

# CAPE NELSON LIGHTSTATION



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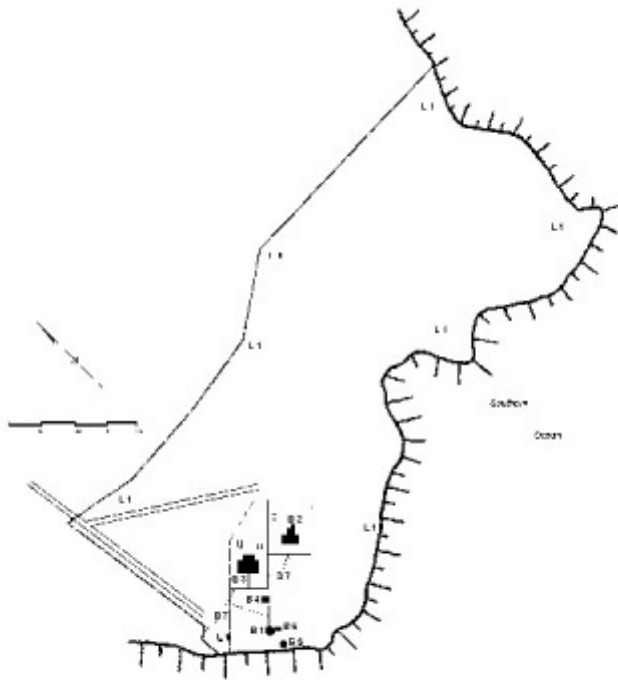
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**Location**

1119 CAPE NELSON ROAD PORTLAND WEST, GLENELG SHIRE

**Municipality**

GLENELG SHIRE

**Level of significance**

Registered

**Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number**

H1773

**Heritage Overlay Numbers**

HO22

**VHR Registration**

February 18, 1999

**Heritage Listing**

## Statement of Significance

Last updated on - April 7, 2021

What is significant?

The Cape Nelson Lightstation was constructed in 1882-84 as part of the third campaign of lighthouse building in Victoria which also resulted in lights at Clifty Island, Point Hicks and Split Point (Aireys Inlet). The light tower, quarters and workshop/stables are of locally quarried bluestone to the design of Public Works Department architect Frederick Hynes and were constructed by J Horne and Co for £11,552 . Since its construction the lightstation has been the main landfall light for vessels approaching Victoria from the west. Apart from minor modifications to the buildings, including the conversion of the duplex assistants' quarters into one residence, the lightstation is the most intact in Victoria in terms of its original planning. The octagonal signal station with its complete set of signal flags and brass telescope are unusual features.

How is it significant?

The Cape Nelson Lightstation is of historical, social, architectural and scientific importance to the State of Victoria.

Why is it significant?

The Cape Nelson Lightstation is historically and socially important as an intact lightstation complex from the 1880s. The windswept location with its protective stone walls is a poignant reminder of the remote lifestyle of lightkeepers until comparatively recent times.

The Cape Nelson Lightstation is architecturally and scientifically (technologically) important as the most intact complex of lightstation buildings in Victoria. The octagonal timber signal station is a unique feature which is all the more important for its complete set of signal flags and its 19th century brass telescope.

## Permit Exemptions

### General Exemptions:

General exemptions apply to all places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register (VHR). General exemptions have been designed to allow everyday activities, maintenance and changes to your property, which don't harm its cultural heritage significance, to proceed without the need to obtain approvals under the Heritage Act 2017.

**Places of worship:** In some circumstances, you can alter a place of worship to accommodate religious practices without a permit, but you must [notify](#) the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria before you start the works or activities at least 20 business days before the works or activities are to commence.

**Subdivision/consolidation:** Permit exemptions exist for some subdivisions and consolidations. If the subdivision or consolidation is in accordance with a planning permit granted under Part 4 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the application for the planning permit was referred to the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria as a determining referral authority, a permit is not required.

Specific exemptions may also apply to your registered place or object. If applicable, these are listed below. Specific exemptions are tailored to the conservation and management needs of an individual registered place or object and set out works and activities that are exempt from the requirements of a permit. Specific exemptions prevail if they conflict with general exemptions.

Find out more about heritage permit exemptions [here](#).

## Specific Exemptions:

### General Conditions:

1. All exempted alterations are to be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents damage to the fabric of the registered place or object.
2. Should it become apparent during further inspection or the carrying out of alterations that original or previously hidden or inaccessible details of the place or object are revealed which relate to the significance of the place or object, then the exemption covering such alteration shall cease and the Executive Director shall be notified as soon as possible.
3. If there is a conservation policy and plan approved by the Executive Director, all works shall be in accordance with it.
4. Nothing in this declaration prevents the Executive Director from amending or rescinding all or any of the permit exemptions.
5. Nothing in this declaration exempts owners or their agents from the responsibility to seek relevant planning or building permits from the responsible authority where applicable.

No permits are required for works which are in accordance with the Conservation Management Plan prepared by Clive Lucas, Stapleton and Partners in April 1995 as amended by Chris Smith and Patrick Miller in November 1998.

Construction dates	1883,
Architect/Designer	Hynes, Frederick M.,
Heritage Act Categories	Registered place, Registered object integral to a registered place,
Other Names	CAPE NELSON LIGHT HOUSE, CAPE NELSON LIGHTHOUSE,
Hermes Number	4950
Property Number	

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## History

Associated People: Owner DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES;

## Extent of Registration

### NOTICE OF REGISTRATION

As Executive Director for the purpose of the Heritage Act, I give notice under section 46 that the Victorian Heritage Register is amended in that the Heritage Register Number 1773 is now described in the category as a Heritage Place and Heritage Object:

Cape Nelson Lightstation, Cape Nelson Road, Portland, Glenelg Shire Council.

### EXTENT:

1. All the buildings marked as follows on Diagram 607151 held by the Executive Director:

B1 Lighthouse  
B2 Head Keeper's Quarters  
B3 Assistant Keeper's Quarters  
B4 Office and Workshop (former Stables)  
B5 Signal Station  
B6 Power House  
B7 Stone Walls

2. All the objects associated with the signal station (B5) comprising: one complete set of alphabetic and numeric signal flags (including substitute and answering pennants); two pigeonhole flag cabinets; and one brass telescope and tripod stand.

3. All of the land marked L-1 on diagram 607151 held by the Executive Director being all of the land described in Certificate of Title Volume 5758 Folio 406.1.

Dated: 4 February 1999.

RAY TONKIN

Executive Director

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*This place/object may be included in the Victorian Heritage Register pursuant to the Heritage Act 2017. Check the Victorian Heritage Database, selecting 'Heritage Victoria' as the place source.*

*For further details about Heritage Overlay places, contact the relevant local council or go to Planning Schemes Online <http://planningschemes.dpcd.vic.gov.au/>*