



# BEACONS BY THE SEA

*Stories of Australian Lighthouses*

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## 5. References and Resources



South Neptune Island Lighthouse, SA NAA: A1200, L43685



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## REFERENCES AND RESOURCES

### Websites

[www.lighthouse.net.au/Lights/Default3.htm](http://www.lighthouse.net.au/Lights/Default3.htm)

The Australia Lighthouses Inc. website promotes and coordinates the presentation of Australian lighthouses on the Internet. Includes a free monthly bulletin and state-by-state lighthouses with pictures detailing operation, history, preservation issues and access to lighthouses.

[www.lighthouses.com.au](http://www.lighthouses.com.au)

This site contains information and ordering instructions for John Ibbotson's book *Lighthouses of Australia: Images from the End of an Era* and the Lighthouses of Australia map.

[www.maine.com/lights/www\\_vl.htm](http://www.maine.com/lights/www_vl.htm)

This virtual library has information on the world's lighthouses, lightships and lifesaving stations. It includes an international listing of lighthouses, lighthouse organisations and personal lighthouse websites.

### Non-fiction

#### *Protecting Local Heritage Places: A Guide for Communities*

Australian Heritage Commission, Canberra, 1998

This publication is available free of charge from the Australian Heritage Commission website ([www.ahc.gov.au](http://www.ahc.gov.au)) as a pdf file or by mail order.

#### *Island Nation: A History of Australians and the Sea*

Frank Broeze

Allen & Unwin, St Leonards, NSW, 1988

*Island Nation* is an alternative history of Australia that traces the influence of the sea on Australian society.

#### *The Lighthouse Keepers*

Stuart Buchanan

Samford, Queensland, Coral Coast Publications, 1994

A personal account of a Queensland lighthouse keeper.

Includes a chronological list of Queensland lighthouse keepers 1857–1994.

#### *Lighthouse of Tragedy: The Story of Bustard Head Lighthouse, Queensland's First Coastlight*

Stuart Buchanan

Samford Queensland, Coral Coast Publications, 1999

This is the most comprehensive account ever written about an Australian lightstation.

It includes insights into the lives of women and children of the lights.

#### *Beacons of Light*

Gail Gibbons

Morrow Junior Books, New York, 1990

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A children's picture book that explores how lighthouse technology has developed and changed over the years. Suitable for ages 4–7.

### ***Lighthouses of Australia: Images from the End of an Era***

John Ibbotson

Australian Lighthouse Traders, Surrey Hills, Victoria, 2001

Includes 500 colour photographs of 220 lighthouses, 12 maps, plus an index and chronological list of over 400 Australian lighthouses.

Also lists lighthouse museums in each State.

### ***Guiding Lights: Tasmania's Lighthouses and Lighthousemen***

Kathleen M. Stanley

St David's Park Publishing, Hobart, 1991

Personal accounts of lighthouse experiences in Tasmania.

### ***From Dusk til Dawn: A History of Australian Lighthouses***

Gordon Reid

Macmillan Publishers, Melbourne, in association with the Department of Transport, 1988.

A comprehensive illustrated history of Australian lighthouses.

## Fiction

### ***Birdie's Lighthouse***

Deborah Hopkinson and Kimberley Bulcken Root (illustrator)

Aladdin Picture Books, New York, 1997

Set in 1855 and narrated in diary form, this book tells the story of a 10-year-old girl who kept the beacon burning during a storm. Inspired by many true-life lighthouse heroines.

### ***Round the Twist***

Paul Jennings

Puffin Books, Victoria, Australia, 1990

A remarkable tale of the Twist family who try to get away from it all by leaving the city to make their new home in a lighthouse.

## Videos

### ***Beacons of Hope – Lighthouses of Australia***

Executive Producer/Producer/Writer: Graham Patrick

Production Company: NRS GROUP Pty Ltd

Duration: 1 hour; Copyright: 1997

Copies are available from the NRS group on (02) 6251 6333

*Beacons of Hope* was filmed during the winter of 1997 on location at 21 lighthouses around the Australian coast. Those featured provide a cross-section of the dedicated people, the remote and spectacular locations, the shipwreck disasters, the architectural achievement and the unique lifestyle that combine to make up the story of the Lighthouses of Australia.

### ***Round the Twist! Series 1–3***

ABC Production

Copies are available from the Australian Television Foundation on (02) 9419 8800

ABC Television's *Round the Twist*, series 1 to 3, is based on the book by popular Australian children's author, Paul Jennings. An extensive range of lesson plans that link directly to the series is available at [www.actf.com.au/learning\\_centre\\_new/Lesson\\_Ideas/LessonIndex.htm](http://www.actf.com.au/learning_centre_new/Lesson_Ideas/LessonIndex.htm)