

South  
Australian  
Heritage  
Act  
1978-80

## ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET

HERITAGE SURVEY REGION

Item Ref. No. 1

ITEM NAME: Lighthouse & Keepers' Cottages  
Former or other Complex

Office Use  
ITEM No.  
DOCKET No.

DESCRIPTION: The 10 metre square towered lighthouse is set dramatically on the tall cliff tops and has been well maintained by the Commonwealth government.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY: The lighthouse, designed by Trinity House, London, was built in 1858. It was converted from a kerosene powered lamp to an automatic electrical system in 1932. As it stands over the entrance to the main shipping lanes to and from Adelaide, the station was connected to the mainland by telegraph in 1876, and served as a Lloyds Signal Station. The original attached Keepers' cottages were replaced by the present buildings in the early 1930s.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Situated on some of the Island's rockiest coastline, the lighthouse served an obvious need in guiding much of the colony's shipping safely through Investigator Strait. South Australia depended on its coastal shipping rather than land transport during the last century, and as Kangaroo Island lies across the main sea access to Adelaide, this and the other lighthouses on the island were of major significance.

### LOCATION

Address Cape Borda  
Town  
Postcode  
Section 53  
Hundred Borda  
County  
L.G.A. Kingscote  
S.H.P. Region 14  
A.M.G. Ref.

SUBJECT 2.2  
4.7

### USE

PERIOD  
State

Study Area  
1836-74

### REFERENCES

F.H. Bauer, Kangaroo Island : A Short Guide  
NPWS, Flinders Chase National Park Kangaroo Island  
South Australia - Draft Management Plan (1984)  
State Heritage Branch Files

Verbal  
Archival photographs

### TYPE OF ITEM

LAND Natural feature ☐  
Historical site ☐  
Historical Gdn. ☐

### BUILDING

### STRUCTURE

### PHYSICAL CONDITION

### PHOTOGRAPH

Film No. 63 Negative No. 10



### STATUS

Reg. of State Her. Item  
Reg. ☒ Interim L ☐  
Nominated  
National Estate  
Reg. ☒ Proposed L ☐  
National Trust  
CL ☒ RL ☐ File ☐  
Other  
Institute of Engs. ☒  
Heritage Register ☐

### LAND TITLE

CT 2698/30

### RECOMMENDATION

(A) State ☒ (B) Local ☐

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CAPE BORDA LIGHTHOUSE COMPLEX K.I.  
-KEEPER'S COTTAGES

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held by NAVAID      Cape Borda L.H.  
- Bedford delivery Truck (No other Data)



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CAPE BORDA LIGHTHOUSE WITH  
OLD AND NEW COTTAGES

KANGAROO ISLAND  
25-2-79





From Coast. Prot.  
Slide 815/121  
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CAPE BORDA L.H. COMPLEX.



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SOUTH FROM  
CAPE BORDA

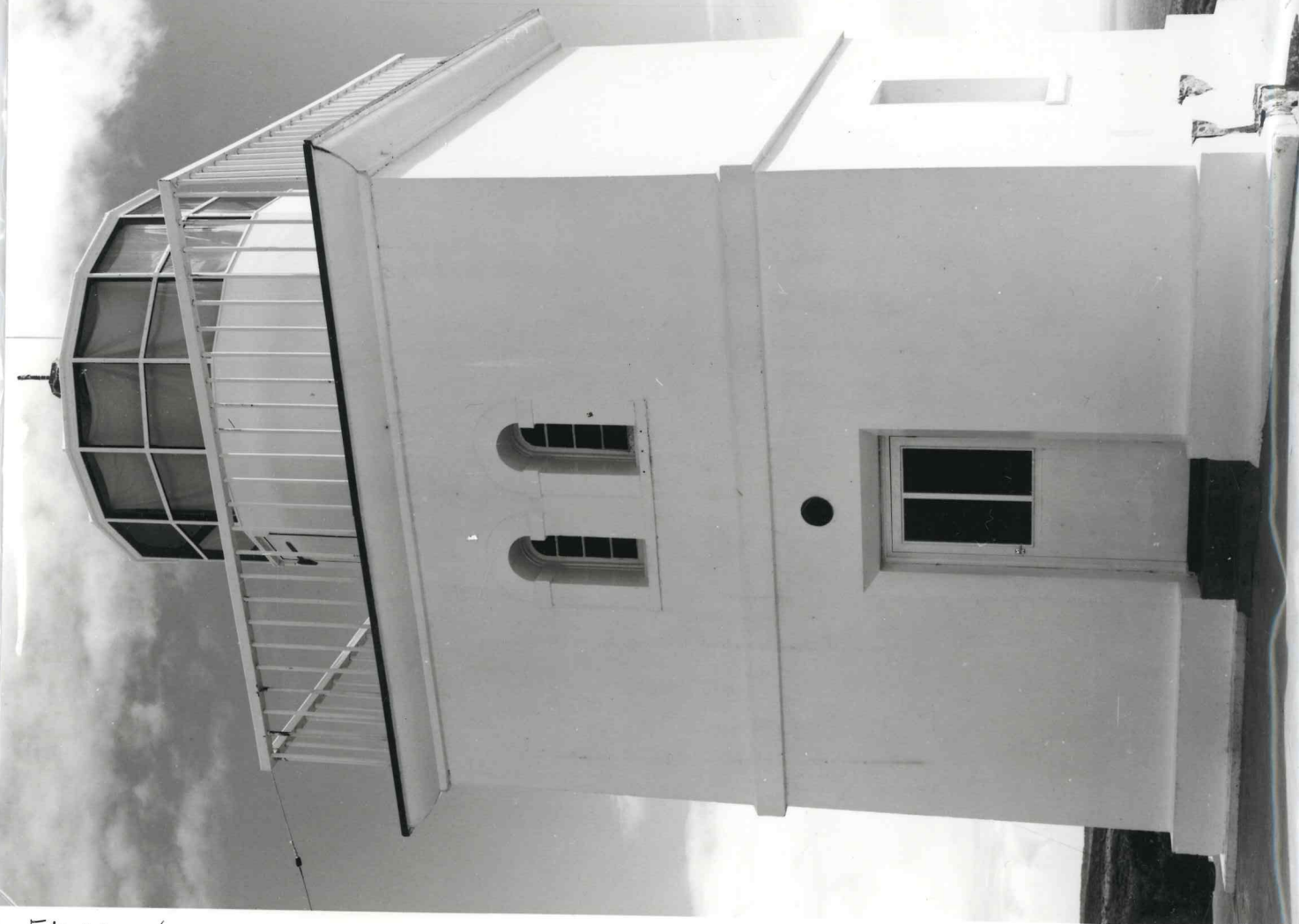




Small building at the station, showing the entrance and the water tank. The building is made of stone and has a corrugated metal roof. The water tank is made of corrugated metal and is standing on a concrete base. The ground in front of the building is sandy and there are some small plants growing.







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CAPE BORDA LIGHTHOUSE FROM  
NORTH EAST

KANGAROO ISLAND  
25-2-79

