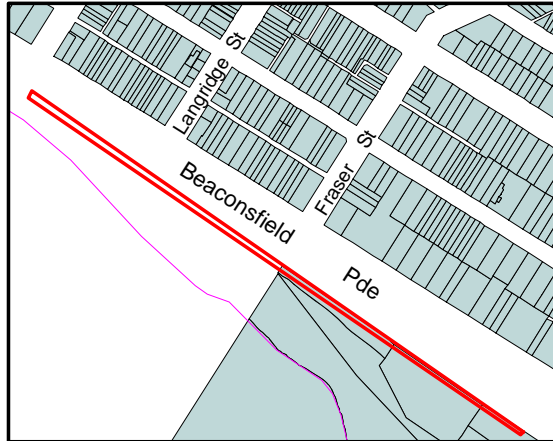


Identifier Sea Wall and Promenade

Formerly unknown



Heritage Precinct Overlay None

Heritage Overlay(s) HO450

Address Beaconsfield Parade
ST. KILDA

Category Street Furniture

Constructed 1916

Designer St Kilda Foreshore Committee

Amendment [C 29](#)

Comment & subsequently [C70](#)

Significance

This bluestone and concrete retaining wall and promenade was erected in 1916 as part of the land stabilisation and reclamation works undertaken by the St Kilda Foreshore Committee in 1915 and 1916. The wall is of significance as one of many integral parts of this visionary enhancement of the foreshore, which was regarded by the State Government of the time as being of national importance. The concept of a hard edge and balustrade separating a concrete footpath from the beach follows European models of promenade and beach. This element is critical to maintaining the structure of the beach and promenade, which is so characteristic of the St Kilda to South Melbourne beach front. The area was overlaid with further construction in the 1920s with the construction of the Open Sea Bathing Pavilion and these later works now define the primary character of the area. They include the concrete paving slabs, balustrading and other features such as the concrete lampstandard adjacent to the Bathing Pavilion, concrete and timber picnic tables, steel spot light standard and lava rock and concrete seating recess and drinking fountain. The recent planting of palm trees has strengthened this character, though the Surf Life Saving Association headquarters and adjacent kiosk are not in character with this setting. (Ref Foreshore Precinct Citation for map showing individual elements cited)

Primary Source

Robert Peck von Hartel Trethowan, St Kilda 20th century Architectural Study Vol. 3, 1992

Other Studies

Description

Style : Mediterranean
Sea wall and promenade

History

see Description

Thematic Context

unknown

Recommendations

A Ward, Port Phillip Heritage Review, 1998

recommended inclusions:

Schedule to the Heritage Overlay Table in the City of Port Phillip Planning Scheme

References

NOTES

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