

# Irwin Shire Council

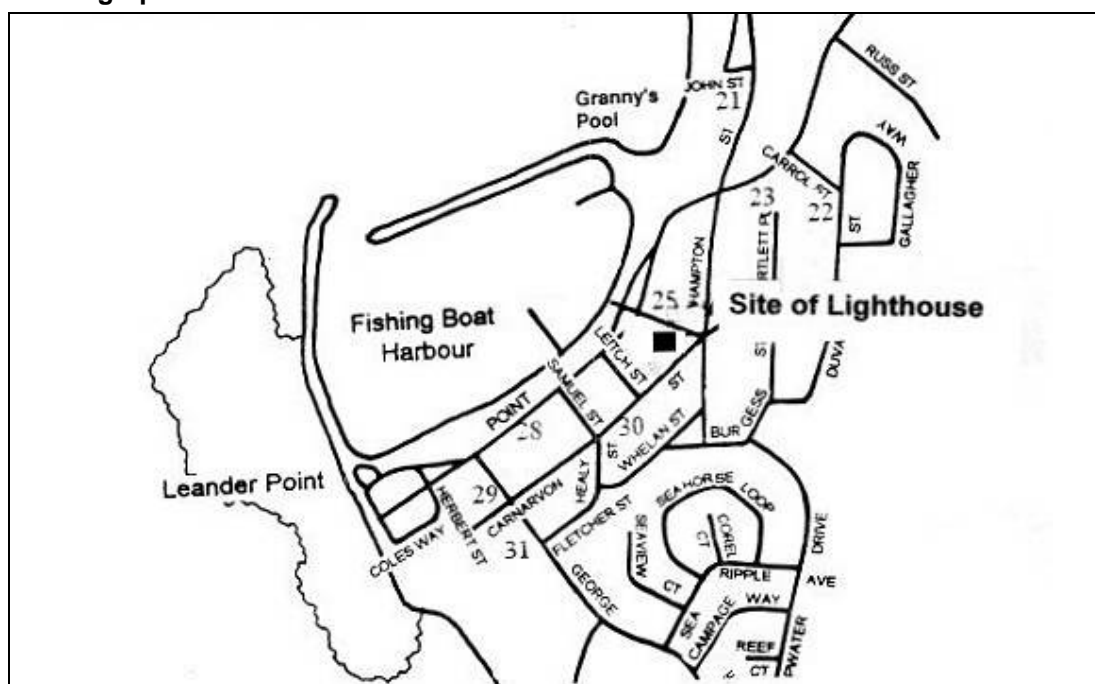
## Municipal Inventory Place Record

**Place Details**      **Place Number:** 092      **Category:** 4      **HCWA No:** 11867  
**Assessment Date:** 11/06/1997      **Last Revision Date:** 04/11/2004

**Name:** Site of First Lighthouse  
**Former Name:**  
**Type of Place:** Site  
**Address:** Cnr. William & Carnarvon Streets  
**Map Reference:** HUNT 1:2000 BE42/35.03  
**Locality Name:** Port Denison      **Area of Site:**  
**GPS Northing:**      **GPS Easting:**

### Photograph

**Date of Photograph:**      **Source:**



Not Photographed.

### Ownership

**Owner:** L. Harley      **Owner Phone/Fax:**  
**Address:** PO Box 70, Dongara, 6525

### Site Details

<b>Lot/Locn:</b>	Lot 93	<b>Diagram/Plan:</b>	<b>Vol/Folio:</b>
<b>Reserve:</b>		<b>Purpose:</b>	
<b>Assess No:</b>		<b>Vesting:</b>	
<b>Occupied:</b>	No	<b>Occupier:</b>	
<b>PubAccess:</b>	No	<b>Lease:</b>	

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### Uses of the Place

**Original Use:** Lighthouse

**Current Use:** Not in Use

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### Description

**Walls:** N/A

**Roof:** N/A

**Condition:** N/A

**Integrity:** N/A

**Orig'l Fabric:**

**Modifications**

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### History

**Const'n Date:** c1890

**Source:**

**Architect:** Unknown

**Builder:** Unknown

In September 1869, merchant S.F. Moore asked for a lighthouse to be erected on the heads. Pending investigation by the Executive Council, a kerosene lamp with a red glass was sent to the port and S.F. Moore was told to save expense and to erect it on the top of the crane at the end of the jetty. This proved unsuitable. The crane was faulty and the Port Denison winds did not help.

A lighthouse was erected at the end of the jetty in 1887 and was a 12 foot high wooden gantry on top of which was placed a red lantern. In rough weather, harbour master Hughes was reduced to crawling on his hands and knees along the jetty to light the lantern. A similar gantry with a lantern was erected at the rear of Pearse's Warehouse, which was sited in the sand hills east of the port. The light could be seen five miles out to sea.

(Source: Bain, MA, "Ancient Landmarks", UWA Press, Perth 1975; Notes from Thomas Hughes)

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### Chronology Entries

1887 A timber frame lighthouse was erected at the end of the jetty, and a red light was lit which could be seen at a distance out to sea of five miles. A similar structure was erected in the sand hills behind Pearse's warehouse which shone a white light.

Ancient Landmarks, Bain, M. A., UWA Press, Perth, 1975 Pages 347

1890 Port Dongarra was proclaimed as 'all that piece of water within 3/4 mile of the Dongarra Lighthouse'.

Port Denison 1850-1915 and the Rimmer Sequence as a Model for Port Development, Baskerville, B., UWA Thesis Pages 19

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### Historic Theme(s)

HCWA

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201 River and sea transport

3.8.3 Developing harbour facilities

605 Famous and infamous people

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### Statement of Significance

The sites of the lighthouses have historic significance given their connection to the development of sea transport in Port Denison.

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### 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.

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### Other Listings

No other heritage listings.

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### Supporting Information

IDHS Records

Bain, M.A., "Ancient Landmarks", UWA Press, 1975.

HCWA Database No. 11867

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