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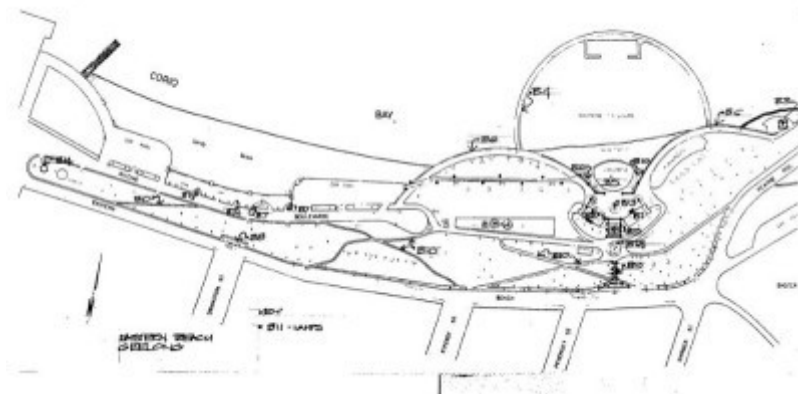
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1 eastern beach bathing  
complex & reserve  
geelong cafe side view



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H0929 eastern beach extent

## Location

1 RITCHIE BOULEVARD AND 31 EASTERN BEACH ROAD GEELONG, GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

## Level of significance

Registered

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H0929

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO903

## VHR Registration

August 19, 1992

## Heritage Listing

Victorian Heritage Register

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## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - January 28, 2000

Constructed between 1928 and 1939, the Eastern Beach Bathing Complex is the last major enclosed sea bathing facility to be constructed on Port Phillip Bay, and represents the culmination of the ethos of sea bathing. Eastern Beach has provided a focal point for Geelong's outdoor activities.

Eastern Beach Promenade is also significant in being the only original structure that survives of the many sea-baths which once dominated Port Phillip Bay's foreshore.

Eastern Beach represents an innovative example of the work of structural engineer and architect, Harry Hare, whose design for the Eastern Beach foreshore redevelopment works won the competition in 1924-5. The baths, including timber promenade and concrete children's pool were constructed to a plan drawn up by City Surveyor Ian McDonald in 1937 and is unique within Victoria.

The sea-baths are illustrative of the traditional pastime of sea bathing, popular since the 1840s and are representative of the transition from segregated and private bathing in the 19th century to mixed public bathing and pursuit of sport and leisure in the early 20th century.

The design of Eastern Beach Bathing Complex and landscaped reserve with curved sea walls, circular promenade (baths), circular concrete children's pool, symmetry of the landscaping and structures about the staircase, original buildings, shelters, fountain, lamp standards and extensive original planting forms an area of consistent and quite outstanding character and it is the only known example within Victoria.

## Permit Exemptions

### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

Places of worship: In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must **notify** the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

Subdivision/consolidation: Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

### **Specific Exemptions:**

#### **CONDITIONS:**

- 1. Exempt reconstruction works must not involve the alteration or introduction of any materials / practices which would perceivably alter the appearance of the registered element.**
- 2. Existing bluestone must be reused for reconstruction of the pathway retaining walls.**
- 3. This exemption does not permit the realignment of any pathways or retaining walls without the prior written satisfaction of the Executive Director.**
4. Exempt classes of works or activities are to be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents damage to the registered place / object. However, if other previously hidden original or inaccessible details of the object or place are uncovered, any works that may affect such items shall immediately cease. The Executive Director shall be notified of the details immediately to enable Heritage Victoria representatives to inspect and record the items, and for discussion to take place on the possible retention of the items, or the issue of a modified approval.
5. If there is a Conservation Policy and Plan approved by the Heritage Council or Executive Director, all works and activities shall be carried out in accordance with that Policy and Plan.
6. Nothing in this Declaration prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exempt alterations provided work has not commenced on the alteration.

**THE ATTENTION OF THE APPLICANT AND/OR OWNER IS DRAWN TO THE NEED TO OBTAIN ALL OTHER RELEVANT PERMITS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF WORKS.**

Construction dates	1928,
Architect/Designer	Hare, Harry,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place,
Hermes Number	3785
Property Number	

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## **History**

## Extent of Registration

### AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Historic Building No. 929.

Eastern Beach Bathing Complex and Reserve, Eastern Beach, Geelong.

To the extent of:

1. All of those buildings, works and structures contained within the area known as Eastern Beach including the dressing shed (B-1); the kiosk (B-2); repair shed (B-3); timber promenade (B-4); children's pool (B-5); sea wall (B-6); shelters (B-7); pergola (B-8); staircases and balustrades (B-9); footpaths and paving (B-10); lamps (B-11); fountain base (B-12); fountain centre (B-13); rotunda (B-14) marked on Plan 852322G(A) (but excluding those structures such as shelters, bins and seats which were not part of the original design) endorsed by the Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council;
2. All the land marked by a dotted line L-1 on Plan 852322G(B), being Crown Land Reserve RS3941 and Public Park Reserve RS1589 endorsed by Chairperson, Historic Buildings Council and held by the Director, Historic Buildings Council.

[Victoria Government Gazette No. G32 19 August 1992 p.2358]

*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.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*