

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVENTORY

PLACE REFERENCE NO.: AP14

NAME: COFFEE POINT BOATSHED/SLIPWAY
and WHARF SITE

OTHER NAMES: --

PIN NO. (Landgate):

LAND DESCRIPTION:

LOCATION: Foreshore Reserve at Canning Beach Road
at Coffee Point on the Canning River, Applecross

CONSTRUCTION DATE: 1897

PLACE TYPE: Transport and wharfage

USE: Original Use: Aboriginal site; then boatshed, slipway and wharf
Current Use: Historic siteHERITAGE LISTINGS: - City of Melville – MHI 19 December 1994, Place Ref. AP14;
- Department of Aboriginal Affairs Register of Aboriginal Sites Site ID 3538 'Canning River'.

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER: Alexander Matheson

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

CONDITION: Site only and site marker.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The site now contains remnant metal sliprails in the Canning River and a metal plaque on a concrete pedestal.

HISTORICAL NOTES:

Coffee Point was used by the Beeliiar Nyoongars for hunting and camping.

A boat slipway and wharf were constructed on the site on the foreshore of the Canning River at Coffee Point to improve communications and to support the Melville Water Park Estate housing venture. The first paddle steamers 'Helena' and 'Harley' were assembled at the site in the boatshed to provide a regular ferry service to Perth. In 1924, the ferry service was superseded by a regular bus service and activities at the yard gradually declined.

HISTORIC THEME/S (HCWA THEME/S):

- Australian Historic Themes: 3.8 Moving goods and people
4.1.2 Making suburbs.
- HCWA Themes: 102 Aboriginal occupation
104 Land allocation and subdivision
201 River and sea transport.

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:

Surviving metal sliprails in the Canning River.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The site is important as the location of the former Boatshed, Wharf and Slipway servicing the immediately local community at Applecross and Canning Bridge from 1897 to 1924.

SIGNIFICANT ITEMS:

The remnant slip rails, wharf stumps and site marker.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Considerable cultural heritage significance.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: Category A

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL CODE: Local



MAIN SOURCES: • City of Melville site information.

ASSESSMENT DATE: 2013

ASSESSOR: Ronald Bodycoat AM.KSJ.LFRAIA



c. 1906 Passengers leaving a river steamer ferry at Coffee Point.