

# HERITAGE PLACE

**NAME OF PLACE:** LANG LANG FORESHORE

**ADDRESS/LOCATION OF PLACE:** Jetty Road LANG LANG

**STUDY NUMBER:** 1-4

**HERITAGE OVERLAY NUMBER:** HO120

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA:** Bass Coast Shire

**PARISH:** PARISH OF LANG LANG

**SIGNIFICANCE RATING:** Local



Lang Lang jetty

**Image Date:** March 2002

**EXTENT OF LISTING:**

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Precinct

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Extra Files

Location Jetty Road LANG LANG

PARISH OF LANG LANG

COUNTY OF MORNINGTON

Planning Authority

Ward Leadbeater

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 Lang Lang Foreshore and its structures are of local historic and aesthetic significance. Considered collectively, the Foreshore structures are of historic significance as they demonstrate the use of the site as a recreation centre, one that became increasingly popular from the 1950s onwards. The jetty is significant as an early structure at the site and reflects the Reserve's former role as a transportation point. The seawall and shelter, memorialising the work of a local resident, are typical of those built during the 1950s and are thus demonstrative of the later phase of development of Lang Lang as it became popular as a seaside retreat.

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 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.

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

Heritage Act Categories

Heritage Item Groups

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Heritage place

Parks, Gardens and Trees

Reserve

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## Physical Description

The Lang Lang foreshore contains a variety of built features including a jetty, boatsheds, a seawall and shelter.

The jetty is of timber pile construction, with a timber deck and a painted timber balustrade which is possibly a later addition.

The boatsheds consist of a row of 32 sheds dating from the c.1950s-60s. The sheds typically have gabled, corrugated galvanised steel roofs, weatherboard cladding and/or fibro-cement cladding and double-leaf doors opening onto the beach. Original windows are typically timber-framed double-hung sashes or casement windows. Some have timber boat ramps and decks. The sheds have been variously altered and extended, with many having non-original cladding, window and door frames and pergolas. A small number of recently constructed sheds of a more substantial nature than the original and early sheds are also evident.

The sea wall is a random rubble bluestone and concrete retaining wall with steps leading down to the beach.

The W G Sullivan Shelter is a single-storey building with a gabled corrugated fibro-cement roof and rough-hewn log beams supported on tapering bluestone piers. The shelter is enclosed with brick dwarf walls and contains a brick fireplace and slatted timber benches to the perimeter. The beach elevation has recent corrugated polycarbonate infill and a door opening which is sheeted over. The fibro-cement skillion wing abutting the end of the shelter is probably a later addition. It is somewhat confusing, that, although it is named the W G Sullivan Shelter, a timber plaque affixed to the exterior commemorates another local resident, W G Lawrence. It reads: 'Erected 1962 To The Memory Of The Late W G Lawrence An Esteemed Committee Member'.

## Physical Condition and/or Archaeological Potential

Good.

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Usage Various.

## Associated People

George Ridgway and W G Sullivan

## Historical Notes

The name Lang Lang is believed to be derived from an Aboriginal word meaning 'a group of trees'. The Lang Lang Foreshore Reserve is located along a piece of coastline adjoining Crown Allotments 24B to the north, which was first sold to James Nelson in c.1878. To the south it adjoins Bluff Station (also known as Red Bluff or Mallum Mallum), which is believed to have been first purchased freehold by the company Mickle, Lyell and Bakewell in the 1850s.

The early development of the Lang Lang foreshore is closely linked to the settlement of French Island, a short distance to the west across Westernport Bay. Works around the foreshore area were originally motivated by the need to construct a jetty for the transportation of livestock, and also as a ferrying point for supplies being sent across to the Prison Farm Reformatory on French Island in 1916.

During the post-World War Two years, a number of existing foreshore reserves along the Westernport Coast were especially developed as destinations for local and Melbourne holiday makers. These included areas at Tooradin and Warneet. Development at Lang Lang included construction of boat houses, a low-tide saltwater swimming pool, and the W G Sullivan Shelter. Camping, sailing, swimming and fishing were popular activities during the holiday season. During the 1950s and 1960s period of development, local Councillor, George Ridgeway, was an important advocate for the development of the Lang Lang Reserve.

The reserve is currently administered by a voluntary committee. A caravan park continues to operate in the area along Jetty Road.

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## Historic Themes

### Thematic Environmental History

13.3 Tourist Resorts and 13.2 Coastal Towns: 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. Many of the coastal towns within the Bass Coast Shire became holiday destinations during the late nineteenth century. The expansion of the 1950s saw a number of smaller inlets, such as Lang Lang, become popular with local residents and Melbourne holiday-makers alike.

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Listings

References

Author	Title	Year	Shelf	Location
Beverly Morris, pers comm, August 2004.				
Jean Edgecombe	Phillip Island and Western Port	1989		
Les Blake	Place Names of Victoria	1977		
Niel Gunson	The Good Country	1968		
R V Billis and A S Kenyon	Pastoral Pioneers of Port Phillip	1974		

Conservation Plans

ner 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? No

Tree Controls? No

Name of incorporated plan No

Outbuildings/fences not exempt? No

Aboriginal Heritage Place? No