

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: WESTERNPORT HOTEL

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: 161 Marine Parade SAN REMO

STUDY NUMBER: 292

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER: HO138

**OTHER NAME/S
OF PLACE:** PIER HOTEL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Bass Coast Shire

PARISH: PARISH OF WOOLAMAI

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



Westernport Hotel, 161 Marine Parade, San Remo

Image Date: March 2002

EXTENT OF LISTING:

To the extent of the principal two storey portion of the building facing Marine Parade.

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Location 161 Marine Parade SAN REMO

PARISH OF WOOLAMAI

COUNTY OF MORNINGTON

SAN REMO (T)

Planning Authority

Ward Anderson

Access Description

Map Number

0

Map Scale 1:100000

Latitude

Longitude

UMG Zone

Easting

Northing

Location Validity

Spatial Accuracy

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Published Extent of Listing

Significance Local

Statement of Significance

The Westernport Hotel, originally the Pier Hotel, San Remo is of local historical and social significance. Built in the c.1930s, the hotel is of local historic significance as an important public building on a site occupied by a hotel since the 1870s. The Westernport Hotel is of local social significance as a venue for the recreational and social activities of generations of locals and tourists alike. The aesthetic qualities of the hotel have been severely compromised by a series of alterations and additions.

Gazettal Details

Permit Exemptions

Exemptions Policy

Assessment Against Criteria

AHC A.4 Importance for association with events, developments or cultural phases which have had a significant role in the human occupation and evolution of the nation, state, region or community.

HC D.2 Importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of the range of human activities in the Australian environment (including way of life, philosophy, custom, process, land use, function, design or technique).

AHC G.1 Importance as a place highly valued by a community for reasons of religious, spiritual, symbolic, cultural, educational, or social associations.

DateAssessed 13/08/2004 Assessed By F Woodhouse

Comparisons

Rare Assessment

Intact Assessment

Poor

Include in VHR Include in RNE Include in Local Planning Scheme No Recommendations for Inclusions

Recommended Management

Ensure that future alterations are sympathetic to the style of the hotel. Keep signage to a minimum. Consider reverting back to the Pier Hotel or else incorporate in present name.

Heritage Act Categories

Heritage Item Groups

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Heritage place

Recreation and Entertainment

Hotel

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Physical Description

The Westernport Hotel, San Remo, is a double-storey, strapped fibro-cement hotel with a hipped roof and a projecting entry porch. There have been numerous alterations and additions to the hotel. Almost all window openings have been modified and there is a prominent, projecting single-storey bay to the front elevation with aluminium-framed windows. There is also a substantial brick addition to the rear of the hotel.

Physical Condition and/or Archaeological Potential

Good

Usage Hotel.

Associated People

Historical Notes

Originally known as Griffith's Point, San Remo was renamed after a resort on the Riviera in 1889, which in turn was named in reference to St Romulus, a Bishop of Genoa in around 330AD. George Bass is believed to have landed at the site of the township in 1798. Griffith's Point was a strategic geographical location adjacent to Western Port Bay and Bass Strait made it a focal point for export trade from the earliest years of European settlement. A cargo of wattlebark was loaded onto the schooner 'Elizabeth' for export to London as early as 1833.

A township survey was commenced in 1850 by Surveyor Robert Mason, but not completed until 1870 by M Callanan. The initial town subdivision comprised 28 allotments, with notable early land purchasers including John Cleeland, William Sinnott, John Lord and E M Peck. The Westernport Coal Company constructed a railway link and port there during the early 1870s to facilitate the export of coal from its mine at Kilcunda. The township quickly developed to include a recreational reserve, post office and public hall. In the twentieth century, a seminal event in San Remo's history was the opening of the first Phillip Island Bridge in 1940, which was in turn replaced by the existing bridge in 1969.

The Westernport Hotel may be the third hotel to be located on this site. The first hotel was built on land originally part of the larger allotment 1A in Section A of the Township of Woolamai, which was sold to prominent Phillip Island and San Remo land owner John Cleeland in the land sales of July 1870. The first hotel on the site was the Pier Hotel, constructed by Cleeland in the 1870s. It was ideally located on a corner close to the important port facilities at Griffith's Point and in a town increasingly popular with holiday makers. William Fraser was the licensee in 1881. In 1889 a tender notice for 'a large hotel' was published by architect Phillip A Kennedy, making it the second hotel constructed at this site, apparently replacing the 1870s hotel. The existing hotel, which appears to be the third constructed on the site, is believed to date from the c.1930s. It has since been renamed the Westernport Hotel.

Historic Themes

Thematic Environmental History

13.3 Tourist Resorts

The tourist industry has been a part of the economy of San Remo and Phillip Island since the late nineteenth century when it became a popular resort with locals from the Bass Valley and with holidaymakers from Melbourne. Hotels catered for the tourist industry by providing both accommodation for overnight visitors and a venue for social activities.

Listings

References

Author	Title	Year	ShelfLocation
	Australian Builders & Contractors News, (cited in Miles Lewis, Australian Architectural Index).	1889	
Department of Lands and Survey	Parish plan of the township of San Remo, Parish of Woolamai.		
Joseph White	One Hundred Years of History	1974	
Les Blake	Place Names of Victoria	1977	

Conservation Plans

Owner Type

Section 32 Recommendation

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Owners/Occupants/Managers

Other Notes

Application Detail

Adviser Comments

Planning Scheme Amendments

Overlay Controls

Planning Scheme Schedule

External Paint Controls? No

Included in Vic Heritage Register? No

Internal Alteration Controls? No

Prohibited uses may be permitted? Yes

ee Controls? No

Name of incorporated plan No

Outbuildings/fences not exempt? No

Aboriginal Heritage Place? No