

eclipse 3 secs.; flash 2 secs., eclipse 3 secs.; flash 2 secs., eclipse 3 secs.

Sectors.—White, 217° through west to 297°; red, from shore to 217°.

Visibility.—10 miles.

Remarks.—Masters and others are warned that they should keep within the white sector of the light. The red sector covers the outlying danger of Bellambi Reef. The remaining details of the light are unaltered. No further notice will be given.

Publications affected.—Admiralty List of Lights and Time-signals, Part VI, 1915, No. 2552, page 335; Australia Directory, Vol. I, 1907, page 792.

Charts affected.—Admiralty Chart No. 1211, Gabo Island to Port Jackson; Admiralty Chart No. 1020, Beecroft Head to Port Jackson.

SOUTH COAST.—BACKSTAIRS PASSAGE.—CAPE ST. ALBAN LIGHT.—INTENDED ALTERATION IN CHARACTER AND SECTORS.

Mariners and others are hereby notified that the single-flashing white light with red sector will be replaced by a group-flashing white light, and the existing red sector will be removed on or about 1st November, 1916.

Position.—Lat. 35° 48½' S., long. 138° 7½' E.

Character.—Double-flashing white light, showing two flashes every ten seconds—thus, flash ½ sec., eclipse 1 sec.; flash ½ sec., eclipse 8 secs.

Sector.—The existing red sector will be removed.

Remarks.—The remaining details of the light are unaltered. Further notice will be given.

Publications affected.—Admiralty List of Lights and Time-signals, Part VI, 1915, No. 2370; Australia Directory, Vol. I, 1907, page 311.

Charts affected.—Admiralty Chart No. 25, Backstairs Passage; Admiralty Chart No. 2389, St. Vincent and Spencer Gulfs; Admiralty Chart No. 1014, Cape Jervis to Rivoli Bay; Admiralty Chart No. 2759B, Australia Southern Portion.

SOUTH COAST.—BACKSTAIRS PASSAGE.—YATALA SHOAL.—LIGHT-BUOY TO BE ESTABLISHED.

Mariners and others are hereby notified that the spherical buoy moored on the north-western side of Yatala Shoal will be replaced by a lighted buoy showing a white flashing light, on or about 1st December, 1916.

Position.—On the north-western side of Yatala Shoal 25° (N. 20° E. mag.), distant 4.7 miles from Cape St. Alban, in the position occupied by the existing red and white horizontally striped spherical buoy surmounted by a half globe, which it replaces. Lat. 35° 45' S., long. 138° 10' E.

Description.—A cylindrical light-buoy with framework superstructure painted in red and white horizontal bands, exhibiting a flashing white light every six seconds—thus, flash ½ sec., eclipse 5½ secs.

Visibility.—Eight miles.

Remarks.—Further notice will be given.

Publications affected.—Australia Directory, Vol. I, 1907, page 314.

Charts affected.—Admiralty Chart No. 25, Backstairs Passage; Admiralty Chart No. 2389, St. Vincent and Spencer Gulfs; Admiralty Chart No. 1014, Cape Jervis to Rivoli Bay; Admiralty Chart No. 2759B, Australia Southern Portion.

EAST COAST.—INNER BARRIER ROUTE.—HOME GROUP.—CLERKE ISLAND.—LIGHT ESTABLISHED.—AMENDED HEIGHT OF FOCAL PLANE.

Mariners and others are hereby notified that the light on Clerke Island is now permanently established.

Position.—Lat. 11° 58¼' S., long. 143° 17¼' E.

Structure.—Steel skeleton tower, painted white.

Character.—Single-flashing white light, showing one flash every three seconds—thus, flash 0.3 sec., eclipse 2.7 secs.

Elevation.—56 ft. instead of 70 ft. as formerly stated.

Visibility.—Thirteen miles, through an arc of 255°, from 139° (S. 46° E. mag.) through south, west, and north to 34° (N. 29° E. mag.), obscured elsewhere.

Remarks.—The light is unwatched.

Publications affected.—Admiralty List of Lights and Time-signals, Part VI, 1915, page 365; Australia Directory, Vol. II, 1907, page 434; Sailing Directions and other Information for the Ports and Harbours of Queensland.

Charts affected.—Admiralty Chart No. 2919, Cape Grenville to Cape York; Admiralty Chart No. 2920, Cape Direction to Cape Grenville; Admiralty Chart No. 2354, Australia, North and East Coast, Sheet XX; Admiralty Chart No. 3088, Anchorages on the East Coast of Australia; Admiralty Chart No. 2764, Coral Sea and Great Barrier Reefs, sheet 2; Admiralty Chart No. 780, Pacific Ocean South-west Sheet.

Notice to Mariners No. 72 of 1916.

PORT NICHOLSON.—DREDGING NEAR ENTRANCE.

Marine Department,

Wellington, N.Z., 5th September, 1916.

THE Wellington Harbour Board have notified that the dredge "Whakarire" will be engaged for a period of about three months in dredging on the western side of the entrance channel of the harbour from the Steeple Rock buoy southward to Chaffers Passage. Further notice will be given when the work is completed.

Masters are cautioned to keep clear of the dredge, and also of the mooring-boat when the dredge is not working.

The mooring-boat will show a white light all round the horizon between sunset and sunrise.

Charts, &c., affected: Admiralty Charts Nos. 1423 and 803; "New Zealand Pilot," eighth edition, 1908, Chapter v, page 147.

GEORGE ALLPORT,
Secretary.

CROWN LANDS NOTICES.

Lands in Auckland Land District forfeited.

Department of Lands and Survey, Wellington, 4th September, 1916.

NOTICE is hereby given that the leases and licenses of the undermentioned lands having been declared forfeited by resolution of the Auckland Land Board, the said lands have thereby reverted to the Crown under the provisions of the Land Act, 1908.

SCHEDULE.

AUCKLAND LAND DISTRICT.

| Tenure. | Lease or License No. | Section. | Block. | District. | Lessee or Licensee. | Reason for Forfeiture. |
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| R.L. | 1013 | 80 | XI | Tokatoka.. | J. Richards | At selector's request. |
| O.R.P. | 682 | 13 | VIII | Pakiri .. | T. O'Connell | Non-fulfilment of conditions. |
| " | 1228 | 66 | Parish | Makarau .. | A. McClurg | Non-fulfilment of occupation conditions. |
| " | 4093 | 5 | III | Rotoma .. | L. Johnstone | Non-fulfilment of conditions. |
| " | 4615 | 28 | XVI | Waoku .. | J. Judson | " |
| " | 4618 | 14 | V | Waitoa .. | J. Brown | " |
| " | 4811 | 295 | Parish | Paremoremo | A. Fleming | " |
| " | 4945 | 36 | XVI | Otamatea | W. Ross .. | At request. |
| " | 5092 | 6 | VII | Piako .. | R. Phillips | Non-fulfilment of conditions. |

F. H. D. BELL,
For Minister of Lands.