
Geelong-Queenscliff Railway Line between Sth Geelong and Point Lonsdale - 5 metres either side of the centre of railway Geelong-Queenscliff Railway Line

Location

Geelong-Queenscliff Railway Line, South Geelong to Point Lonsdale

Municipality

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1561

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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STATEMENT OF 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 a Historic Architectural site, and along its length were several railway stations or sidings established at various times which met the needs of their respective communities.

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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.

REFERENCES:

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

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Bellarine Heritage Study, Huddle, Howe, Lewis and Francis, 1996;
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	15183
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Physical Description 1

DESCRIPTION

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Condition: Fair-good

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

Present threats: Possible walking track established along/on alignment or 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

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