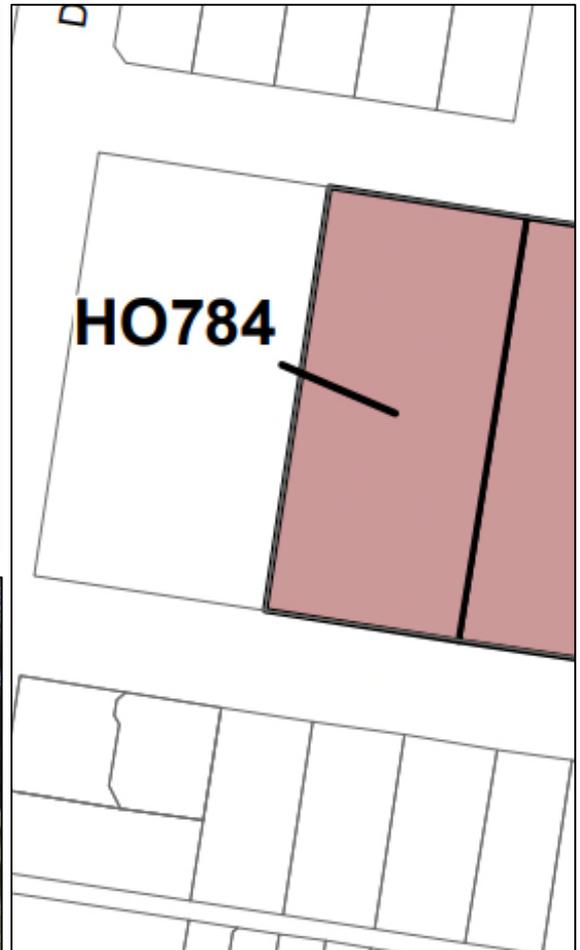


Statement of Significance: 1st Beaumaris Sea Scouts Hall and Cath Wild Girl Guide Hall - 4 Bodley Street and 45 Martin Street, Beaumaris, November 2020

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What is Significant?

The 1st Beaumaris Sea Scout Hall, at 4 Bodley Street, and the Cath Wild Girl Guide Hall at 45 Martin Street, Beaumaris, are significant.

Significant elements of the buildings include their original three-dimensional forms and planning, external wall and roof materials, and original doors and windows. The generous setbacks of each hall from the street, and the blue painted anchor and simple post and rail sign displaying '1st Beaumaris Sea Scouts' north located in the front setback of the Sea Scouts Hall are also significant, as are the areas of indigenous coastal vegetation retained on the site.

The 1960s additions to the Sea Scout Hall are also significant as they demonstrate the layered development of the building in order to accommodate its continuing use.

The fencing is not significant.

How is it significant?

The 1st Beaumaris Sea Scout Hall and Cath Wild Girl Guide Hall, Beaumaris, are of local historical and social significance to the City of Bayside.

Why is it significant?

The 1st Beaumaris Sea Scout Hall and Cath Wild Girl Guide Hall, Beaumaris, are historically significant for their association with the development and continued role of the scouting and girl guide movements within the City of Bayside. Scouting began in Melbourne in 1908, with sea scouts established in Victoria in 1910-14, and girl guides in the interwar period. Girl guide units were well established in Bayside in the interwar period. The first Bayside sea scout troop was established in Hampton in c.1938. Sea scouts and girl guides were established in Beaumaris in the post-war period, spurred by the substantial growth in residential development of the suburb. The extant buildings and their coastal bushland setting provide evidence of this post-war pattern of development in Bayside and of Beaumaris. They demonstrate the growing Beaumaris community's need for recreational spaces and facilities in the post-war period, and how these needs were approached and met by both the community and the Council at the time. (Criterion A)

The 1st Beaumaris Sea Scout Hall and Cath Wild Girl Guide Hall are of social significance for their long and continuing association with the 1st Beaumaris Sea Scouts and Girl Guides. The Sea Scout Hall has been a site for the meeting of the Sea Scouts for over sixty years, while the Girl Guide Hall has been a base for Beaumaris Girl Guides for fifty-seven years. (Criterion G)

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