Drinking Fountain   **INPA–SR–02**

LOCATION

Address	Gladstone Square, Port Augusta
Owner(s)	Corporation of City of Port Augusta
CT Number	Square gazetted 7 July 1883
Allotment	111
Hundred	Davenport
Local Government Area	Port Augusta

State Heritage Status	State Heritage Register — 10189 — 24 July 1980
	Register of the National Estate
Other Assessments	National Trust Classified List — 1364

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DESCRIPTION

Cast iron fountain with cast iron canopy (Stewart & Harley, Adelaide) — four columns and elaborate cast decoration — topped with a finial and pendant. An inscription reads:

> Erected to the memory of James Beaton
> for 24 years Postmaster of this town
> Died November 25th 1905

HISTORY

Erected in memory of James Beatton former Postmaster of Port Augusta from 1882 until his death in 1905. Beatton had been resident at Wallaroo for 19 years before moving to Port Augusta.

The fountain was made by the Adelaide firm of Stewart & Harley and was originally located near the wharf at the end of Commercial Road.

STATEMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE

The place is significant primarily as an example of a monument to an important local individual. It is also of interest as an example of a drinking fountain and as a feature of an important public space.

The drinking fountain was entered in the State Heritage Register on 24 July 1980.

RELEVANT CRITERIA

(g)   the drinking fountain has a special association with the life of James Beatton who was highly regarded by the local community.

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