



REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES - ASSESSMENT DOCUMENTATION

11. ASSESSMENT OF CULTURAL HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The criteria adopted by the Heritage Council in November 1996 have been used to determine the cultural heritage significance of the place.

PRINCIPAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORIC THEME(S)

- 3.4.2 Fishing and whaling

HERITAGE COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA THEME(S)

- 305 Fishing & other maritime industry

11.1 AESTHETIC VALUE*

Streeter's Jetty is important to the Broome Community for its aesthetic characteristics and relationship with its surroundings. (Criterion 1.1)

Streeter's Jetty has a landmark quality with its location east of the intersection of Short Street and Dampier Terrace, particularly when viewed from the air in approach or departure from Broome airport. (Criterion 1.3)

Streeter's Jetty forms an integral part of the Chinatown precinct, and is a portion of a number of structures and buildings associated with the former Broome pearling industry. (Criterion 1.4)

11.2. HISTORIC VALUE

Streeter's Jetty is a significant portion of the Broome pearling industry, which illustrates the human occupation and evolution of the locality, and the Kimberley Region of Western Australia. (Criterion 2.1)

Streeter's Jetty is closely associated with the development of the Broome pearling industry, and the Kimberley Region of Western Australia. (Criterion 2.2)

Streeter's Jetty was an integral component of Broome's tramway system, constructed in 1899 with a branch to *Streeter's Jetty* which was accessed up until 1994 over land now known as Lot 3067. The jetty is one of the few remaining elements of the system. (Criterion 2.2)

Streeter's Jetty is associated with prominent London jewellers EW Streeter & Co., who were responsible for building a store, pearling sheds, *Streeter's Jetty*

* For consistency, all references to architectural style are taken from Apperly, Richard; Irving, Robert and Reynolds, Peter A *Pictorial Guide to Identifying Australian Architecture: Styles and Terms from 1788 to the Present*, Angus & Robertson, North Ryde, 1989.

and the Roebuck Hotel, which formed the heart of the commercial district in the late 1890s. (Criterion 2.3)

Streeter's Jetty is associated with Streeter & Male Pty. Ltd., prominent in Broome commerce since the start of the 20th century, and still represented by the Male family in Broome today. (Criterion 2.3)

11. 3. SCIENTIFIC VALUE

Streeter's Jetty has potential scientific value in relation to the study of deterioration of timber and metal fastenings in tidal marine environs. (Criterion 3.1)

11. 4. SOCIAL VALUE

Streeter's Jetty has a social value for its former commercial association with the Broome pearling industry, and also for its recreational value to locals and visitors to Broome. (Criterion 4.1)

Streeter's Jetty is a portion of the Chinatown precinct and contributes to the community's sense of place. (Criterion 4.2)

Streeter's Jetty is valued as a tourist destination within the Broome locality and the Kimberley Region of Western Australia. (Criterion 4.2)

12. DEGREE OF SIGNIFICANCE

12. 1. RARITY

Streeter's Jetty is a relatively intact example of the only commercial pearling industry jetty located in Western Australia. (Criterion 5.1)

Streeter's Jetty illustrates a distinctive way of life that, with the advent of modern (cultured) pearl farming methods, is in danger of being lost from the State. (Criterion 5.2)

12. 2 REPRESENTATIVENESS

Streeter's Jetty is representative of some smaller marine jetties and landings located around the state. (Criterion 6.1)

Streeter's Jetty demonstrates a way of life, function, design and usage specific to pearling industry jetties. (Criterion 6.2)

12. 3 CONDITION

A restoration program has been undertaken by the Shire of Broome. Stage 1 of this program, assisted by funds under the Heritage Grants Program, a Heritage Council of Western Australia grants scheme, was completed in January 2000. This involved the most urgent structural repairs including replacing many of the timber piles and much of the cross bracing and main supporting members of the deck. *Streeter's Jetty* is now in a structurally sound condition. A further grant under the Heritage Grants Program has been approved for the completion of works as recommended in the Conservation Plan including the replacement of decking, the installation of interpretive signage and the preparation of a management plan.

12.4 INTEGRITY

Streeter's Jetty has a high degree of integrity. *Streeter's Jetty* has only been used for the original purpose for which it was designed, and the original intention of the cultural values is highly intact. It has great potential for complete restoration. The likely longterm sustainability of the values identified and their ability to be restored is well assured. The time frame for any restorative process is relatively extensive.

12.5 AUTHENTICITY

Streeter's Jetty is intact, and retains a high degree of authenticity. Conservation works were carried out in 1999/2000 to complete urgent structural repairs, preserve the existing structure and commence restoration and reconstruction. The main structural members were replaced in accordance with the conservation plan and engineer's report, using the same timber species and connection details as the existing jetty. All connections were renewed.

13. SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

Attached are key sections of the supporting evidence prepared by John Taylor Architect, 'Streeter's Jetty Conservation Plan' prepared for the Shire of Broome in February 1999.

Key sections used: 2.0 Documentary Evidence (pp 15-36,40), 5.0 Analysis of Documentary and Physical Evidence (pp 136-138), Physical Evidence (p 113).

13.1 DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

For a discussion of the Documentary Evidence refer to John Taylor Architect 'Streeter's Jetty Conservation Plan' prepared for the Shire of Broome in February 1999.

13.2 PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

For a discussion of the Physical Evidence refer to John Taylor Architect 'Streeter's Jetty Conservation Plan' prepared for the Shire of Broome in February 1999.

13.3 COMPARATIVE INFORMATION

For a Comparative Analysis refer to John Taylor Architect 'Streeter's Jetty Conservation Plan' prepared for the Shire of Broome in February 1999.

13.4 REFERENCES

John Taylor Architect 'Streeter's Jetty Conservation Plan' prepared for the Shire of Broome in February 1999.

13.5 FURTHER RESEARCH
