

Geelong Boundary Markers, Ballarat Road and Weddell Road, North Geelong Statement of Significance

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Heritage Place:	Geelong Boundary Markers, 104 metres southeast of the intersection of Ballarat Road and Thompsons Road, North Geelong And 45 metres north of the intersection of Weddell Road and The Fairway, North Geelong	PS ref no:	HO2063
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(Left) Source: City of Greater Geelong, 2025

(Right) Source: Harry Roberts and Mark Thomas, Geelong Historical Society, 2026

What is significant?

The Boundary Marker at Ballarat Road, North Geelong, is locally significant to the City of Greater Geelong.

Significant elements include:

- The 1860 timber post.

Elements that are not significant:

- The bluestone bus stop.

The Boundary Marker at Weddell Road, North Geelong, is locally significant to the City of Greater Geelong.

Significant elements include:

- The 1860 timber post.

How is it significant?

The Boundary Markers are of historical, rarity and social significance to the City of Greater Geelong.

Why is it significant?

The Boundary Markers on Ballarat Road and Weddell Road, North Geelong, are of historical significance to the City of Greater Geelong as the last two tangible historical boundary marker of the original Geelong council boundary. The markers were first installed site in 1860 after the passing of the Geelong Boundaries Act in 1858. Both marked the northwestern boundaries of Geelong, at the original intersection of Thompsons Road and Ballarat Road, as well as on Weddell Road. They are of historical importance to the City as a representation of the initial colonial development and expansion of the City in the mid-nineteenth century. (Criterion A)

The Boundary Markers are rare as the only two known examples remaining of the original Geelong boundary markers which were first installed in 1860 after the passing of the Geelong Boundaries Act in 1858. (Criterion B)

The Boundary Markers are of social significance to the City of Greater Geelong for their connection to the Council tradition of 'Beating the Bounds'. Council was legally required every 3 years following the election of the new Mayor, Councilmen and Aldermen, to inspect the council boundary markers. This also represented Council's undertaking of 'Bumping the Bounds', a tradition from Medieval Britain where Councillors took it in turns to knock each other's heads into the boundary markers. (Criterion G) –

Primary sources

Geelong Boundary Marker, author: Benjamin Petkov, 2025, peer reviewer: Mim Butcher, *The Heritage Conservancy*, May 2025.

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