

Irwin Shire Council

Municipal Inventory Place Record

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Place Details **Place Number: 091** **Category: 5** **HCWA No: 11866**
Assessment Date: 11/06/1997 **Last Revision Date: 22/08/2004**

Name: Arurine Bay
Former Name:
Type of Place: POS
Address: off Ocean Drive
Map Reference HUNT 1:2000 BE42/35.03
Locality Name: Port Denison **Area of Site:**
GPS Northing: **GPS Easting:**

Photograph

Date of Photograph: 12/07/2004 **Source:** G. W. Grundy



Arurine Bay from the Obelisk lookout.

Ownership

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

Site Details

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

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Uses of the Place

Original Use: Public Open Space

Current Use: Public Open Space

Description

Walls: N/A

Roof: N/A

Condition: N/A

Integrity: N/A

Orig'l Fabric:

Modifications

History

Const'n Date: N/A

Source:

Architect: N/A

Builder: N/A

Arurine Bay was surveyed in 1822 by Captain Phillip Parker King. The area contains the site of several shipwrecks. The name is possibly derived from an international word in Western Australia "meridian" line or rope; i.e. fishing place (von B.)

The Bay was much used by coastal shipping in the late 19th and early 20th century and is the site of several wrecks including the 'Swan' in 1869, the 'Premier' in June 1873 with a cargo of telegraph poles and the 'Amy' in September 1873 while loading sandal wood, both caused by winter gales. In 1882 a survey of Arurine Bay was undertaken by the Royal Navy. Soon after the steamship Lubra began visiting the port.

(Sources: Bain, MA, "Ancient Landmarks", UWA Press, Perth, 1975 and Port Denison 1850 -1915 and the Rimmer Sequence as a Model for Port Development, Bruce Baskerville, UWA unpublished.p 17).

Chronology Entries

1868 Ships visiting the port on a weekly basis at this time were the cutters Sisters and Sea Bird and less frequently Sea Spray and the Emily. The first load of copper from the mine at Arrino was shipped from Port Irwin on the Emily, which after leaving the port was wrecked north of the Moore River mouth.

A police constable was stationed in Dongara. P.C. Stack was the first officer.

A series of barrel beacons was erected on the coast north of the port by Surveyor Phelps. Ship's masters were able to calculate the position of submerged reefs.

Ancient Landmarks, Bain, M. A., UWA Press, Perth, 1975 Pages 348, 200

1869 The cutter Swan was wrecked on the Irwin Reef and S.F. Moore asked that a lighthouse be erected on the heads (Point Leander).

Ancient Landmarks, Bain, M. A., UWA Press, Perth, 1975 Pages 349

1871 Ships using Port Denison on a regular basis were the May, the Amy and Dawn, visiting the port on a weekly basis.

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1872 George Shenton MLC called for extensions to the port to allow steamships to enter.

Port Denison 1850-1915 and the Rimmer Sequence as a Model for Port Development, Baskerville, B., UWA Thesis Pages 15

1873 Two schooners were wrecked at the port. The 'Premier' in June with a cargo of telegraph poles and the 'Amy' in September while loading sandalwood. Both wrecks were caused by winter gales.

Port Denison 1850-1915 and the Rimmer Sequence as a Model for Port Development, Baskerville, B., UWA Thesis Pages 17

1875 Smaller ships, 'cutters' accounted for 83% of the ships visiting the port. Frequent callers were the 'Clementina' owned by local man Absolum Russ, the 'Gem' for which Francis Pearse was the agent, and the 'May' for which S.F. Moore may have been the agent.

Port Denison 1850-1915 and the Rimmer Sequence as a Model for Port Development, Baskerville, B., UWA Thesis Pages 17

1879 At the end of the decade the number of ships visiting Port Denison had doubled and it was not unusual for three ships to be tied up at the Irwin jetty at one time. The principal cutters and barques which visited the port were the Amy, Lily of the Lake, Annie, Agnes, Macquarie, Palestine, Rosette, Bangaru, Ayelia, Gem, Clementina, Ethel, Sea Ripple, Argo, Myra, Subalind, Susan, Damia, Good Luck, Nautilus, Subahan, Hampton, Mary, Victoria, Tarter. Tonnages varied from 12 to 530.

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Historic Theme(s)

HCWA

AHC

105 Exploration and surveying

3.3 Surveying the continent

305 Fishing and other maritime industry

3.4.2 Fishing and whaling

Statement of Significance

Arurine Bay has high historic significance given it contains several shipwrecks. The place also has high aesthetic significance for its beaches, adjacent reserves and reefs. Its pristine condition and high biodiversity gives the place high scientific significance.

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

Bain, MA, "Ancient Landmarks", UWA Press, Perth, 1975.

HCWA Database No. 11866

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Additional Photographs

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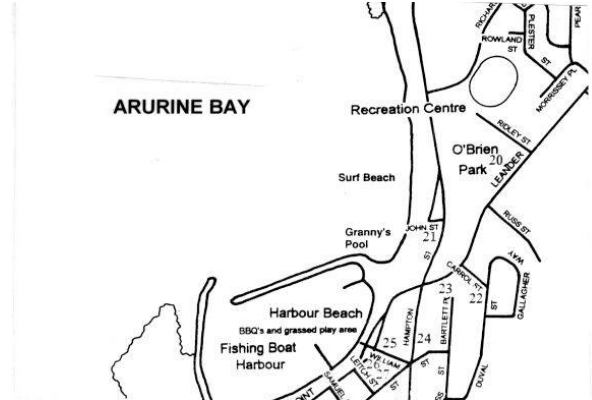
Source: Suba & Grundy



Bay looking north.

Date of Photograph: IR091-2

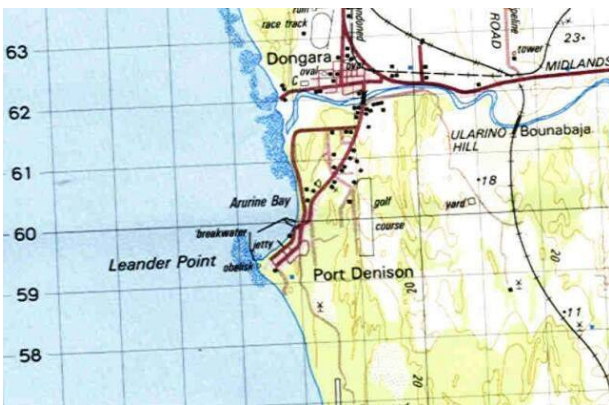
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Map of Arurine Bay

Date of Photograph: IR091-3

Source: DOLA



Map showing Arurine Bay in relation to the Irwin River.