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Location

Lighthouse Road PORTLAND WEST, GLENELG SHIRE

Municipality

GLENELG SHIRE

Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1773

Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO22

Heritage Listing

Glenelg Shire

Statement of Significance

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The Cape Nelson Lighthouse Station, the westernmost sentinel of Bass Strait, was first illuminated on 7th July 1884 as a first-order fixed light with dioptic apparatus. J. Thorne constructed the circular plan stone lighthouse tower, keeper's quarters and store from designs prepared by the P.W.D. using locally quarried stone. The

contract cost was ~11,552 and the foundation stone to the tower was laid by Major Trangmar, Mayor of Portland, on 13th April 1883. The Cape Nelson Lighthouse and Station buildings, spectacularly situated 75 metres above sea level on lonely Cape Nelson peninsula, form an important open ocean navigational complex at the treacherous entrance to Bass Strait. Cape Nelson lighthouse is one of a group of Victorian lighthouses (which includes those at Wilson's Promontory, Cape Otway and Gabo Island) of extremely fine proportions, exemplary construction detail and dramatic situation. (Refer photograph overleaf)

Heritage Study/Consultant	Glenelg - Glenelg Shire Heritage Study Part One, Carlotta Kellaway, David Rhodes Mandy Jean, 2002;
Hermes Number	112734
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