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Name: Port Arthur Historic Site

THR ID Number: 6

Address: 131 POINT PUER RD PORT ARTHUR TAS 7182
MAIN RD PORT ARTHUR TAS 7182

Status: Permanently Registered

Municipality: Tasman Council

Tier: State

Listed: Yes

Locations:

<u>Location Id</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Title Ref</u>	<u>Pid</u>	<u>Easting</u>	<u>Northing</u>
674		MAIN RD PORT ARTHUR 7182 TAS	230006/1	5991173	568,936.69	5,222,612.58
675		131 POINT PUER RD PORT ARTHUR 7182 TAS				
				5997479	568,903.47	5,222,404.61
676		131 POINT PUER RD PORT ARTHUR 7182 TAS				
				5997479	570,420.83	5,221,273.28
677		131 POINT PUER RD PORT ARTHUR 7182 TAS				
				5997479	568,604.87	5,221,755.14
678		131 POINT PUER RD PORT ARTHUR 7182 TAS				
				5997479	569,520.80	5,221,067.95
679		131 POINT PUER RD PORT ARTHUR 7182 TAS				
				5997479	568,555.93	5,221,780.57
680		131 POINT PUER RD PORT ARTHUR 7182 TAS				
				5997479	570,533.66	5,222,255.86
681		TAS				
			223955/1	0	568,996.62	5,222,855.61
682		TAS				
			236830/1	0	568,995.37	5,222,968.21



Title:

Untitled

Copyright:

None on file

Setting: Within the core site area the views and vistas of significant buildings, structures and landscape are predominantly intact with little intrusion from inappropriate development.

Description: Port Arthur was the largest convict settlement of secondary punishment in Colonial Tasmania, established to replace Macquarie Harbour. It is located south of Hobart at Safety Cove on the Tasman Peninsula. The site consists of various buildings, ruins and subsurface deposits all of considerable heritage value. The place now is a focal point for tourism in Tasmania attracting local, interstate and overseas visitors. The site is those geographic areas defined in the Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority Act, 1987, and the plans contained in schedule 1, section 3 of that Act. Namely, Mason Cove portions. (Part 1) Point Puer portions. (Part 2) Garden Point portion. (Part 3) The water supply dam site. (Part 4)

<i>Feature Type</i>	No Data Recorded
<i>Integrity:</i>	Sections intact, sections disturbed or as ruins

<i>Condition:</i>	No Data Recorded
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Use:

Original or Significant Use(s): Penal Services, Other

Current Use(s):

History:

The structures within the site have a strong and important relationship with each other on the basis of their common convict and tourism related history. The site has a crucial relationship with all other convicts sites both within Tasmania and on mainland Australia.

References:

Author:	Publication Date:	Title:	Pages:
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ASSESSED HISTORICAL CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Statement of Significance: *(non-statutory summary)*

The Heritage Council may enter a place in the Heritage Register if it meets one or more of the following criteria from the Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995:

- a) **"It is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Tasmania's history"**
Port Arthur Historic Site is of great historic cultural heritage value to Tasmania and Australia for its ability to demonstrate the convict period from 1830 to 1877 and its ability to demonstrate the subsequent developments of the site, particularly as a tourist attraction and the attempts to down play the site's convict history.
- b) **"It demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of Tasmania's heritage"**
Port Arthur Historic Site is one of only three convict settlements in Tasmania. It is a rare and endangered place.
- c) **"It has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Tasmania's history"**
Port Arthur Historic Site has considerable potential for scientific and social research to contribute to the understanding of Tasmania's history.
- d) **"It is important as a representative in demonstrating the characteristics of a broader class of cultural places"**
Port Arthur is a prime example of the British colonial penal system, the evolution of that system during the 19th century, and the effects of that system in shaping Australian society.
- e) **"It is important in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement"**
The site has the ability to demonstrate a high degree of technical and creative achievement for the time, including industrial enterprises such as ship-building, saw-milling and brick making.
- f) **"It has strong or special meaning for any group or community because of social, cultural or spiritual associations"**
Port Arthur Historic Site, as the most famous convict site in Australia, has a strong and special meaning for the Tasmanian as well as the Australian community as a place of secondary punishment in the convict system. The place also has a special meaning to Tasmanians for its association with the 1996 mass killing by Martin Bryant.
- g) **"It has a special association with the life or work of a person, a group or an organisation that was important in Tasmania's history"**
The site has particular associations with Governor Arthur and political prisoner Smith OmBrien.

PLEASE NOTE This datasheet is intended to provide sufficient information and justification for listing the place on the Heritage Register. It is not intended to be a comprehensive historical record or inventory of the heritage values of the place.

Assessed by: Pre-2007 THR legacy data 12 June 2008

Cleared by: DS / DR [date]