

Archaeological Site Report	SiteNo	9/2/064/0029
	Site Name	The Point, Mossel Bay
	Date	
	Project	
	CaseNID	
	Coords	-34.184830, 22.156495

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Site Category: Building

SiteComments:

Archive Import History: The bungalows represent a style of seaside holidaying that was popular in South Africa, but of which very little remains. They were built in the aftermath of WW II. It was especially people from inland who had the need to escape the heat who came to camp at the Point on the common, and later to build their bungalows. Year after year family and friends came to relax in an informal way. In several cases the bungalows have been used by the same family form generations. The structures may be regarded as vernacular in the sense that available materials were used to build the structure that would provide the necessary accommodation for people on holiday. They were demountable. The land on which the bungalows are situated was owned by the municipality and known as erven 3345 and 3600 until consolidation into erf 14721. The land was leased to the occupants or owners of the structures. Recently, the land was subdivided into 38 erven and sold to the occupants. Visual Description: Three irregular rows following the curve of the shoreline Middle and back rows separated by a curved road Pathways, some with steps, situated between the bungalows Most bungalows started as rectangular buildings with front verandahs and rear lean-tos Variety of construction materials Walls - asbestos sheeting, weatherboard, plywood Roofs - Malthoid on timber boarding, asbestos Mostly low pitched roofs, saddle shape (no bungalow has simple mono-pitch roof Some interesting multiple roofs of pyramidal or other shapes Variety of window and door types Front and back doors mostly stable type Many structures have small 3x2 sash windows and timber casement windows Louvred shutters also occur Front verandahs, which have mostly been enclosed, some with stoepkamers Colours: Site Features: 20th century rubbish dump situated near shoreline Condition: Construction Date: c1930 Materials: Catalogue: WinterBauman, No: PP 3 /NMC Ref3, Significance Category:

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The Point has rocky shores on the east and north side. Presumably it was regarded as a desirable place by local inhabitants long before the arrival of Europeans. A series of cemteries was established along the north shore. During World War II a Shell p Bibliography archive:

Damage Types: