

## Dunn's Enclosure and Fish Trap

AHC Category	Archaeological	Historic	Indigenous	Landscape
	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>		
Other Names	Point Vernon, The Gables and Rock Baths			
Address/Location	Esplanade Point Vernon			
Title Details / (GPS)	(Northern feature / The Gables Fish Trap) (482581/7207412), (482632/7207389), (482634/7207412), (482603/7207432) (Southern feature / Dunn's Enclosure) (482490/7207279), (482510/7207311), (482578/7207273), (482571/7207232)			
Place Type	Parks, Gardens & Reserves			
Place Category	Recreation and Entertainment			
Place Components	The swimming enclosure is constructed between two natural rock lines running east - west and contained through placement of rocks in a north - south formation. The fish trap is semi-circular of a similar construction.			
Historical Theme(s)				

Historical Context	<p>In the 1880's, on the assumption that a railway line would be carried through to Point Vernon, the Bayview Boarding House was built at the area known as "the Gables" by Mr Antcliff in 1888. The establishment would later be known as Vernon, and finally, as The Gables. From 10 November 1898 until 23 June 1908 the dwelling was owned by Hon. Andrew Heron Wilson and Mrs Wilson when it was sold to Alexander and Louisa Corbet who owned it until 16 July 1913. The Corbet's brought some of their horses from Gympie, in which stables and coach houses were built.</p> <p>It is believed that Alexander and his sons built the fish trap in front of their residence, however the swimming enclosure was constructed around the 1920's by Andrew Dunn who was the owner and editor of the Maryborough Chronicle and owned a large timber bungalow known as 'Sorento' on the Esplanade that directly adjoined the enclosure. Mr Dunn also had a boat shed located on the grassy bank of the foreshore in line with the enclosure. The construction of the enclosure follows a fatal shark attack in 1922. Maintenance of the enclosure was undertaken via working bee's by the Dunn family and friends during the 1930's.</p>
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Physical Description	Dunn's enclosure is established between two natural rock lines running east - west, with additional rocks placed towards the low water neap line running north - south. Remnants of the timber post and rail fence structure formerly constructed along the rock emplacement is still visible. The fish trap is a semi-circular form with similar stacked rock formation to create an enclosure.
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Integrity	Poor	Condition	Poor	
Listings	Register of the National Estate	QLD Heritage Register	QLD National Trust	HBCC Planning Scheme Policy 10

Inspection Date: 09/09/2013

References: Joan Christiansen, They Came...And They Stayed: a history of Hervey Bay. Hervey bay, R & J McTaggart & Co, 1991.

Internal Ref: Place ID: 149

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Amended Date:



### Heritage Significance

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>
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Criteria	Description
<b>A</b>	<i>The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the region's history</i>
<b>Statement</b>	Hervey Bay developed as a series of seaside villages. There were a number of bathing enclosures, providing safe areas for people to swim. These were highly used centres of activity. The bathing enclosures provided safety and communal focus for beachside recreational activities. The beach huts were clustered around them, so were dance halls, cafes and guest houses. The place represents a quintessential aspect of Hervey Bay's History.
<b>B</b>	<i>The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the region's cultural heritage</i>
<b>Statement</b>	There were a number of bathing enclosures through the Fraser Coast area. What is left of the Dunn's enclosure and fish trap is all that remains of these type of enclosures. Whilst it was of different construction to the ones at Pialba, Scarness and Torquay (Which did not use rocks) the concept was the same. These types of structures were at the very heart of seaside holidaying at Hervey Bay.

