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OUR HERITAGE AT RISK - Nomination Form 2009

This program is a National campaign.



1. IDENTIFICATION / LOCATION OF HERITAGE @ RISK

Current Name of Place/Object: Burnie Pioneer Village Museum

Street Address of Place/Object: Burnie Civic Centre Plaza, Little Alexander Street,
Burnie

Local Government Authority: Burnie City Council

Title Details: Lot No: Vol: Fol:

Longitude:

Type of Place/Object: Museum

Original Owner: Name: Burnie City Council

Current Owner - Name: Burnie City Council

Address: Burnie Civic Centre Plaza, Little Alexander Street, Burnie

Current Occupant: Burnie Pioneer Village Museum

Architect/Designer: Peter Mercer collections

Builder:.....

Construction Date: 1970

Original Use: Museum Current Use: Museum

2. IDENTIFICATION OF CURRENT RISK

Statement of Risk: (a summary of the nature of the risk building on the three criteria below (degree/type/fate)(50 words maximum)

Degree of Risk: (tick one of)

- ***** **Imminent risk - no solution agreed**
- **** High risk - no solution agreed
- *** High risk - solution agreed but not implemented
- ** Immediate risk – no solution
- * Immediate risk – solution agreed but not implemented

Threats/Risks: (tick one of)

- ***** Destruction
- **** Deterioration
- *** **Devaluation**
- ** Damage
- * Disturbance

Fate/outcome (tick one of)

- ***** Saved (and secure, ie, solution agreed & implemented)
- **** Stable (not yet saved or secure, ie, solution not yet fully implemented)
- *** Surviving
- ** **Suffering**
- * Stuffed (shattered or smashed – Lost, ruined or destroyed)!

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Elaboration of Criteria as Applicable

- **Aesthetic**
- **Historic**
- Scientific
- **Social**
- Spiritual
- **Representative**
- **Authenticity**
- Rarity

4. CURRENT HERITAGE RECOGNITION

National List: (date entered) (ID or Ref number)
Commonwealth List:
Register of National Estate:
State Heritage Register/Listing:
National Trust Classification:
Municipal Listing/Town Planning Scheme:
Other:

5. DESIRED OUTCOME / VISION

Burnie Pioneer Village Museum was closed by the Burnie City Council at the end of March 2009.

This Museum has had high visitation since opening to the public. The presentation of an indoor street with interpretation focusing on the 1890 – 1910 period when Burnie was at the height of the economic boom. The collection purchased by Burnie City Council in 1970 contains significant objects relevant to the surrounding community and the history of North West Tasmania.

A great deal of community interest has been shown at Council meetings in 2009 and through the media and through Museums Australia Tasmania chapter to indicate concern over the future of the museum site and streetscape interpretation.

The Burnie City Council has indicated at this stage it will retain the streetscape at its current site and explore the expansion of volunteer involvement in the museum. The site has been professionally staffed in the past.

The future for this museum is uncertain and whilst the collections can be relocated to other display areas in Burnie the presentation of this unique 'streetscape' display would not be seen in its entirety as originally planned. There is no reason why this museum could not continue to be operated and remain open to the public on a regular basis.

Date of nomination **March 2009**