
5 metres either side of the centre of railway Council Railtrail Geelong-Queenscliff Railway Line

Location

Geelong-Queenscliff Railway Line, South Geelong to Point Lonsdale - Property No 313354

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 - BELLARINE HERITAGE STUDY RECORD SHEET NO 126.

The Geelong-Queenscliff railway 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 used 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 spans the entire Bellarine Peninsula. This complex has been recorded as an Historical Archaeological 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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It is of STATE cultural significance.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: No SITE LOCATION Australian Map Grid co-ordinates are listed because the site goes across four maps

REFERENCE:

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

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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Condition - Fair-Good

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

Present threats - Possible walking track establishment along/on alignment of 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.

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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