII and used by U.S. troops. Area is now closed off as quarantine/quarry area.
Archaeological Significance	Condition of the site is unknown, however, if it hasn't been disturbed since its last inspection by Debney and Celealovic (2001) it has potential for artefacts to be in situ dating to WWII (1940s).
Historical Significance	It has high historical vlaue as it relates to Australia's involvement during WWII.
Hermes Number	12692
Property Number	

History

US Airforce used property as a basecamp & radar station to monitor marine activities during the event of a feared Japanese invasion and to transmitt messages. Base camp is in present location of Pedolie House - which is built on the original slab where the lookout and gun mount was built. Australian military decided Japanese invasion would not occur and the structures were pulled down or abandoned.

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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