

HERITAGE PLACE

NAME OF PLACE: 'BENNAN LODGE'

ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE: 3 Genesta Street COWES

STUDY NUMBER: 66

HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER: HO45

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: Bass Coast Shire

PARISH: PARISH OF PHILLIP ISLAND

SIGNIFICANCE RATING: Local



'Bennan Lodge', 3 Genesta Street, Cowes

Image Date: March 2002

EXTENT OF LISTING:

Whole allotment.

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Location 3 Genesta Street COWES

PARISH OF PHILLIP ISLAND

COUNTY OF MORNINGTON

COWES (T)

Planning Authority

Ward Thompson

Access Description

Map Number 0

Map Scale 1:100000

Latitude

Longitude

UMG Zone

Easting

Northing

Location Validity

Spatial Accuracy

Extent of Listing

Whole allotment.

Published Extent of Listing

Significance Local

Statement of Significance

'Bennan Lodge', formerly the Warley Bush Nursing Hospital, is of local historic significance. Originally built as a family residence, it is of historical significance as it was converted into a hospital by its next owners, the Thompson's who then donated the house to the township, meeting the needs of the local community for a hospital located on the island.

Gazettal Details

Permit Exemptions

Exemptions Policy

Assessment Against Criteria

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.

Date Assessed 03/08/2004 Assessed By F Woodhouse

Comparisons

Rare Assessment

Intact Assessment

Fair

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

Recommended Management

Heritage Act Categories

Heritage Item Groups

Heritage Item Categories

Heritage place

Residential buildings (private)

House

Title Details

Architect/Designers

Unknown

Builders/Makers

Unknown

Construction Started

Circa No Completed

Circa No

Physical Description

'Bennan Lodge' is a single-storey, Victorian weatherboard villa with a with faceted projecting bay, corrugated galvanised steel hipped roof

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and skillion verandah.

Physical Condition and/or Archaeological Potential

Good

Usage Residence.

Associated People

W E Thompson

Historical Notes

Originally known as Mussel Rock, Cowes was renamed in 1865 by Henry Fox, the Government Surveyor when surveying Western Port. Fox named the township after the holiday resort, Cowes, on the Isle of Wight.

This house is believed to have originally been built in 1908 for Robert Walpole. In 1923, Mr & Mrs W E Thompson purchased the building and donated it to the residents of Phillip Island for use as a hospital. It was opened by Lady Mitchell on 8 December, 1923, and continued to function as a hospital until 1962, when it was relocated to its present site and has reverted to use as a private residence.

Historic Themes

Thematic Environmental History

14.3 Health: This house, that once served as a hospital, served the local Cowes population from 1923 until 1962. Today, a modern hospital in Cowes has replaced it.

13.3 Tourist Resorts: The years from the end of the Second World War are remembered for sustained growth and prosperity, and perhaps most notably, the 'baby boom' and the post-War migration schemes. By the end of the 1960s, Victoria experienced a 'qualitative and quantitative change' in society. One aspect of the change in society during these decades can be gauged by the increase in road travel and the popularity of a new form of holidaying, that of caravanning and camping. The RACV and similar associations in other states began publishing a range of guides and maps catering for motor travel. The motor-car had, of course, revolutionised travel and holiday-making in Australia during the first decades of the twentieth century, and car ownership had grown rapidly during the inter-War years. However, holiday travel by road had been hampered somewhat during the War years, and up until the mid-1950s, by petrol rationing. From the mid-1950s, popular family holidays, such as camping and caravanning, often to the same destination each year, became an affordable luxury for many families. With the opening of the bridge in 1940 from San Remo to Phillip Island to vehicular traffic, the destination of Cowes became a viable option for those families wishing to enjoy a camping or caravanning holiday

Listings

References

Author	Title	Year	Shelf	Location
David Williams	Memories, Moonahs & Marine Marvels	1999		

Conservation Plans

Owner Type

Section 32 Recommendation

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
Tree Controls?	No	Name of incorporated plan	No

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Outbuildings/fences not exempt? No

Aboriginal Heritage Place? No