

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: 'SAN REMO HOUSE'

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: 11 Phillip Island Road SAN REMO

STUDY NUMBER: 317

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER: HO139

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Bass Coast Shire

PARISH: PARISH OF WOOLAMAI

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



'San Remo House', 11 Phillip Island Road, San Remo

Image Date: March 2002

EXTENT OF LISTING:

Whole allotment and including the Norfolk Island Pines.

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Other Names/s

Precinct

Group Number

Extra Files

Location **11 Phillip Island Road SAN REMO**

PARISH OF WOOLAMAI

COUNTY OF MORNINGTON

SAN REMO (T)

Planning Authority

Ward **Anderson**

Access Description

Map Number

0Map Scale **1:100000**

Latitude

Longitude

UMG Zone

Easting

Northing

Location Validity

Spatial Accuracy

Type of Listing

Whole allotment and including the Norfolk Island Pines.

Published Extent of Listing

Significance **Local**

Statement of Significance

'San Remo House', Phillip Island Road, is of local historic and aesthetic significance. Possibly the oldest house in San Remo, the house is of local historic significance and is demonstrative of the town's nineteenth century phase of development. 'San Remo House' is of local aesthetic significance as an intact example of a Victorian timber villa. Its setting is enhanced by the Norfolk island Pines.

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.

AHC E.1 Importance for a community for aesthetic characteristics held in high esteem or otherwise valued by the community

Date Assessed **13/08/2004** Assessed By **F Woodhouse**

Comparisons

Rare Assessment

Intact Assessment

Good

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

Recommended Management

Investigate original external paint colours when due for a repaint.

Repair or replace deteriorated verandah floorboards.

Remove non-original verandah elements.

Retain Norfolk Island Pines.

Heritage Act Categories

Heritage Item Groups

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Heritage place

Residential buildings (private)

House

Title Details

Physical Description

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'San Remo House' is a double-fronted, single-storey Victorian weatherboard villa with a hipped corrugated galvanised steel roof penetrated by corbelled brick chimneys. The symmetrical front elevation is encircled by a concave roofed return verandah supported on timber posts. The verandah is fitted with steel handrail and cast-iron brackets which are possibly not original. The skillion roofed rear wing is presumably a later addition. Two mature Norfolk Island Pines (*Araucaria heterophylla*) flank the front path.

Physical Condition and/or Archaeological Potential

Good

Usage

Associated People

John Cleeland

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. The point's 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, with cargo of wattlebark being 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 Westport 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 hotel, post office and public hall. A seminal event was the opening of the first Phillip Island Bridge in 1940, which was in turn replaced by the existing bridge in 1969.

'San Remo House' is located on land originally part of Allotment 5b in Section A of the Township of San Remo, which was first sold to John Cleeland in July 1870. Cleeland also purchased the adjacent Allotments 5a, 5c and 5d, now consisting of all the land between Marine Parade, Edgar Road, Hazelwood Road and Back Beach Roads. The existing house dates from the c.1870s-1880s, and is believed to be the oldest dwelling in San Remo. It is also known to locals as 'Sheila Dobbin's house'.

Historic Themes

Thematic Environmental History

13.2 Coastal Towns and 13.3 Tourist Resorts: The coastal town of San Remo, formally surveyed in 1870, became a popular resort in the late nineteenth century with locals from mining districts, and important port and linkage point with Phillip Island. When roads and motor transport became more accessible in the 1930s and 1940s, it became popular with holidaymakers from Melbourne. Families enjoyed holidays of four weeks or more in the same rented house, and many families stayed in the area until Easter. Many holiday residents have retired to Inverloch permanently.

Listings

References

Author	Title	Year	ShelfLocation
David Williams	Memories, Moonahs and Marine Marvels	1999	
Department of Lands and Survey	Parish plan of 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

Owners/Occupants/Managers

Other Notes

Application Detail

Adviser Comments

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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

Tree Controls? Yes

Name of incorporated plan No

Outbuildings/fences not exempt? Yes

Aboriginal Heritage Place? No