

**Kadina Town Hall****CC:056****LOCATION**

**Address** 51 Taylor Street, Kadina SA 5554  
**Land Description** Lot 565 & Pt Lot 102, Township of Kadina, Hundred of Wallaroo  
**Certificate of Title** 188/54

**Owners** District Council of the Copper Coast, PO Box 6, Kadina SA 5554

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### DESCRIPTION

Two-storeyed symmetrical building constructed of random stonework with rendered surrounds and stringcourse, imitation ashlar block quoins and a stone balustraded parapet. A three-storeyed central clock tower is supported by an arched portico at ground level and is topped with a mansard roof with widow's walk and flagpole.

### STATEMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE

The Town Hall is significant for its representation of the development of local government in the northern Yorke Peninsula district. The building itself is the central landmark in the township of Kadina.

### HISTORY

In the early 1870s the people of Kadina made moves to establish an Institute building, 'where a library and the public business of the town could be conducted.' In 1877 tenders were called for the first stage of the new Kadina Institute. The architect Rowland Rees was engaged to prepare plans but the Institute Committee rejected them as 'useless, prepared contrary to instructions, and over the estimates.' Rees sent his bill for £72 and the Committee took the matter to court. Rees was awarded the case and the Committee found itself with diminished funds and nothing to show for the cost.

The foundation stone was laid in April 1880 by Captain Thomas Anthony of the Kurilla Mine. Estimated to cost £395, and finally costing £478 with a government contribution of £145, the one-storey structure was built by William Hancock. It was officially opened by Mr Julius Meyer Rosenberg, the President of the Institute Committee, on 28 July 1880. The building was 30 feet (9.14m) by 20 feet (6.1m) with a height of 16 feet (4.8m).

Kadina became a Corporate Town in July 1872 with Thomas Herne Hall the first Mayor. The Institute was extended to include a large hall in 1883 and in 1889 the property was transferred to the Corporation and officially became the Town Hall.

By 1897 the Councillors were complaining of a lack of room in the building. Discussions were held regarding the addition of a second storey and a meeting of ratepayers in March 1898 approved the project and contractors Messrs Grigg and Son commenced work. By October the additions had been completed at a cost of £850. Two large rooms (for council chambers and library) were added, together with a small Mayor's parlour. A balcony with iron balustrading was fixed at the top floor, and an ornamental gable was placed above it on the facade with the intention of adding a clock at some future date. The internal balcony of the main hall was also added in 1898 and the final main feature of the building, the clock tower, was constructed in 1903.

A lack of funds caused a delay in the construction of the clock tower, which was originally proposed to be constructed of wood. However, a plan drawn by Mr J R Heath for a 65 ft (19.8m) high stone and brick tower was accepted. A new tower and clock were eventually donated to the residents of Kadina by Daniel Riccard Squibb, the town blacksmith. Erected in 1903 and costing £425 the tower was constructed by W H Stocker, a Kadina builder. The clock was made by Gillet and Johnson of Croydon, England (ordered through Harris Scarfe and Company in Adelaide) and assembled by clockmaker Mr Mankey assisted by Dan Squibb.

The building was extensively refurbished in the mid-1970s.

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