

## Heritage Council Determination

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<b>Determination date</b>	4 June 2026
<b>Place/Object name</b>	Anglesea Recreation and Sports Club
<b>Location</b>	7 Cameron Road, Anglesea, Surf Coast Shire, Wadawurrung Country
<b>VHR number</b>	H2469
<b>Category</b>	Registered Place and Registered Objects Integral to a Registered Place
<b>Relevant legislative provision/s</b>	Inclusion in the Heritage Register, pursuant to sections 49(1)(a) and 49(1)(ca) of the <i>Heritage Act 2017</i>

### Determination of the Heritage Council

The Heritage Council of Victoria determined on **4 June 2026**, in accordance with sections 49(1)(a) and 49(1)(ca) of the *Heritage Act 2017*, that the above place and objects integral to the place are to be included in the Heritage Register in the categories of Registered Place and Registered Objects Integral to a Registered Place.

The Heritage Council also determined to:

- Include categories of works or activities which may be carried out in relation to the place for which a permit is not required (specific permit exemptions), that would not harm the cultural heritage significance of the place, pursuant to section 49(3)(a) of the *Heritage Act 2017*.
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## Executive Director's Recommendation ('the Recommendation')

On **16 March 2026** the Executive Director made a recommendation to the Heritage Council ('the Recommendation') that the Anglesea Recreation and Sports Club ('the Place') is of State-level cultural heritage significance and should be included in the Heritage Register.

The Recommendation was advertised publicly for a period of 60 days, beginning on **20 March 2026**.

## Section 44 submissions

During the 60-day public advertisement period no submissions were received pursuant to section 44 of the *Heritage Act 2017*.

## The Place

### Description

Extracted verbatim from page 3 of the Executive Director's Recommendation:

#### ***Boatshed building***

*The boatshed building is set back ~ 5 metres from a narrow timber landing stage which sits in the Anglesea River. It is a simple gable-roof clear-span structure ~13 x 7 metres in size. A skillion storage space with its own entry has been added on the southern side. The shed posts are made from tree trunks, the ceiling trusses are timber, and the whole exterior, including the roof, is clad in corrugated aluminium. There is a tall flagpole sitting atop the front gable and there are shelves attached to the western side of the building to accommodate trophies on regatta day.*

*The main entrance (southern side) has large timber double doors which open onto the riverbank to allow for the transportation of boats. There is also a rear door which, when open, allows through ventilation. There are no windows. The interior walls have been clad in thick black plastic, over which metal mesh has been fixed. The floor is earth covered with reconstituted asphalt (similar to gravel) and a layer of artificial grass.*

#### ***Race organiser's box***

*The race organiser's box is a small, simple timber structure ~ 3 metres to the west of the boatshed. It comprises a raised viewing box with corrugated aluminium roof, which overlooks the river, and is accessed by two steps. A flagpole and commemorative plaque are attached.*

#### ***Timber landing stage***

*The narrow timber landing stage in front of the club comprises two joined sections of timber planking which together form a ~175° wing shape along a curve in the riverbank.*

## Heritage Council's findings

### State-level cultural heritage significance

The Heritage Council's findings accord with the Executive Director's Recommendation. The Heritage Council finds that the Anglesea Recreation and Sports Club is of State-level cultural heritage significance and is to be included in the Heritage Register.

The Heritage Council agrees that the Anglesea Recreation and Sports Club is historically significant for its capacity to demonstrate the history of rowing in Victoria.

The Heritage Council agrees that the Anglesea Recreation and Sports Club is a rare surviving pre-World War I rowing club boatshed.

The Heritage Council determines that the Anglesea Recreation and Sports Club meets the following Criteria for Assessment in the Heritage Council's *Victorian Heritage Register Criteria and Thresholds Guidelines* (**Attachment 1**) at State-level:

- **Criterion A** – Importance to the course, or pattern, of Victoria's cultural history.
- **Criterion B** – Possession of uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of Victoria's cultural history.

The Executive Director supported minor corrections to the history and Statement of Significance sections, as suggested by the Heritage Council at meeting HC294.

### **Extent of Registration**

The Extent of Registration is provided as **Attachment 2** and includes all of the Place shown hatched on Diagram 2469 encompassing parts of Crown Allotment 36 Section 2 Township of Anglesea and Crown Allotment 2065 Parish of Jan Juc to the extent of 13 metres from the western wall, 4 metres from the northern wall and 6 metres from the eastern wall of the boatshed building and 2 metres from the bank of Anglesea River, and the object integral to the Place.

Details of the Registered Objects Integral to the Place are provided as **Attachment 3**.

### **Permit exemptions**

The Heritage Council determined specific permit exemptions for works or activities which would not harm the cultural heritage significance of the Place or Objects Integral the Place.

Specific permit exemptions are provided as **Attachment 4**.

### **Conclusion**

The Heritage Council determined on **4 June 2026**, in accordance with section 49(1)(a) and 49(1)(ca) of the *Heritage Act 2017*, that the Anglesea Recreation and Sports Club is to be included in the Heritage Register in the categories of Registered Place and Registered Objects Integral to a Registered Place.



**Professor Philip Goad**  
**Chair, Heritage Council of Victoria**

# Attachment 1

## Victorian Heritage Register Criteria and Threshold Guidelines

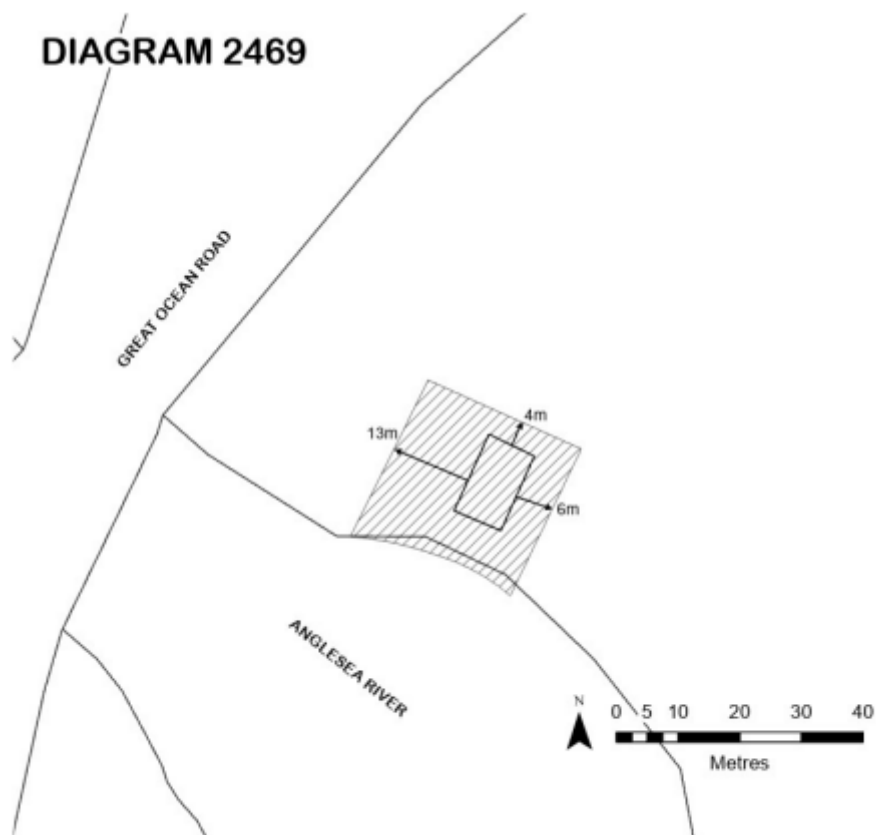
<b>Criterion A</b>	Importance to the course, or pattern, of Victoria's cultural history.
<b>Criterion B</b>	Possession of uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of Victoria's cultural history.
<b>Criterion C</b>	Potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Victoria's cultural history.
<b>Criterion D</b>	Importance in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of cultural places and objects.
<b>Criterion E</b>	Importance in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics.
<b>Criterion F</b>	Importance in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period.
<b>Criterion G</b>	Strong or special association with a particular present-day community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons.
<b>Criterion H</b>	Special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in Victoria's history.

These were adopted by the Heritage Council at its meeting on 1 December 2022, and replace the previous criteria adopted by the Heritage Council on 6 December 2012.

# Attachment 2


## Extent of Registration

All of the place shown hatched on Diagram 2469 encompassing parts of Crown Allotment 36 Section 2 Township of Anglesea and Crown Allotment 2065 Parish Jan Juc to the extent of 13 metres from the western wall, 4 metres from the northern wall and 6 metres from the eastern wall of the boatshed building and 2 metres from the bank of Anglesea River, and the objects integral to the place being four clinker boats built by James Edward and Sons being *Anglesea*, *Gladstone*, *Aireys* and *Torquay*.





## Attachment 3

### Objects Integral inventory VHR H2469 to be held by the Executive Director


<b>Name</b>	<b>Anglesea</b>
<b>Description including maker and date</b>	Clinker boat, James Edwards & Sons, Princes Bridge, Melbourne, <b>1913</b> . A four-oared skiff with a plumb stem and rounded forefoot, a transom stern supporting a rudder with a coxswain sitting on the aft thwart and steering with a yoke and lines. There are four rowing thwarts, each opposed to gunwale-mounted brass rowlocks and stretchers in the bilge. The planking is New Zealand kauri which is copper riveted throughout, the frames are blue gum frames and gunwale strike rails are West Australian Jarrah
<b>Photo and date of photo</b>	 <p><i>2022, Anglesea (with Gladstone behind), AS&amp;RC Facebook page</i></p>
<b>Current location</b>	Anglesea Sports and Recreation Club
<b>Relationship of object to place</b>	One of the four boats built for the Anglesea Sports and Recreation Club at the same time the building was constructed.
<b>Size</b>	7.350 x 1.400 metres
<b>Inscriptions</b>	Name of 'Anglesea'. There is an oval-shaped, brass 'Jas Edwards & Sons' builder's plate on the transom.
<b>Condition</b>	Excellent
<b>Australian Register of Historic Vessels number</b>	HV000670

<b>Name</b>	<b>Gladstone</b>
<b>Description including maker and date</b>	Clinker boat, James Edwards & Sons, Princes Bridge, Melbourne, <b>1913</b> . A four-oared skiff with a plumb stem and rounded forefoot, a transom stern supporting a rudder with a coxswain sitting on the aft thwart and steering with a yoke and lines. There are four rowing thwarts, each opposed to gunwale-mounted brass rowlocks and stretchers in the bilge. The planking is New Zealand kauri which is copper riveted throughout, the frames are blue gum frames and gunwale strike rails are West Australian Jarrah.

<b>Photo and date of photo</b>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>2022, Gladstone (with Anglesea in front), AS&amp;RC Facebook page</i></p>
<b>Current location</b>	Anglesea Sports and Recreation Club
<b>Relationship of object to place</b>	One of the four boats built for the Anglesea Sports and Recreation Club at the same time the building was constructed.
<b>Size</b>	7.350 x 1.400 metres
<b>Inscriptions</b>	Name of 'Gladstone'. There is an oval-shaped, brass 'Jas Edwards & Sons' builder's plate on the transom.
<b>Condition</b>	Excellent
<b>Australian Register of Historic Vessels number</b>	HV000671

<b>Name</b>	<b>Torquay</b>
<b>Description including maker and date</b>	<p>Clinker boat, James Edwards &amp; Sons, Princes Bridge, Melbourne, <b>1914</b>.</p> <p>A two-oared skiff with a plumb stem and rounded forefoot, a transom stern supporting a rudder with a coxswain sitting on the aft thwart and steering with a yoke and lines. There are four rowing thwarts, each opposed to gunwale-mounted brass rowlocks and stretchers in the bilge. The planking is New Zealand kauri which is copper riveted throughout, the frames are blue gum frames and gunwale strike rails are West Australian Jarrah.</p>
<b>Photo and date of photo</b>	

	<i>2015, Torquay, AS&amp;RC Facebook page</i>
<b>Current location</b>	Anglesea Sports and Recreation Club
<b>Relationship of object to place</b>	One of the four boats built for the Anglesea Sports and Recreation Club at the same time the building was constructed.
<b>Size</b>	4.900 x 1.120 metres
<b>Inscriptions</b>	Name of 'Torquay'. There is an oval-shaped, brass 'Jas Edwards & Sons' builder's plate on the transom.
<b>Condition</b>	Excellent
<b>Australian Register of Historic Vessels number</b>	HV000668

<b>Name</b>	<b>Aireys</b>
<b>Description including maker and date</b>	<p>Clinker boat, James Edwards &amp; Sons, Princes Bridge, Melbourne, <b>1914</b>.</p> <p>A two-oared skiff with a plumb stem and rounded forefoot, a transom stern supporting a rudder with a coxswain sitting on the aft thwart and steering with a yoke and lines. There are four rowing thwarts, each opposed to gunwale-mounted brass rowlocks and stretchers in the bilge. The planking is New Zealand kauri which is copper riveted throughout, the frames are blue gum frames and gunwale strike rails are West Australian Jarrah.</p>
<b>Photo and date of photo</b>	 <p><i>2015, Aireys, AS&amp;RC Facebook page</i></p>
<b>Current location</b>	Anglesea Sports and Recreation Club
<b>Relationship of object to place</b>	One of the four boats built for the Anglesea Sports and Recreation Club at the same time the building was constructed.
<b>Size</b>	4.900 x 1.120 metres
<b>Inscriptions</b>	Name of 'Aireys'. There is an oval-shaped, brass 'Jas Edwards & Sons' builder's plate on the transom.
<b>Condition</b>	Excellent
<b>Australian Register of Historic Vessels number</b>	HV000669

# Attachment 4

## Categories of works or activities which may be undertaken without a permit (permit exemptions)

### Introduction

A [heritage permit](#) is required for all works and activities undertaken in relation to VHR places and objects. Certain works and activities are [exempt from a heritage permit](#), if the proposed works will not harm the cultural heritage significance of the heritage place or object.

### Permit exemptions

#### General exemptions

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the VHR. General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Act.

**Places of worship:** In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must notify the Executive Director before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

**Subdivision/consolidation:** Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required. Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below.

Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions. Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

#### Specific exemptions

The works and activities below under the heading 'Exempt works and activities' are not considered to cause harm to the cultural heritage significance of the Anglesea Recreation and Sports Club. These are subject to the following guidelines and conditions:

#### Guidelines for specific permit exemptions

1. Where there is an inconsistency between permit exemptions specific to the registered place or object ('specific exemptions') established in accordance with either section 49(3) or section 92(3) of the Act and general exemptions established in accordance with section 92(1) of the Act specific exemptions will prevail to the extent of any inconsistency.
2. In specific exemptions, words have the same meaning as in the Act, unless otherwise indicated. Where there is an inconsistency between specific exemptions and the Act, the Act will prevail to the extent of any inconsistency.
3. Nothing in specific exemptions obviates the responsibility of a proponent to obtain the consent of the owner of the registered place or object, or if the registered place or object is situated on Crown Land the land manager as defined in the *Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978*, prior to undertaking works or activities in accordance with specific exemptions.
4. If a Cultural Heritage Management Plan in accordance with the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* is required for works covered by specific exemptions, specific exemptions will apply only if the Cultural Heritage Management Plan has been approved prior to works or activities commencing. Where there is an inconsistency between specific exemptions and a Cultural Heritage Management Plan for the relevant works and activities, Heritage Victoria must be contacted for advice on the appropriate approval pathway.

5. Specific exemptions do not constitute approvals, authorisations or exemptions under any other legislation, Local Government, State Government or Commonwealth Government requirements, including but not limited to the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*, and the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth). Nothing in this declaration exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to obtain relevant planning, building or environmental approvals from the responsible authority where applicable.
6. Care should be taken when working with heritage buildings and objects, as historic fabric may contain dangerous and poisonous materials (for example lead paint and asbestos). Appropriate personal protective equipment should be worn at all times. If you are unsure, seek advice from a qualified heritage architect, heritage consultant or local Council heritage advisor
7. The presence of unsafe materials (for example asbestos, lead paint etc) at a registered place or object does not automatically exempt remedial works or activities in accordance with this category. Approvals under Part 5 of the Act must be obtained to undertake works or activities that are not expressly exempted by the below specific exemptions.
8. All works should be informed by a Conservation Management Plan prepared for the place or object. The Executive Director is not bound by any Conservation Management Plan and permits still must be obtained for works suggested in any Conservation Management Plan.

#### **General conditions for specific permit exemptions**

1. All works or activities permitted under specific exemptions must be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents harm to the registered place or

object. Harm includes moving, removing or damaging any part of the registered place or object that contributes to its cultural heritage significance.

2. If during the carrying out of works or activities in accordance with specific exemptions original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the registered place are revealed relating to its cultural heritage significance, including but not limited to historical archaeological remains, such as features, deposits or artefacts, then works must cease and Heritage Victoria notified as soon as possible.
3. If during the carrying out of works or activities in accordance with specific exemptions any Aboriginal cultural heritage is discovered or exposed at any time, all works must cease and the Secretary (as defined in the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*) must be contacted immediately to ascertain requirements under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*.
4. If during the carrying out of works or activities in accordance with specific exemptions any munitions or other potentially explosive artefacts are discovered, Victoria Police is to be immediately alerted and the site is to be immediately cleared of all personnel.
5. If during the carrying out of works or activities in accordance with specific exemptions any suspected human remains are found the works or activities must cease. The remains must be left in place and protected from harm or damage. Victoria Police and the State Coroner's Office must be notified immediately. If there are reasonable grounds to believe that the remains are Aboriginal, the State Emergency Control Centre must be immediately notified on 1300 888 544, and, as required under s.17(3)(b) of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*, all details about the location and nature of the human remains must be provided to the Aboriginal Heritage Council (as defined in the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*).

## Exempt works and activities

### Boatshed building

- Minor repairs and maintenance which replaces like with like, including the replacement of roof and wall cladding.
- Removal and like for like replacement of floor coverings.
- Painting of previously painted surfaces in the same colour, finish and product type.
- Maintenance, removal, repair and replacement of light fittings, light switches and related elements in existing locations.
- Removal and/or replacement of power outlets, and installation of new ones.
- Removal and/or replacement of hooks, brackets and the like for hanging wall mounted artworks and signs, and installation of new ones.
- Installation, removal or replacement of existing electrical wiring. If wiring is currently exposed, it should remain exposed. If it is fully concealed it should remain fully concealed.
- Removal or replacement of smoke and fire detectors, alarms and the like, of a similar size and in existing locations.
- Graffiti removal by a suitably qualified professional authorised by the Anglesea Recreation and Sports Club.

### Race organisers box

- Painting of previously painted surfaces in the same colour, finish and product type.
- Minor repairs and maintenance which replaces like with like.

### Timber landing stage

- Repairs and maintenance which replaces like with like.

### Clinker boats

- Cleaning and conservation by a suitably qualified professional authorised by the Anglesea Recreation and Sports Club, on site in the boatshed, or at a secure location.
- Temporary movement for club purposes (such as display at a wooden boat festival or other maritime event) authorised by the Anglesea Recreation and Sports Club between locations, provided all locations are secure and do not cause or contribute to deterioration.

### Activities

- All activities conducted by or authorised by the Anglesea Recreation and Sports Club, including the annual Anglesea New Year's Day Regatta, in a manner that minimises damage to the place and objects integral.