

Irwin Shire Council

Municipal Inventory Place Record

Place Details **Place Number:** 088 **Category:** 5 **HCWA No:** 11863
Assessment Date: 11/06/1997 **Last Revision Date:** 22/08/2004

Name: Fishing Boat Harbour
Former Name:
Type of Place: Harbour
Address: 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: 9/07/2004 **Source:** G.W.Grundy



View of Harbour, looking north

Ownership

Owner: Dept. of Transport- Maritime **Owner Phone/Fax:**
Address: GPO Box R1290, Perth, 6001

Site Details

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

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Uses of the Place

Original Use: Harbour

Current Use: Harbour

Description

Walls: N/A

Roof: N/A

Condition: N/a

Integrity: N/A

Orig'l Fabric:

Modifications

The fishing boat harbour is formed by two groins which extend westwards from the beach. The groins were constructed by the deposit of large local limestone blocks. There is a narrow access road along the top of the south groin. To the north, the hard stand has a large parking area, jetty and two brick buildings which serve as offices for the harbour master and fishing inspector and storage.

History

Const'n Date: 1974

Source:

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Unknown

The foreshore beach shelters and the first boat ramp were constructed by the Shire of Irwin. The beach shelters were built by Donald Miragliotta and completed on 19/10/68. The ramp was built by H F & L D Mainwaring and was completed on the 18/6/68.

The fishing boat harbour is constructed of large stones quarried from the hill north of Pell Bridge (Place No 126) which were carted by truck and weighed at a weigh bridge at the Water Supply Depot on Point Leander Drive. The marina was officially opened in 1976.

The Fishing Boat harbour has been found to contain one of the highest concentrations and most diverse forms of sea life in Western Australia.

(Source: IDHS Records; Dr. I Elliot, UWA)

Chronology Entries

1974 New fishing boat harbour was opened at Port Denison.

Irwin District Historical Society Records

c1986 The south groyne of the Fishing Boat harbour at Port Denison extended.

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18/10/2000 Two new launching ramps built to serve amateur and professional fishermen were completed .

Geraldton Guardian

11/09/2002 A live lobster processing plant built for M. G. Kailis was opened by Kim Chance MLA, Minister for Agriculture, Northwest and Fisheries.

Geraldton Guardian

07/06/2004 Jamie Edwards MLA opened the Port Denison shipwreck walk. The walk had 16 plaques each dedicated to a ship which was associated with the port in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The project was organised by the Irwin District Historical Society and the plaques were sponsored by local businesses, families and the Shire of Irwin.

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Historic Theme(s)

HCWA

AHC

305 Fishing and other maritime industry

3.4.2 Fishing and whaling

400 Social and civic activities

3.8.3 Developing harbour facilities

506 Tourism

3.23 Catering for tourists

Statement of Significance

The Port Denison Fishing Boat Harbour has high historic significance given its connection to the development of sea transport and the cray fishing industry. Further, the place has social significance given its use as a place of recreation and its recognition as a landmark. The place also has high scientific

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significance given its high biodiversity.

Management Category: 5

SIGNIFICANT IN CONTRIBUTING TO LOCAL CHARACTER.

The place has social significance and/or contributes to the streetscape and/or built environment of the precinct. Provide encouragement to the owner to maintain or enhance the street aspect of the place.

Photographically record the place prior to any redevelopment.

Other Listings

No other heritage listings.

Supporting Information

IDHS Records

HCWA Database No. 11863