

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVENTORY

PLACE REFERENCE NO.: AP11

NAME: GERMAN JETTY SITE

OTHER NAMES:

PIN NO. (Landgate):

LAND DESCRIPTION:

LOCATION: Melville Beach Foreshore, opposite  
Cunningham Street, Applecross

CONSTRUCTION DATE: c. 1910

PLACE TYPE: Jetty

USE: Original Use: Aboriginal site; foreshore; industrial installation – jetty  
Current Use: Historic site on the foreshoreHERITAGE LISTINGS: - City of Melville – MHI 19 December 1994, Place Ref. AP11;  
- Department of Aboriginal Affairs Register of Aboriginal Sites Site ID 3536 'Swan River'.

ARCHITECT:

BUILDER: Telefunken &amp; Co.

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

CONDITION: Site only – sound.

## PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

An historic site with no remnant physical evidence surviving, and a commemorative plaque on a concrete pedestal.

## HISTORICAL NOTES:

The Beeliar Nyoongars used these areas as campsites and hunting grounds. In the summer months the large variety of plants and animals in the area provided the Aborigines with an abundance of food and other resources. The Aboriginal name for the Swan River is 'Derbal Yaragan'.

The jetty was constructed in c. 1910 by the German firm Telefunken & Co. as a landing stage for plant and equipment used in the establishment of the Applecross Wireless Hill Radio Station. After completion of the Station in 1912, the jetty was used by local fishermen, yachtsmen and swimmers. The jetty remains were demolished in 1964 when the foreshore was upgraded.

## HISTORIC THEME/S (HCWA THEME/S):

- Australian Historic Themes: 3.7 Establishing electric means of communication.
- HCWA Themes: 102 Aboriginal occupation  
201 River and sea transport.

## CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS:

There is no remnant physical evidence of the jetty that survives. There is a metal plaque on a concrete pedestal on the foreshore.

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The site is historically significant as the place where a former jetty was constructed in association with the offloading of materials for the establishment of the Wireless Hill Radio Station in Applecross and subsequently for recreational usage.

## SIGNIFICANT ITEMS:

The plaque and pedestal, and the foreshore site.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Some cultural heritage significance.

MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: Category B

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL CODE: Local



**MAIN SOURCES:** City of Melville plaque on site.

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