

A history of the Cape Range

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Shire of Exmouth

A brief history of the Cape Range, and town of Exmouth.

The slides for this presentation are provided in Appendix D.



Darren Brooks driving on the range (Photo Ross Anderson)



Appendix D - A history of the Cape Range





History of Cape Range and Exmouth

Where exploring and passion go hand in hand

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Providing you a Sense of Place

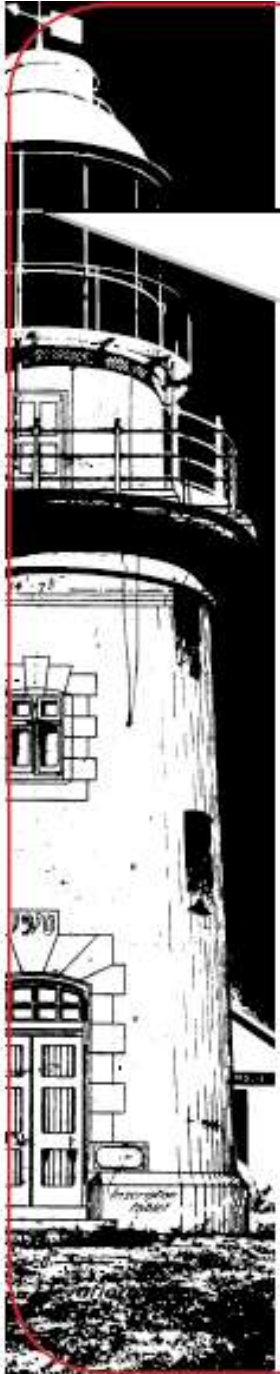
- 1. More than 35,000 years of Human History**
- 2. Who are the people of the Cape; what is this Place?**
- 3. What about the Future?**



YOU DON'T REALLY WANT TO BE HERE..!!

**You are too excited!
You want to go out and explore...
Get your hands dirty
See what is out there
Be amazed by the unknown**

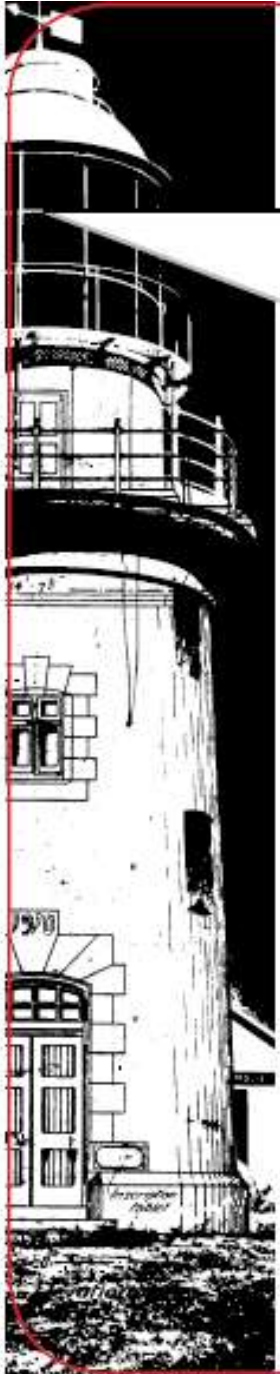
You are like so many people before you!



More than 35,000 years of Human history

The region provides the earliest evidence of human ornamentation found in Australia.

Shell beads discovered at Mandu Mandu Creek rock shelter at Cape Range have been dated to more than 32,000 years before present time.





How the Cape was 'found'

1618

Dutch Sailor Haevik Claeszoon van Hillegom records the first sighting of Northwest Cape on June 24.

This Wednesday it will be 397 years ago!



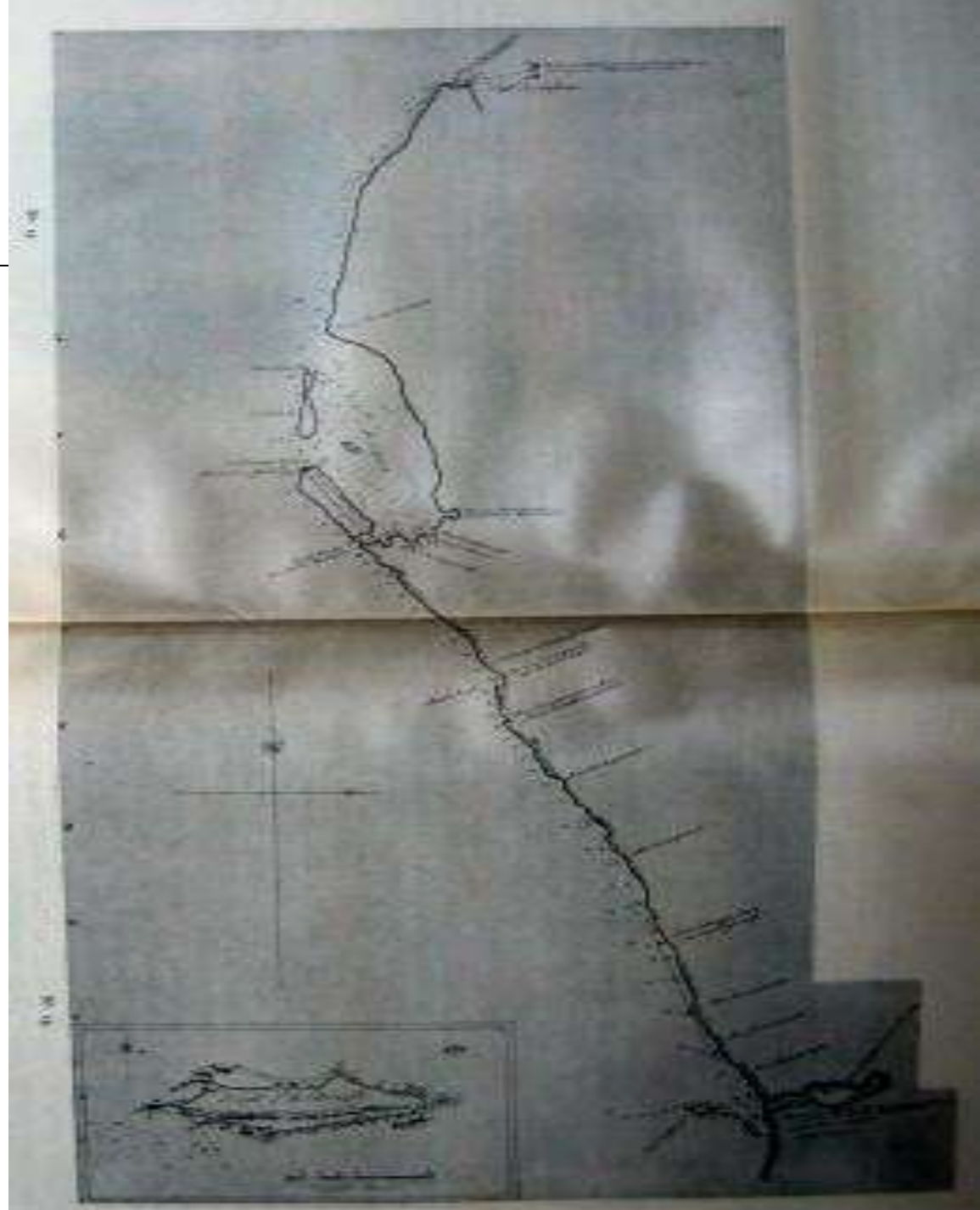
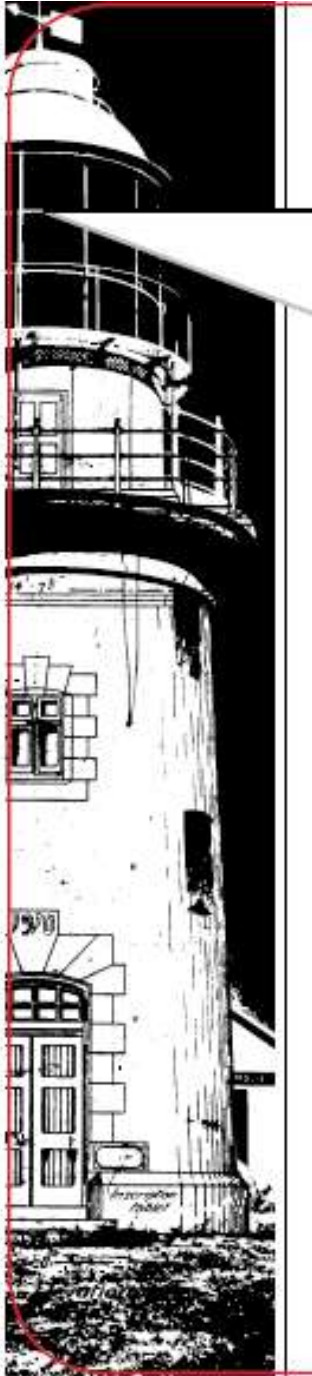
We are on the Map!

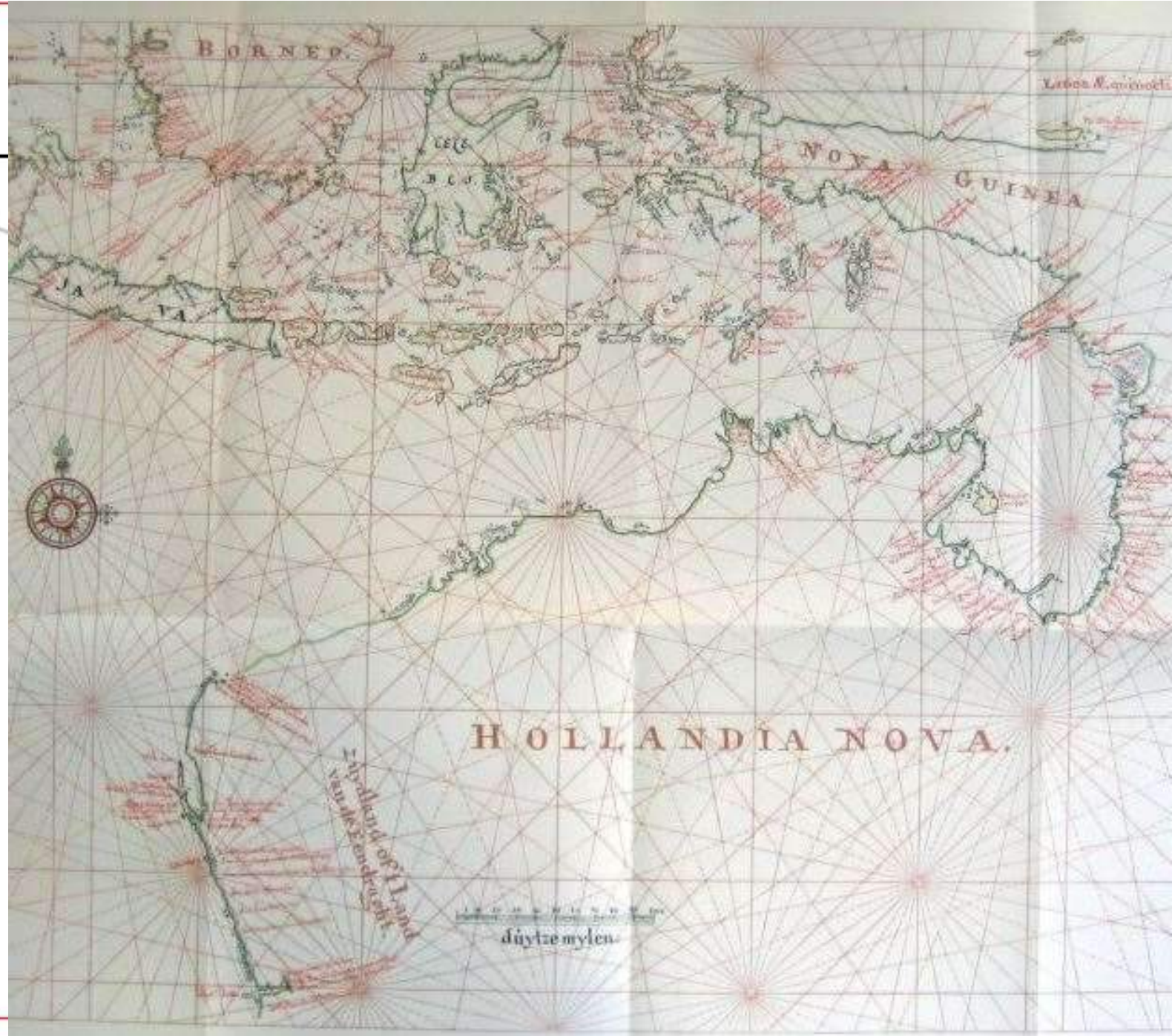
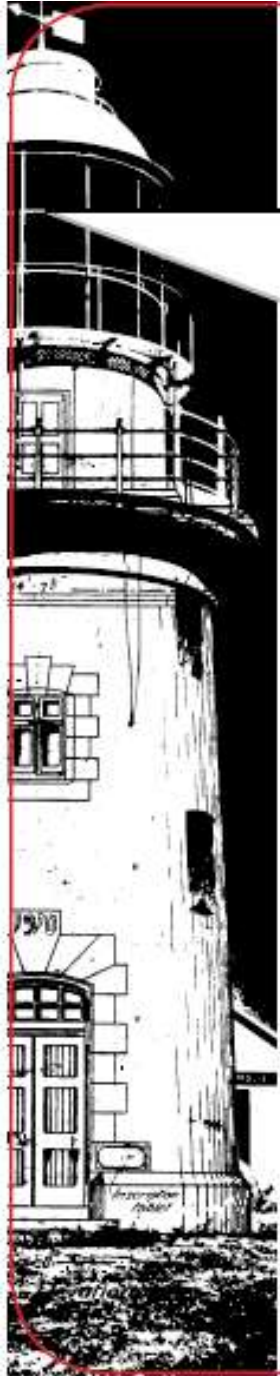
1696

Willem de Vlamingh charts Vlamingh Head

Well, amongst all other things he did, like:
Discovering and naming Swan River & Rottnest Island
and also 'doing the dishes' at Dirk Hartog island near
Shark Bay









It's getting busy; we are getting more names!

1801

Nicholas Baudin names **Cape Murat** on the northwest tip of the Cape and **Muiron Islands**

1811

The Rapid (an American 3 masted wooden vessel) was wrecked near **Point Cloates**

1818

Philip Parker King surveys the Cape and names **Exmouth Gulf** after the 'noble and gallant Count' in England; also **Bay of Rest**.



....but they are not getting this Place !!!

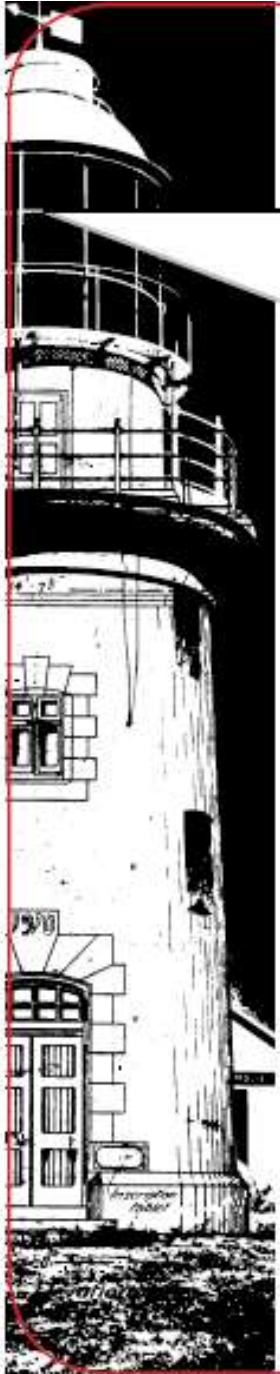
1818

French vessel Uranie
visits North West Cape

"Not a bird in the sky,
not a wild beast or any
harmless four-footed thing,
not the murmur of the
least cold water spring
to gladden the earth!
Desert everywhere with
its cold heart-freezing
solitude and its vast echo-
less horizons. The soul
is oppressed by this sad
and silent spectacle of
nerveless, lifeless, nature
evidently issued but a few
centuries from the sea..."

French artist, Jacques Arago from the
vessel Uranie commenting on this
coastline in 1818





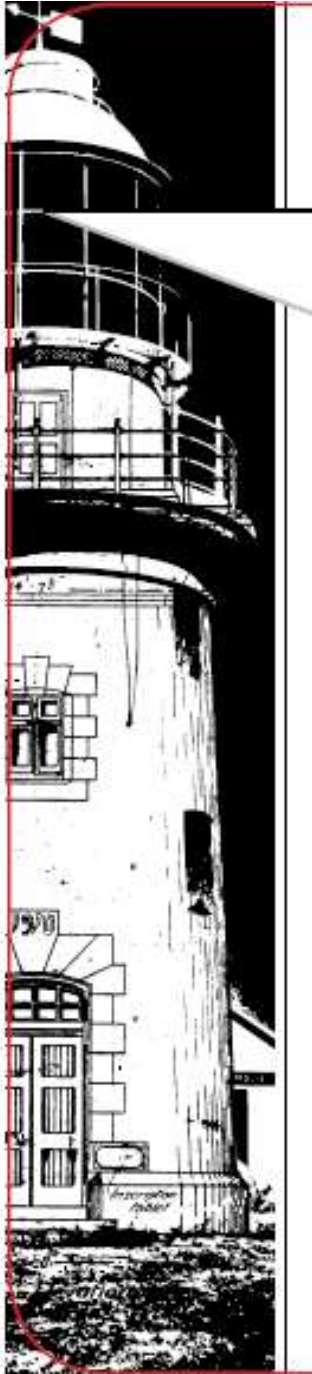
People start moving into the area!

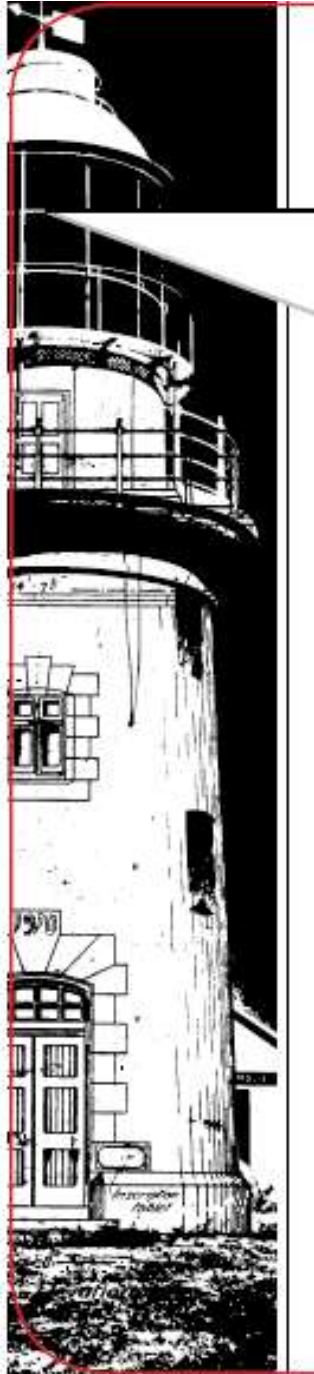
1870-1912 Pearling and Pastoral Settlement

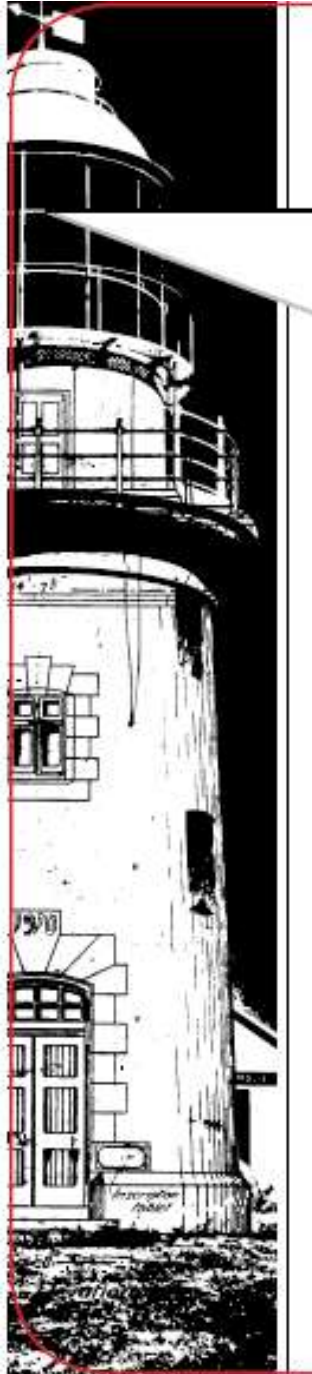
Thomas Carter (a famous ornithologist) acquired the first pastoral leases on the North West Cape in 1891;

Carved them up 20 years later, thus creating Ningaloo, Exmouth and Yardie stations

Pearling Luggers move into the Exmouth Gulf area from the north.





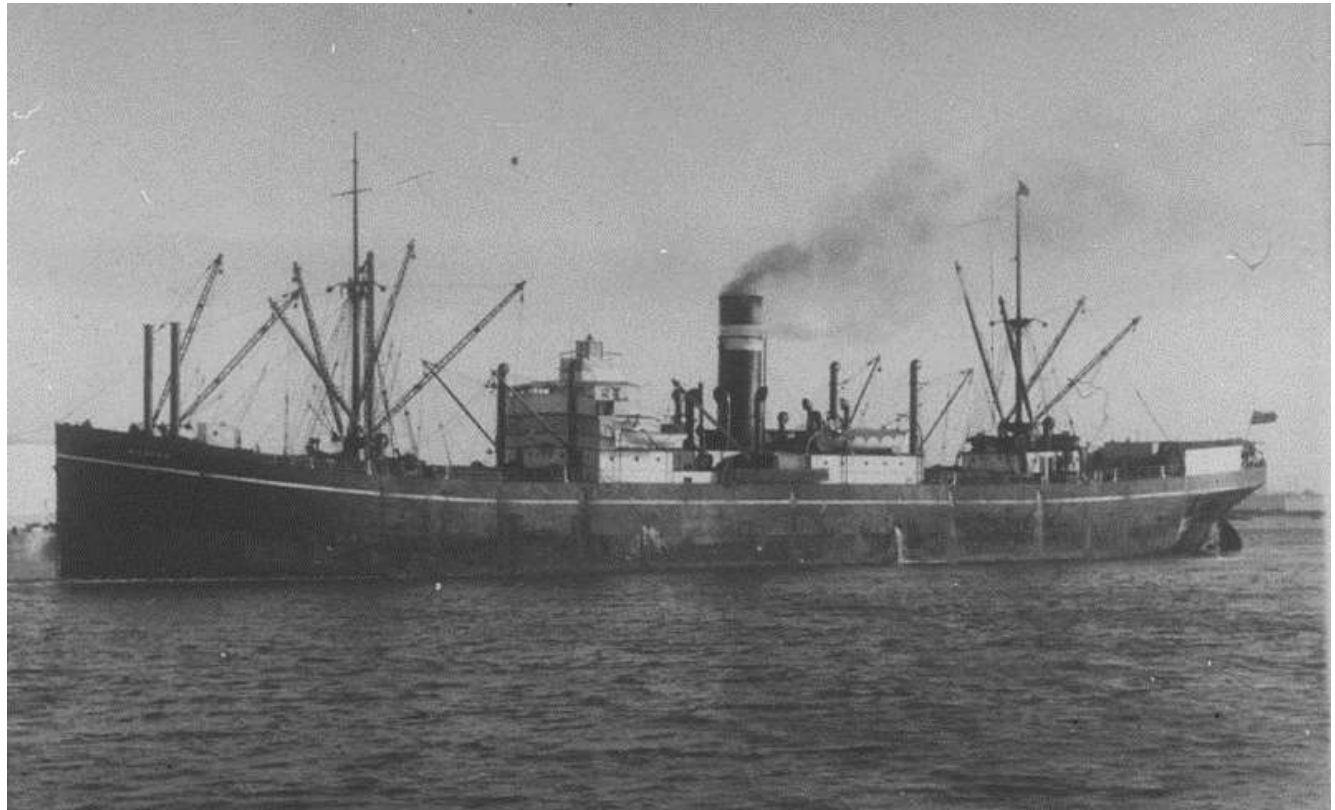




Lighting up the North West Cape

1912

The Lighthouse born out of disaster.





War comes to the Cape

1942

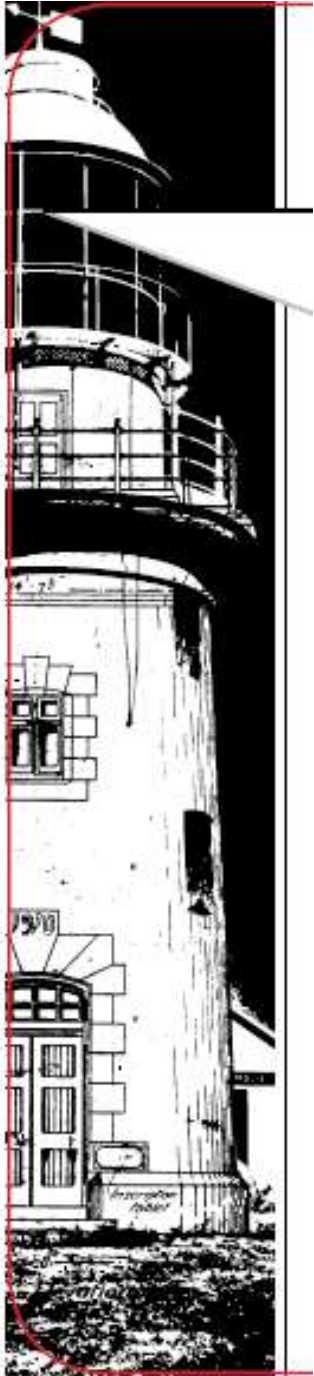
Operation Potshot Commences

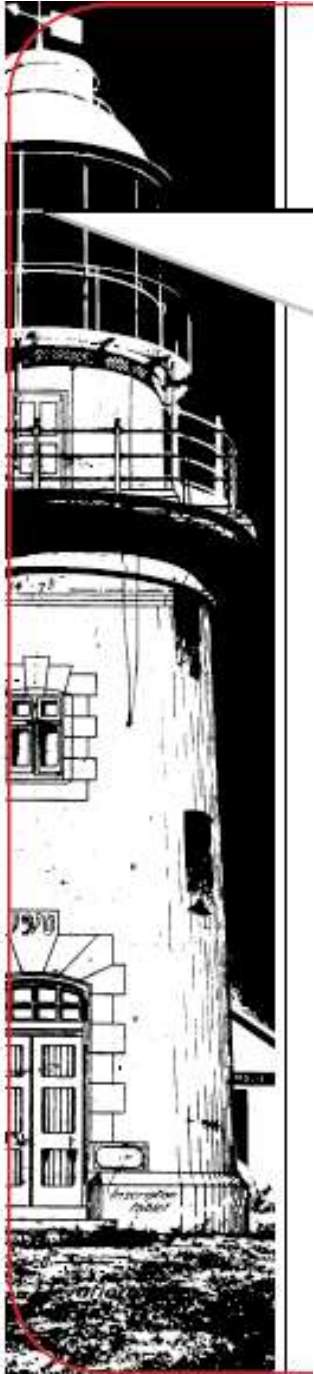
Airstrips, radars, anti-aircraft guns and servicing/fuel for submarines

Radar station at Vlamingh Head was built.

Operating Jaywick (Krait)







First Mainland Oil strike!

1953 -Rough Range struck oil.



OIL FOUND IN WA

OIL—very high-grade crude oil in what appears to be commercial quantities—has been found at Exmouth Gulf. This was officially announced in San Francisco today by the headquarters office of Standard Oil of California.

The announcement said that West Australian Petroleum Ltd. had been testing oil showings in sand at 3605ft. to 3620 ft. at Rough Range No. 1—the company's first wildcat. In a 25-hour test, oil rushed through a quarter-inch pipe at the rate of 20 barrels an hour. This is roughly 700gal. an hour—about average for a new well.

This announcement—giving credence to a spate of rumours over the past three weeks—has had a terrific impact on Australian stock exchanges. Ampol Exploration shares (Ampol holds a 20 per cent interest in WA Petroleum) jumped overnight as much as 20/- (Perth) and 102/- (Melbourne).

Premier Hawke was jubilant at the news. "This is great news, particularly for Western Australia," he said. "The future developments could play a tremendous part in the State's progress." Later, he told the Legislative Assembly that action would be taken to ensure that the State and its people would get substantial benefit from the discovery.

He said that Messrs Minister Kelly and his departmental officers had closely considered the State's position. They had studied law practices current in the Canadian Province of Alberta, where big oil discoveries had been made.

The test of the Standard Oil Co. announcement was: "Oil showings in Australia. At Rough Range Number One, its first wildcat, West Australian Petroleum Limited has been testing oil showings in sand at 3605 to 3620 feet.

"Preliminary tests showed a very waxy, high grade crude oil which flowed for 25 hours at the rate of 20 barrels per hour through a one-quarter inch bottom hole chisel.

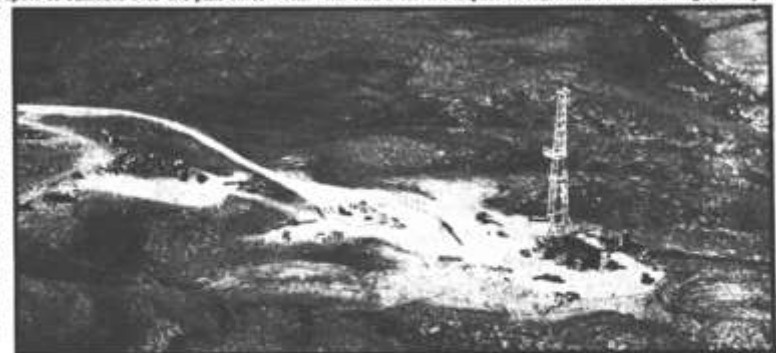
"This announcement is made today by California Texas Corporation, which holds a 20 per cent interest in West Australian Petroleum. A 20 per cent interest is held by the Australian firm, Ampol.

"The discovery appears to be the first commercial quantities of crude oil ever found on the continent of Australia. It has been made by an affiliated company in which Standard Oil of California has an interest.

Long-Term Concession

"The discovery well, Rough Range No. 1 is an exploratory venture of West Australian Petroleum Ltd., drilled to begin testing of more than 300,000 square miles held under long-term concessions from the State of Western Australia.

"Significance of the discovery is indicated by the fact that Australia now is using about 100,000 barrels of petroleum products daily, all of which must be imported. These imports come primarily from the Persian Gulf.



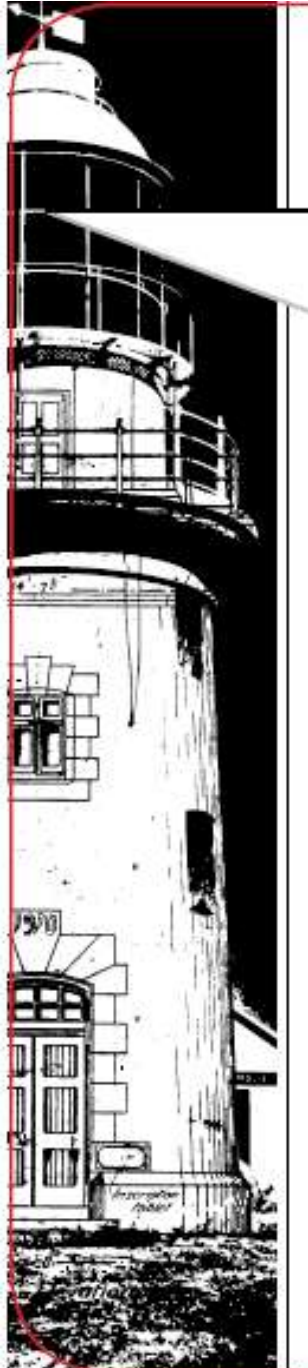
Oil Shares Rocket In All Capitals

AMPO Exploration shares jumped 20/-, up to 56/- when Perth Stock Exchange opened at 11.30 a.m. today. In Adelaide the oil shares jumped



This Is It

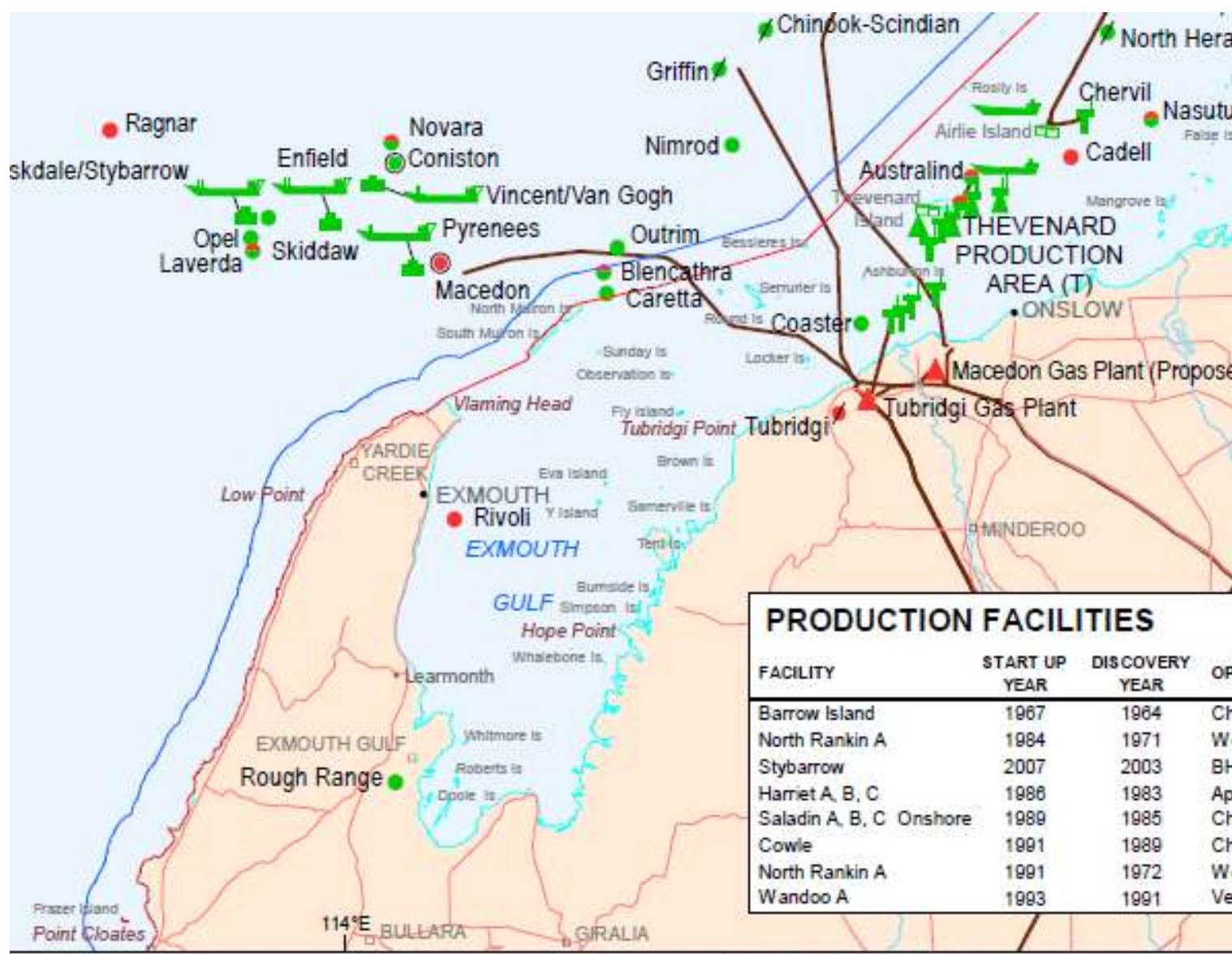
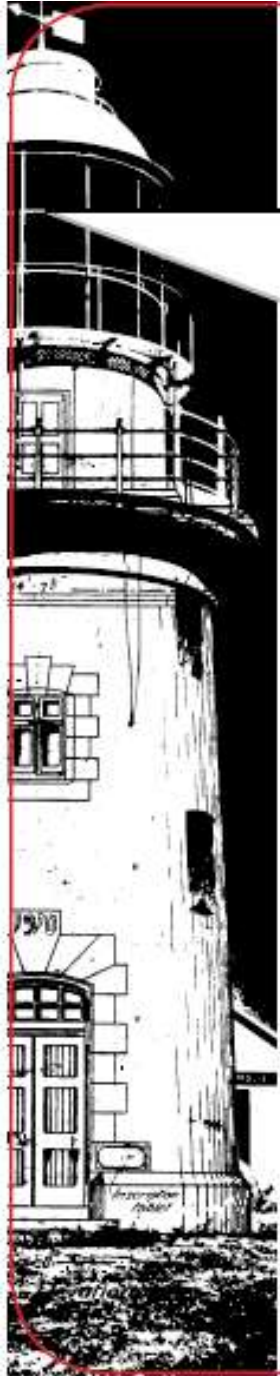
✦ AERIAL PICTURE shows the site of drilling operations which today are assessed as successful. The road leading off picture tells the tale from the sea port to the nearest shore.



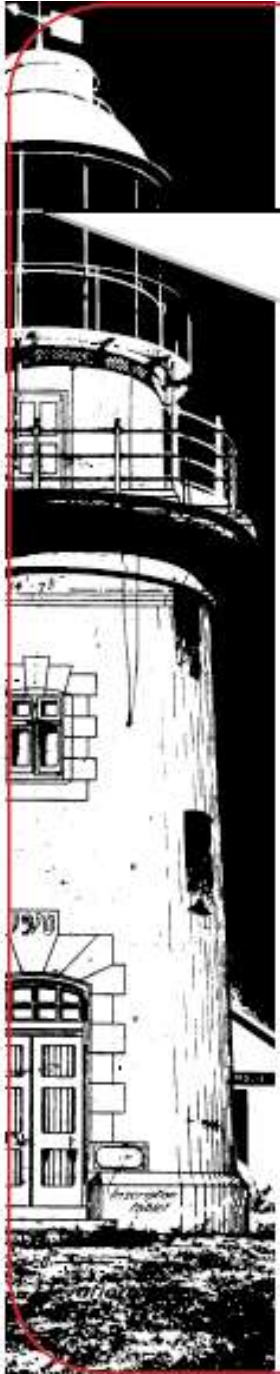
BLACK AND YELLOW GOLD

The discovery of oil at Exmouth Gulf is certainly the most important development in this State — indeed in all Australia — in this century.

Its importance has been ranked above that of the discovery of gold in the second half of the last century, but only history will prove whether or not this high claim is justified.



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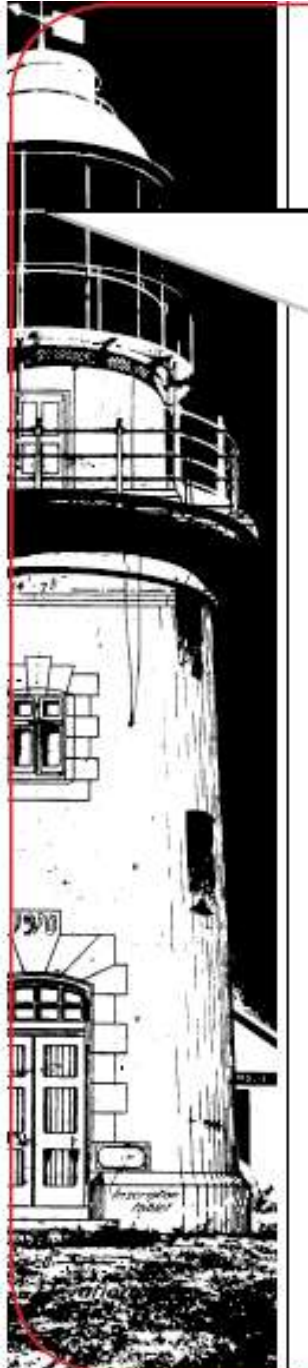
The Birth of a Town

1963

agreement was reached between the Australian and USA Governments to establish a VLF Communications Station at NW Cape.

The town of Exmouth was created to support this facility.

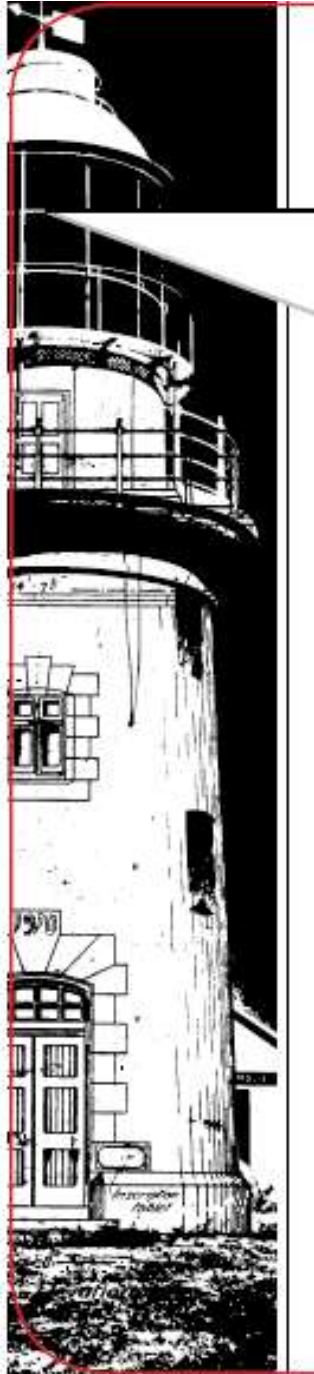
Both were officially opened in **1967**.

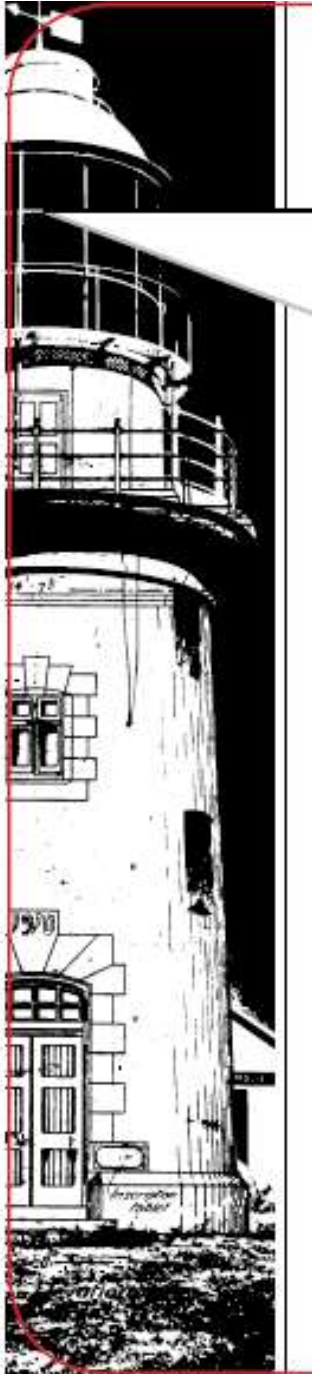


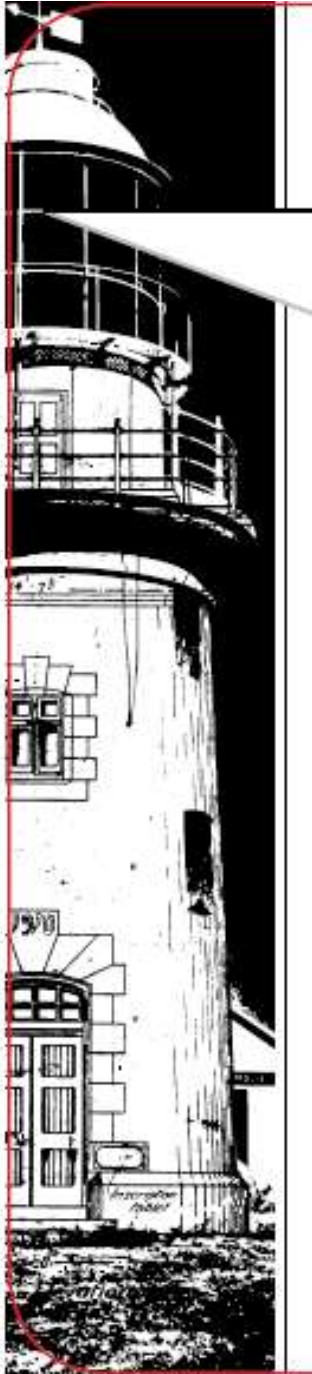
On the main road to Eimouth, 1963.

"You are to go to the world's most remote capital city. Then go another 700 miles (1100 km) or so north, and build a technological and engineering marvel. Oh, by the way, you will need to build a town, roads, a power station and a pier. And did I mention the heat and the cyclones?"

Brian Humphreys in
"Calls to the Deep"

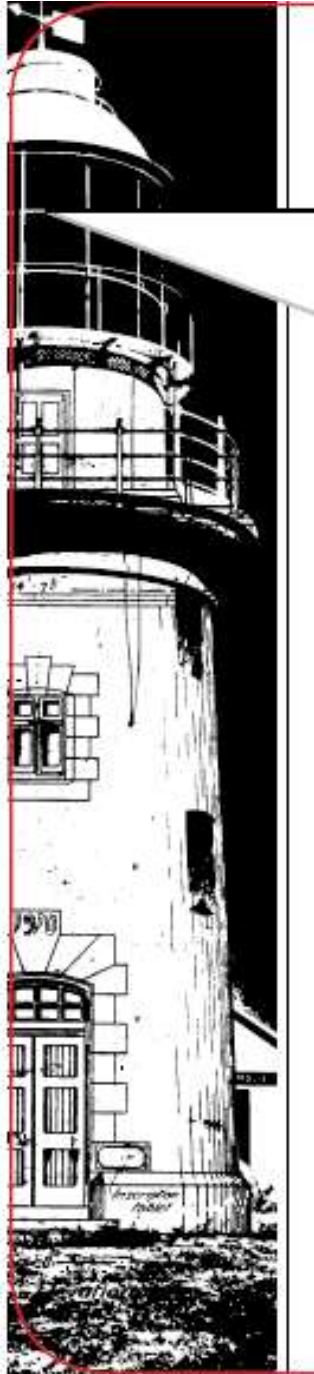






Today...





More Recently.....!!!!





Exmouth today

2,5000 people, and still many of the old pioneers from the 60ies

Many arrive here as a tourist and never leave, or come for a short term job and stay

Tourists explore the natural wonders





What would I ask of you...?!

Please show **Respect** for this land's rich cultural and environmental values

How can **Young People** benefit from your conference and your future activities, knowledge and skills?

Be curious and let our community know what you discover – how about a **Community Newsletter**?



What holds the Future?

Let's hear it from young people from
Exmouth