HERITAGE COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

Permanent Entry

1. DATA BASE No. 01242

2. NAME *Two Obelisks & Commemorative Plaques* (1896; 1979)
FORMER NAME Fisherman's Memorial, Port Leander Obelisk
SITE DETAILS Situated on a small hill there is: an obelisk of random rubble construction with a concrete render on a stone plinth, that together stands approximately 6.8 metres; four plaques fixed to the west, north and south sides of the obelisk; and, a plaque attached on a separate random limestone structure indicating the location of several ship wrecks.

3. LOCATION Lot 592, Leander Point, Port Denison

4. DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY
Lot 592 on Deposited Plan 216836, being part of Crown Reserve 41088 and being the whole of the land comprised in Crown Land Title Volume 3123 Folio 405.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA Shire of Irwin

6. OWNER State of Western Australia
(vested in the Shire of Irwin).

7. HERITAGE LISTINGS

• Register of Heritage Places:	Interim Entry	19/05/1992
	Permanent Entry	24/04/2003
• National Trust Classification:	Classified	05/09/1983
• Town Planning Scheme:	Gazetted	04/02/1992
• Municipal Inventory:	Adopted	10/03/1998
• Register of the National Estate:	Nominated	02/11/1992

8. CONSERVATION ORDER

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9. HERITAGE AGREEMENT

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10. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Two Obelisks & Commemorative Plaque, comprising of an obelisk of random rubble construction standing on a square stone plinth; the ruins of a second obelisk; and, a plaque set on a separate stone plinth has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the site has historical significance for its association with the early development of sea transport at Port Denison and is a rare historical

component dating from the early days of the settlement at the Irwin River (c.1860s);

the site is highly valued by the local community who consider it to be an important landmark, with its high vantage point and views of Port Denison and the coastline, and a popular tourist destination;

the ruins of the second obelisk, which was demolished 1977-79 and is situated approximately one kilometre from the first, is associated with the original Port Denison and Old Irwin Jetty;

the site has associations with deceased fishermen Albert and Theodore Money, Charles Swanson, Edward Joseph Foster, William Roser, Robert Allan, Maxwell Conrad Bussenschutt, Malcolm Donald Zimmerman, Robert Green and Neville Graeme Hynes;

the site is of historical significance because of its commemorative associations with the sinking of the *Leander* (1853) and the services of John Lort Stokes and crew of the survey ship *HMS Beagle* (1841 – 1870);

the site retains a high degree of authenticity and still features the electric wiring for the blue alignment light; and,

the site has associations with Michael G. Kailis who unveiled the fisherman's memorial plaque (1979).