



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES - ASSESSMENT DOCUMENTATION

11. ASSESSMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The criteria adopted by the Heritage Council in September, 1991 have been used to determine the cultural heritage significance of the place.

11.1 AESTHETIC VALUE

The remains of *Point King Lighthouse Ruin* reflect a traditional building style which is simple and functional, and demonstrates a sophisticated use of local materials, in a rigorous environment. The use of local limestone gives *Point King Lighthouse Ruin* an organic quality in relation to the limestone headland upon which it is sited. (Criteria 1.1, 1.2)

Point King Lighthouse Ruin provides a focal point in the natural landscape setting within which it is located. (Criterion 1.3)

11.2. HISTORIC VALUE

Point King Lighthouse Ruin has important associations with coastal navigation services in Australia both as the remains of the first navigational lighthouse for the south-west coastline, dating from 1858, and as the second lighthouse on the Western Australian coast. (Criterion 2.1)

Point King Lighthouse Ruin has important historical associations with shipping in Australia, and the development of the Port of Albany. The ruins survive as evidence of the assistance afforded to ships travelling to Albany, the first Australian port of call for shipping from Europe and Africa in the nineteenth century. (Criterion 2.1)

The fabric of the building, notwithstanding its current condition as a ruin, demonstrates a skill in masonry with limited materials and human resources representative of the Colonial Government of the time. The lighthouse was technically innovative for its time and was kept in operation until 1911. (Criterion 2.4)

11.3. SCIENTIFIC VALUE

Although little evidence survives to demonstrate the original purpose of all of the elements of the building, *Point King Lighthouse Ruin* has the potential to demonstrate, with the introduction of appropriate interpretational material, its original scientific value as a navigational light for the Port of Albany and as a weather station in the 1850s. As such

it has value both as a type locality and as a reference point for the human occupation of the locality. (Criteria 3.1, 3.2)

At the time of its construction, in 1858, the Lighthouse was a technical achievement for the Swan River Colony. (Criterion 3.3)

11. 4. SOCIAL VALUE

Point King Lighthouse Ruin is significant for its association with former lighthouse keepers whose descendants live in the Albany region. (Criterion 4.1)

Point King Lighthouse Ruin contributes to Albany's sense of place as a reminder of the importance of Albany in the development of shipping and navigational services in Western Australia. (Criterion 4.2)

12. DEGREE OF SIGNIFICANCE

12. 1. RARITY

Point King Lighthouse Ruin is rare as the remains of a navigational aid comprising lighthouse and keeper's quarters constructed in the 1850s in Western Australia. (Criteria 5.1, 5.2)

12. 2 REPRESENTATIVENESS

Point King Lighthouse Ruin is representative of the role lighthouses played in protecting shipping along the coast of Australia, as well as a good example of design and navigational technology of the time. (Criterion 6.1)

12. 3 CONDITION

The condition of *Point King Lighthouse* is stable. Nothing of the original machinery or housing of the oil-fired light of 1858 survives.

Detailed considerations of condition may be found in the Conservation Plan by Bodycoat, R. : Duncan Stephen and Mercer, Architects: 'Point King Lighthouse, Albany, W. A. Conservation Plan', (prepared for the Town of Albany, July 1995).

12. 4 INTEGRITY

Point King Lighthouse Ruin has integrity as evidence of a mid-nineteenth century lighthouse.

For a discussion of the integrity of the place, refer to Bodycoat, R. : Duncan Stephen and Mercer, Architects: 'Point King Lighthouse, Albany, W. A. Conservation Plan', (prepared for the Town of Albany, July 1995).

12. 5 AUTHENTICITY

Point King Lighthouse Ruin has a high degree of authenticity as the ruins of a lighthouse.

For a discussion of the authenticity of the place, refer to Bodycoat, R. : Duncan Stephen and Mercer, Architects: 'Point King Lighthouse, Albany, W. A. Conservation Plan', (prepared for the Town of Albany, July 1995).

13. SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

Attached are key sections of the supporting evidence prepared by Bodycoat, R. : Duncan Stephen and Mercer, Architects: 'Point King Lighthouse, Albany, W. A. Conservation Plan', (prepared for the Town of Albany, July 1995).

13.1 DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

For a detailed discussion of the documentary evidence, refer to the Conservation Plan by Bodycoat, R. : Duncan Stephen and Mercer, Architects: 'Point King Lighthouse, Albany, W. A. Conservation Plan', (prepared for the Town of Albany, July 1995).

13.2 PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

For a detailed discussion of the physical evidence, refer to the Conservation Plan by Bodycoat, R. : Duncan Stephen and Mercer, Architects: 'Point King Lighthouse, Albany, W. A. Conservation Plan', (prepared for the Town of Albany, July 1995).

13.3 REFERENCES

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