

MORNINGTON PIER

Location

SCHNAPPER POINT DRIVE MORNINGTON, MORNINGTON PENINSULA SHIRE

Municipality

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Level of significance

Heritage Inventory Site

Heritage Inventory (HI) Number

H7921-0110

Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Inventory

Statement of Significance

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The Mornington Pier is of local historical, social and archaeological significance. The pier has been influential in shaping the development of Mornington and is historically important for its association with bay trade during the mid 19th century. The pier is of local social significance for its continuing association with passive recreational activities including promenading and angling. There is some potential for archaeological deposits to be located on the seafloor adjacent to the existing pier and areas where additions were once located, for example, the area of the former "L"-shaped extension.

Interpretation of Site	The jetty first dates from the middle nineteenth century. Various changes have taken place to the structure over time resulting in the pier taking on its current form. It comprises of three sections: bluestone breakwater, 1870's timber pile extension and 1940's timber pile extension.
Hermes Number	34585

History

The heritage overlay for the pier includes the section that is no longer extant which used to kick out in an 'L' shape seaward in the late 19th century. Essentially there are three sections to the pier. It originally dates to 1857. The first jetty consisted of a bluestone breakwater. In the 1870's a timber pile extension was added. Several phases of modification and change have occurred to the structure, which is integral to its history and reflects the economic and social requirements of the area. The third section was first constructed in 1948 after the northern arm was demolished. It has been more than 50 years since major construction works have occurred on site. Minor alterations have taken place since then however and include the replacement of decking timbers along with various wave minimisation works. In 1979 a rock wave screen was constructed at the base of the western section, extending from Schnapper Point. In 1985, the outer section was reconstructed and close piled. The timber walkway was replaced on the leeward side in 1995.

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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