

Irwin Shire Council

Municipal Inventory Place Record

Place Details **Place Number:** 068 **Category:** 4 **HCWA No:** 11845
Assessment Date: 11/06/1997 **Last Revision Date:** 20/08/2004

Name: Site of Lighthouse Keeper's Cottage
Former Name:
Type of Place: Site
Address: 66 Point Leander Drive
Map Reference: HUNT 1:2000 BE42/35.03
Locality Name: Port Denison **Area of Site:**
GPS Northing: **GPS Easting:**

Photograph

Date of Photograph: **Source:** IDHS/IRME2122



Lighthouse keeper's cottage, taken about 1935

Ownership

Owner: W.D. & A.M. Grierson **Owner Phone/Fax:**
Address: PO Box 83, Carnamah, 6517

Site Details

Lot/Locn:	Loc 94	Diagram/Plan:	Vol/Folio:
Reserve:		Purpose:	
Assess No:	1543	Vesting:	
Occupied:	No	Occupier:	
PubAccess:	No	Lease:	

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Uses of the Place

Original Use: Residence

Current Use: Not in Use

Description

Walls: N/A

Roof: N/A

Condition: N/A

Integrity: N/A

Orig'l Fabric:

Modifications

History

Const'n Date: 1886

Source:

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Unknown

This house was built (on an extra large block) for the harbour master and lighthouse keeper, John Smyth just before his death in 1886. Thomas Hughes became harbour master in 1887 and moved into the cottage. The cottage consisted of four main rooms, front and back verandah and a kitchen built on to the north side with a passage between the bedrooms. Built of limestone with a shingle roof it was lined inside with pine panelling. To the rear there was a two-seater toilet. It was sold to the Gill family in the 1930s and then to Connie Ingram in 1938-9 who rented it to Mr Ellery. It was again sold in 1940-1 to Louisa Augusta Jones who lived there until 1951 when the Grierson family purchased the property.

(Source: Lynn Broad)

2004 It is believed the cottage was demolished in about 1980.

Chronology Entries

1886 Quarters for a harbourmaster and lighthouse keeper were built at Port Denison. Thomas Hughes was appointed to the position and moved into the cottage in 1887.

Historic Theme(s)

HCWA

AHC

201 River and sea transport

3.8.1 Shipping to and from Australian ports

603 Local heroes and battlers

3.11.1 Regulating waterways

Statement of Significance

The site of the Lighthouse Keeper's Cottage has historic significance given its connection to the establishment of the harbour, and its association with harbourmaster Hughes and early sea transport in the Irwin District.

Management Category: 4

HISTORIC SITE OR SIGNIFICANT VEGETATION.

Historic site without built features or with association to an historic personage. Recognise the site with a plaque, place name, paving stone or appropriate marker.

Other Listings

No other heritage listings.

Supporting Information

IDHS Records

HCWA Database No. 11845
