
Flinders Heritage Area

Location

Flinders Heritage Area

Municipality

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO1649

Heritage Listing

Greater Geelong City

Statement of Significance

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What is significant?

The precinct is significant for its seaside character, formed by the strong visual connections with the Barwon River, ocean, bridge, jetties and with the Barwon Heads Park and Frank Ellis Reserve (with several tea trees and some exotic cypress trees). The precinct also has a combination of large, medium and small scale Late Victorian, Edwardian, Federation and interwar Bungalow houses. The area has a high, notable proportion of intact, detached, single and double storey horizontal weatherboard houses in good condition. The precinct also has substantial front and side setbacks, rear and/or side vehicular access, and two narrow gravel pedestrian lanes off Flinders Parade. The area is also characterised by the pitched gabled and/or hipped roofs adorned with early chimneys. The seaside character is further enhanced by the combination of early short span concrete kerbing and paving, and/or the gravel verges and no concrete paving, grassed nature strips, open drains and at least one gravel road, which make the precinct particularly visually diverse yet distinctive.

Historically, the area has a close association with the earliest urban developments in Barwon Heads from the latter 19th century, including the Barwon Heads Hotel site (formerly the Coffee Palace in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries) and particularly with the Flinders Estate subdivision of 1887, and the Barwon Heads Estate Company subdivisions of 1891 and 1901. The precinct is also notable for its strong associations with several prominent citizens of Geelong and the Western District, whose seaside homes reflect the growth of Barwon Heads as a tourist/holiday destination from the late nineteenth century. The small numbers of former boat sheds within the precinct are also an important legacy of Barwon Heads as a holiday resort from the turn of the century.

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