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# Former Barwon Water Bell Post Hill Service Basin Trees & Valve House

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## Location

210 Ballarat Road, HAMLYN HEIGHTS VIC 3215 - Property No 272602

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1720

## Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

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## Statement of Significance

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The substantial cypress trees within the Bell Post Hill Service Basin site at 210 Ballarat Road are aesthetically significant at a LOCAL level. They contribute to the visual amenity of the area. The Bell Post Hill Service Basin site at 210 Ballarat Road is historically significant at a REGIONAL level. It is associated with the further development and expansion of Geelong's water supply by the Geelong Waterworks and Sewerage Trust in the 1920s. The Bell Post Hill Service Basin at 210 Ballarat Road is scientifically significant at a REGIONAL level. It illustrates the technological processes involved in water storage of the 1920s, and contributes to a wider understanding of the history of Geelong's water supply during the interwar period. Overall, the Bell Post Hill Service Basin at 210 Ballarat Road is of REGIONAL significance.

## References

1. Austral Heritage Consultants, An Archaeological Survey of the Bell Post Hill Service Basin.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Greater Geelong - Greater Geelong Outer Areas Heritage Study Volumes 1, 2 & 4, Authentic Heritage Services Pty Ltd, 2000;
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## Physical Description 1

The site at 210 Ballarat Road consists of a water basin, valve house, inlet and outlet mains and floating arm and inlet tower. The basin wall is up to 70 foot wide at its base and is 10 wide at its top. It is constructed of stony material, selected clay with a puddle clay core and a concrete and mild steel cutoff shield. The round valve house, located to the east of the basin, is constructed of reinforced concrete 1 and has a battlemented parapet at the top. It also has a smaller cylindrical battlemented section that projects above the main base. There is an early timber door and two small rectangular windows facing north and south. The inlet house, situated to the east of the basin, is of similar construction and design as the valve house, although it does not have narrower cylindrical section projecting above. The mains extend from the valve house through the embankment to a floating arm outlet or the inlet tower. The floating arm swivels from the base of the outlet main, its height being determined by floats attached to its extremity. The substantial pine trees within the site make an important contribution to the visual amenity of the area, and act as a screen from to the Ballarat Road.

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