

**'OBELISK DREAMING'
CAPE DOMBEY, ROBE
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Visitors to Robe on the Limestone Coast will easily recognise this outstanding and much photographed landmark. The Robe Obelisk sits outside the port town proclaimed by the Colonial Government in 1847.

Harbour Master Captain Thomas Lipson requested that a marker be built to prevent ships from running aground on the wreck-prone coast.

After three attempts, the limestone obelisk was finally completed in 1855, but it was not painted in its current distinctive red-and-white stripes until seven years later because mariners complained that it wasn't visible enough.

It might look like a solid block, but it has an internal room that was once used as a store for the equipment needed for sea rescues.



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