

Pullin' the Pots

A history of the Port Denison fisheries and their environs

*on Western Australia's
Abrolhos Coast*

Port Denison has had many lives. From Aboriginal fishing ground to sandalwood port to seaside resort to its 'golden age' as a crayfishers' harbour, its safe anchorage, azure seas, abundant sea food and cooling summer breezes have made it a special place for generations.

Pullin' the Pots outlines the natural and human history of Port Denison and its marine, coastal and sandplain settings. It focuses on the local crayfishing industry that shaped the harbour from the 1950s to the early 2000s, and its legacies that continue to influence the communities of the Irwin shire.

Dr Bruce Baskerville grew up in Dongara and Big Pigeon Island in the Abrolhos. He brings to this history both the intimacy of an insider's understanding of an often isolated fishing community as well as the rigour of nearly thirty years working as a professional historian.



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