

PORT AUTHORITY OF NSW HERITAGE INVENTORY

State Heritage Inventory						
SHI Number: 4560028		Study Number: N/A				
Item Name: Obelisk Bay ()belisks (Front and Rear L	eads)			
Location: Middle Head, M	osman					
Address: Middle Head, Mosman			DUAP Region: Sydney North			
Suburb / Nearest Town: Mosman 2088			Historic Region: Sydney			
Local Govt Area: Mosman			Parish: Willoughby			
State: NSW			County: Cumberland			
Other/Former Names:						
Area/Group/Complex:			Group ID:	Group ID:		
Aboriginal Area:						
Curtilage/Boundary:						
Item Type: Built	Group: Maritim		e Industry	Catego	ory: NAVAID	
Owner: Port Authority of N	lew Sout	h Wales				
Current Use: Front and re Jackson). Aids to Navigat	-			entrance to	Sydney Harbour (Port	
Former Uses:						
Assessed Significance: State			Endorsed Significance: State (as part of Middle Head Military Fortifications SHR 00999)			
Statement of Significance positions at the entrance during the 19th century, s	to Sydne	y Harbour, and fo	or their association		isually prominent navigation aids employed	
Historical Notes or Prove to Marine Board Septemb are the two white obelisks P 151-152) In 1909 the de (No.4560030, Spit Lighthor introduction of these light commercial shipping.	er 4, 185 s above C ecision w buse) to f	7. They appear o Dbelisk Bay which as made to erect facilitate the incre	n his chart of the n, in-line, clear the lights at Grotto P eased amount of r n the Obelisks ho	Harbour pu end of Sou oint (No 45 night sailing	ith reef. (Pilotage Service 560006) and Rosherville gs into the Port. The	
Themes:	National Theme:		State Theme:		Local Theme:	
	3. Economy		Technology	gy (none)		
	3. Economy		Transport	Transport (none)		
Designer:	I		1		1	
Maker / Builder:						
Year Started: 1857		Year Complete	d: 1859	Circa: Y	/es	



Physical Description: 2 sandstone Obelisks, 9 metres high, painted white which continue to be used as day leads. They are unlit. The alignment (274deg.) of the two obelisks (White both 9m high) standing on the north side of Obelisk Bay clears close north of South Reef. (Admiralty Sailing Directions P323).

Physical Condition: Generally good, with the exception of areas of stonework delamination and graffiti damage, but structurally sound

Modification Dates:

Recommended Management: Retain in situ and conserve

Preparation of a Heritage Assessment of Port Authority of NSW Sydney Harbour Aids to Navigation in order to confirm relevance of group listing, assessed State significance and applicability of individual items.

Preparation of a Maintenance and Conservation Works Schedule to ensure acceptable condition and assist in long-term conservation.

Management: Statutory Instrument

Further Comments: Aids to navigation under the Port Safety Operating Licence.

Criteria a) Of historical significance for their associations with the navigation aids employed during the 19th century, still in use today and essential to the safe operation of the Port of Sydney. (Anglin 1990:3005)

Criteria b)

Criteria c) Of significance as part of a collective group of obelisks located in visually prominent positions at the entrance to Sydney Harbour. (Anglin 1990: 3005)

Criteria d)

Criteria e)

Criteria f)

Criteria g)

Integrity / Intactness: Intact, appear in generally good condition and are largely unchanged from original construction

References:		Author:		Title:				Year:
				Admiralty Sailing Directions. Australia Pilot Vol 2				1999
Sydney Harbour Trust			Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners Tenth Report Year ended 30th June 1910				1910	
Studies:	Au	Author:		Title:			Number:	Year:
Godden Mackay Logan Pty Ltd			Mosman Heritage Study				1996	
	An	glin Associates		Sydney Harbour Maritime Services Board Heritage and Conservation Register				1990
		avis Partners Pty Lt chitects, Planners	Mosman Heritage Study				1986	
Parcels: Parcel Code: Lot N		umber:	Section:	Plan Code: Plan Nu		mber:		



Latitude:				Longitude:			
West Obelisk (Rear Lead): -33.82973				West Obelisk (Rear Lead): 151.259432			
East Obelisk (Front Lead): -33.829951				East Obelisk (Front Lead): 151.263324			
Listings:	stings:Name:Heritage Act – S.170 NSW State agency heritage registerHeritage Act – State Heritage RegisterMosman Local Environmental Plan 2012National Parks and Wildlife RegisterHeritage study			2:	Number:	Date:	
				elisk Bay Obelisks (Front Rear Leads)	4560028	1/07/2004	
				dle Head Military tifications	SHR No. 00999		
				of navigational obelisks	1465		
						16/01/1998	
						1/01/1986	
	Within a National Trust conservation area		Sydney Harbour Landscape Conservation Area			24/01/1983	
Data Entr	y:	Date First Entered:	1	Date Updated:	Status:	·	
		07/07/2004		18/01/2023	Basic		



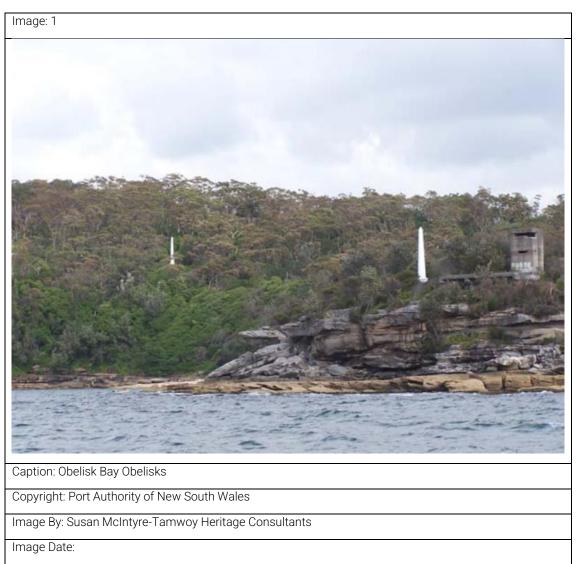


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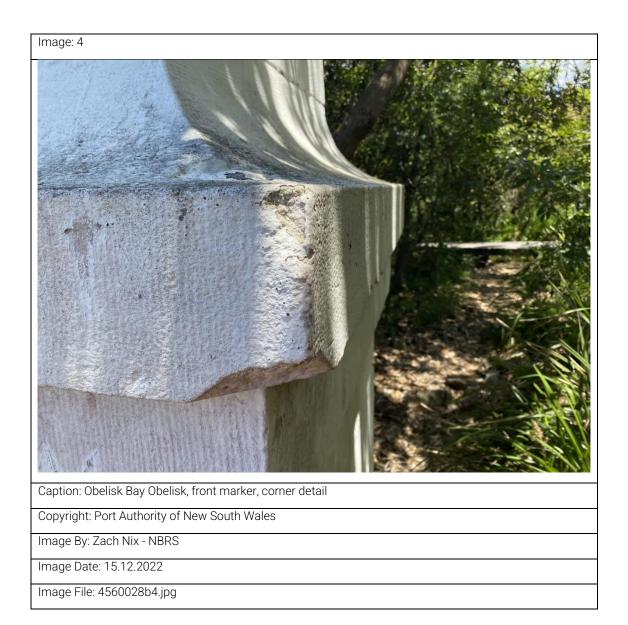






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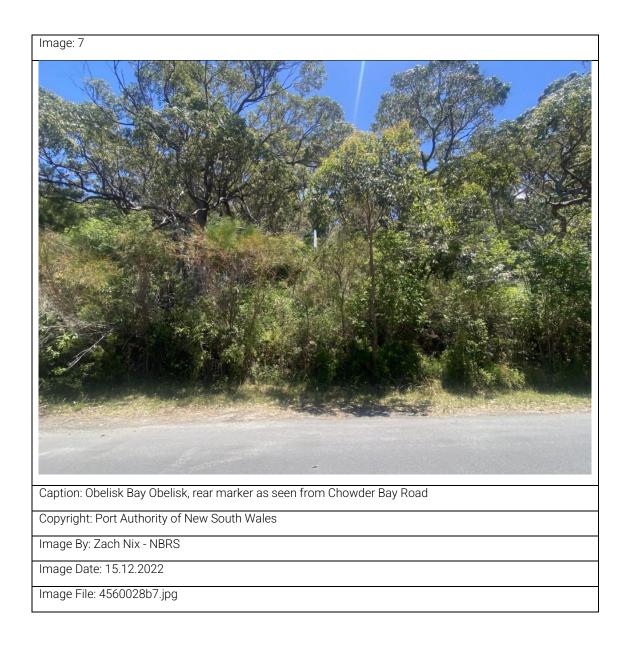
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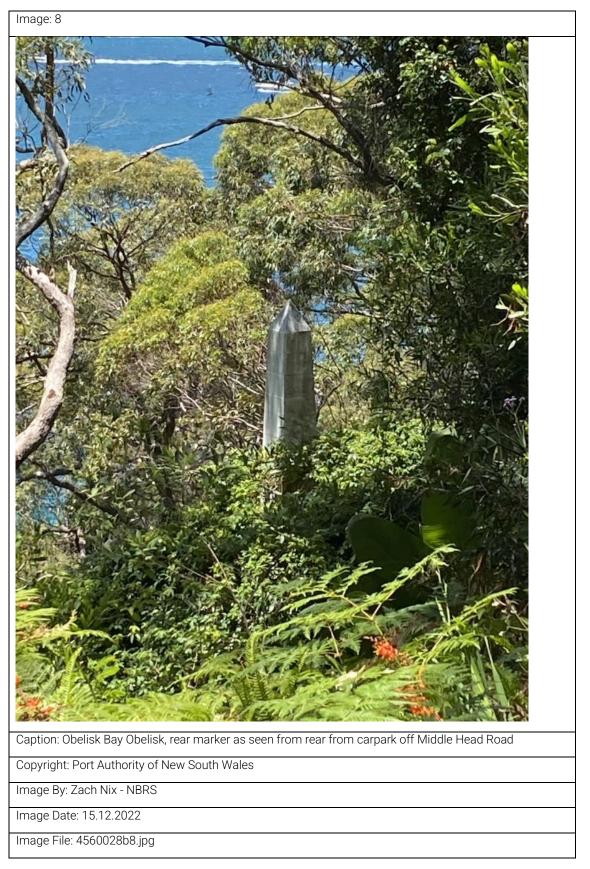












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