

# Historic Sites

## Focus Sheet

### Tacking Point Lighthouse

The Lighthouse was built in 1879 by Shepherd and Morley. It was designed by colonial architect James Barnet. It is a small navigational lighthouse and was the fourth lighthouse in a series of five small navigational lighthouses designed by Barnet.

Tacking Point was named by Mathew Flinders in July 1802. He was presumably tacking up the coastline at the time. The lighthouse is the third oldest in the country and was built to warn the ships of the rocks near the shore. It was converted to automatic operation in 1919.

Next to the lighthouse are the remains of the lighthouse keeper's cottage. The lighthouse keeper was withdrawn in 1919. Both buildings were constructed at a total cost of 4,650 pounds.

- The Lighthouse is classified by the National Trust of Australia (NSW).

