

## HISTORICAL RESEARCH PROGRAMME 1982/83

### HISTORICAL RESEARCH : CAPE DU COUEDIC LIGHTHOUSE COMPLEX

In the Marine Board Report No. 93 of 1902, it was advocated to build a new lighthouse at "the south side of Kangaroo Island, which is so dangerous by reason of this rocky coast." The site recommended was Cape du Couedic, at the south-west extremity of the island, named by Captain Baudin in honour of the famous French captain.

The Cape and nearby waters had for many years been the site of numerous shipping mishaps and catastrophes, one of the first being the Barque "Mars", wrecked in 1875. Two years later, the "Emily Smith" struck disaster, just north of the cape. Of the 39 souls on board, five survived the ordeal and after four days of wandering through the tough and inhospitable terrain, three exhausted and pathetic figures reached Cape Borda light to tell their tale and get help for the others.

Five years after the Marine Board's initial recommendations, plans for a lighthouse complex were finally completed. These included drawings for a circular masonry lighthouse, three masonry houses, water tanks, stores, a flying fox and a cast-iron/timber jetty.

Building commenced in October 1907. Although the building stones were quarried near the site, other materials had to be transported by sea, unloaded at nearby Weirs Cove and carried along a serpentine path hewn into the cliff face.

Cape du Couedic light, the fifteenth to be built on South Australia's coast was officially lit on June 27, 1909, with G.G. Duthie as headkeeper, G.E. Lockett as second and G. Marmant as third keeper. Successive keepers were to remain there until the lighthouse became automatic and was demanned in 1957. All the land and buildings - except the lighthouse, was then transferred to the South Australian Government to form an integral part of Flinders Chase National Park.

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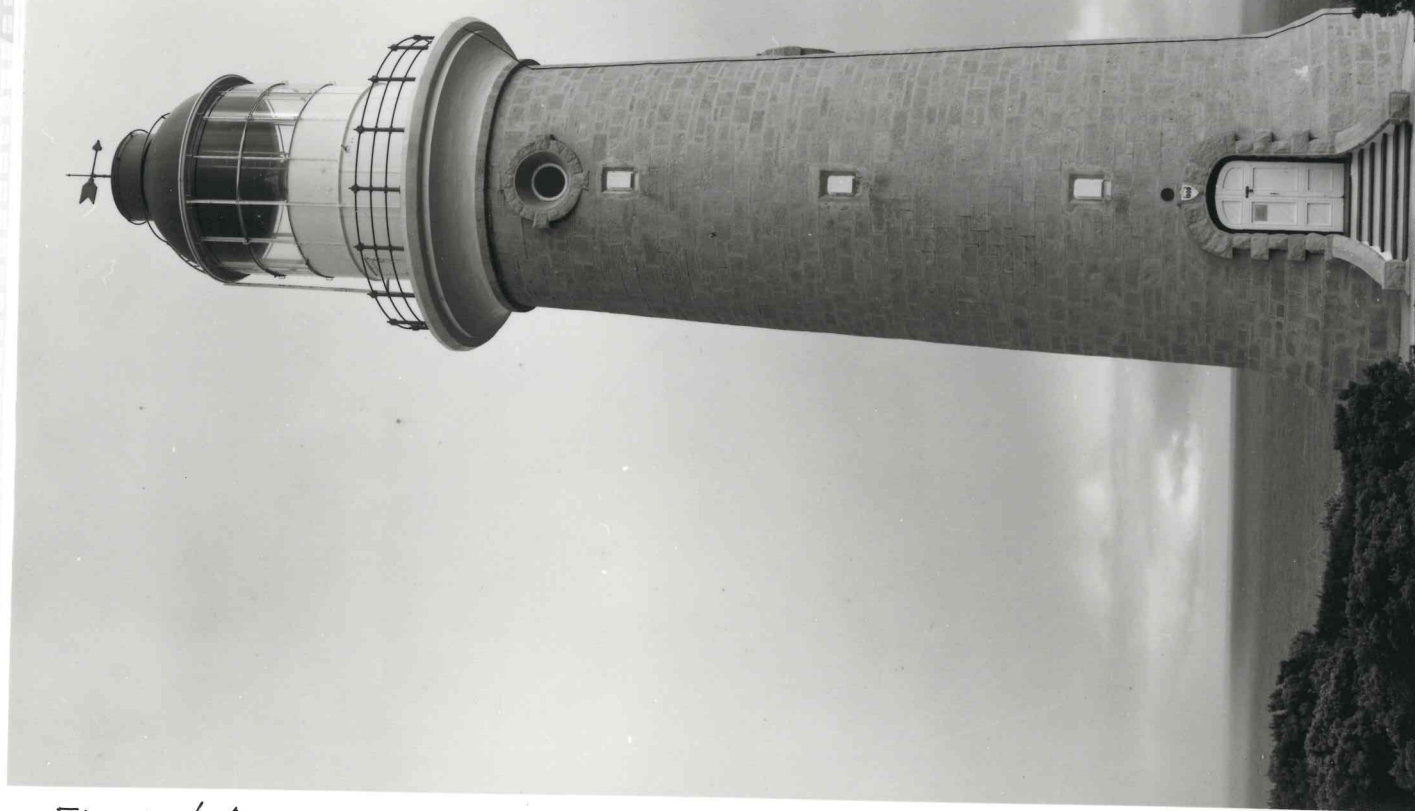




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- FUNNEL WAY & JETTY

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