

South Australian Heritage Act 1978-82	Register of State Heritage Items ITEM EVALUATION SHEET Buildings and Structures	Ref. No. 6630-10405
	Item ROTUNDA MARKET SQUARE, BURRA	Status -
Age 1910	Subject EVENT OF SIGNIFICANCE - Commemoration	Style Victorian

History

Architecture

Environment

Integrity

Context	Built by public subscription to commemorate King Edward VII (died 6 May, 1910) the Rotunda reflects the royalties of the period and Burra's civic activity.	E	VG	AG	FP	NA
Person/Group	Burra Corporation		X			
Event	1 February, 1911 - Rotunda opened.			X		
Architect/Builder	Not readily available.					X
Design	An unusual open octagonal rotunda with decorative cast iron columns and a tall double curved corrugated iron roof, ball and weather vane capping.		X			
Construction	Cast iron columns, timber perimeter plate, tension ring in centre of roof to support roof.		X			
Interior	Exposed structure			X		
Representation	An unusual design with its open cast iron columns and tall roof.		X			
Continuity	An accent feature rather than one which maintains continuity, sympathetic in age and style to many buildings in Market Square.			X		
Local Character	Lends a delightful relief to this commercial area.		X			
Landmark	A dominant visual element in its central location within Burra's commercial centre.	X				
Alterations	Cast iron handrail removed, surrounding fence and lawn also removed, base extended. Structure itself basically intact.			X		
Condition	No obvious defects			X		
Compatibility	Still available for public use.	X				

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Supplementary Information

Adaptation: The handrail of the original rotunda should be reinstated and a landscaping treatment similar in character to the original should be reintroduced. The Rotunda's visual dominance should not be impaired. Landscaping should be used to establish a visual link with the War Memorial.

Interpretation: The Rotunda's interpretative role is largely passive in the sense that it is self-explanatory.

History and Sources

The Rotunda on Market Square in Koorunga was built in 1910 to commemorate King Edward VII. Market Square, in reality a triangular shape, has provided a focus for traffic over the years. Its development from a watering point for horses to an area of lawn, sharply dissected by bitumen roads, and decorated with civic structures reflects the transition from a raw mining town to a rural centre. The area also acts as a pivot for the main road which swings at an angle towards the mine and smelts area, leading to the townships of Redruth, Aberdeen and Lwchwyr beyond.

The first public amenity in Market Square was a pump and trough, which tapped a bore sunk to a depth of 300 feet in 1879. Cool water from the bore, which rose to within 18 ft. of the surface, was used by the public from the early 1880's onwards. In 1911, the trough was replaced by one 24' in length. Activities in the Square included horse markets, Cornish wrestling, revival meetings and brass bands.

Following the death of King Edward VII on May 6, 1910, the Burra Corporation instigated a public fund to raise money to build the rotunda. On Wednesday, February 8, 1911, the Burra Record reported the opening of the Rotunda under the heading "A Red Letter Day at Burra". After a lunch at the nearby single storied Burra Hotel, during which "several matters affecting the welfare of the district" were discussed, local and State dignitaries opened the Rotunda before a large attendance of residents in the town and district. A bronze plaque, located on the rotunda, reads "Erected in memory of our late beloved King Edward VII, by the inhabitants of the town and district, Jan. 1911; John McLaren Mayor".

Built at a cost of £160, the rotunda provided shelter for local bands. A circular wrought iron fence that defined an outer perimeter around the Rotunda has since been removed. The rotunda belongs to a continuation of what Ian Auhl refers to as Burra's "secondary heritage" - a number of fine public structures built following the mine's closure in 1870. As such it also illustrates the civic activities of Burra's population.

At a regional and State level, the Rotunda at Burra represents the prevailing loyalty

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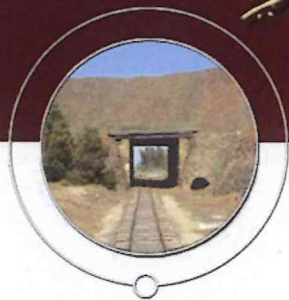
felt by citizens towards the British monarchy during the period leading up to World War 1, and reflects the town's civic activities.

Sources:

Ian Auhl: Burra and District - A Pictorial Memoir, Investigator Press, 1980

Burra Record, 13 July, 1910
8 February, 1911

State Heritage Areas of South Australia



Burra State Heritage Area Memorials and Monuments

State Heritage Places entered in the South Australian Heritage Register

Market Square, in reality a triangle, has provided a focus for Burra's traffic for many years. Its development from a watering point for horses to an area of lawn, dissected by bitumen roads and decorated with civic structures, reflects the town's transition from a mining town to a modern rural centre.

The first public amenity in Market Square was a pump and trough which, in 1879, tapped a bore sunk to a depth of 300 feet. The square was also the focus for community activities such as horse markets, Cornish wrestling, revival meetings and brass bands. As a pivotal location along Burra's main road, Market Square was the obvious site for the erection of two civic monuments, which are State Heritage Places entered in the South Australian Heritage Register.

Market Square Rotunda

Market Square, Burra

SAHR 10405 – confirmed as a State Heritage Place 14 February 1985

The rotunda on Market Square was built in 1910 to commemorate King Edward VII, and is an example of the loyalty to King and Empire that was prevalent in South Australia during the early years of the twentieth century (pre World War I).

Following the King's death, on 6 May 1910, the Burra Corporation instigated a public fund to raise money for the rotunda. The *Burra Record* recorded its opening on 8 February 1911, under the heading 'A Red Letter Day at Burra'. After a lunch at the nearby Burra Hotel, local and State dignitaries opened the memorial before a large crowd of residents from both the town and district.

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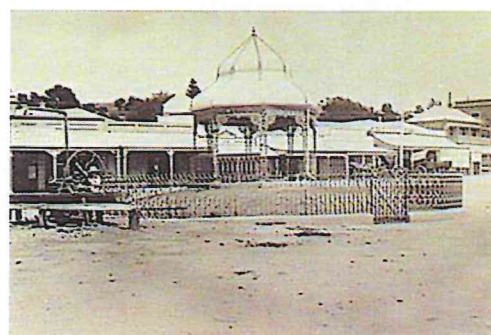


Rotunda, Market Square, 2005

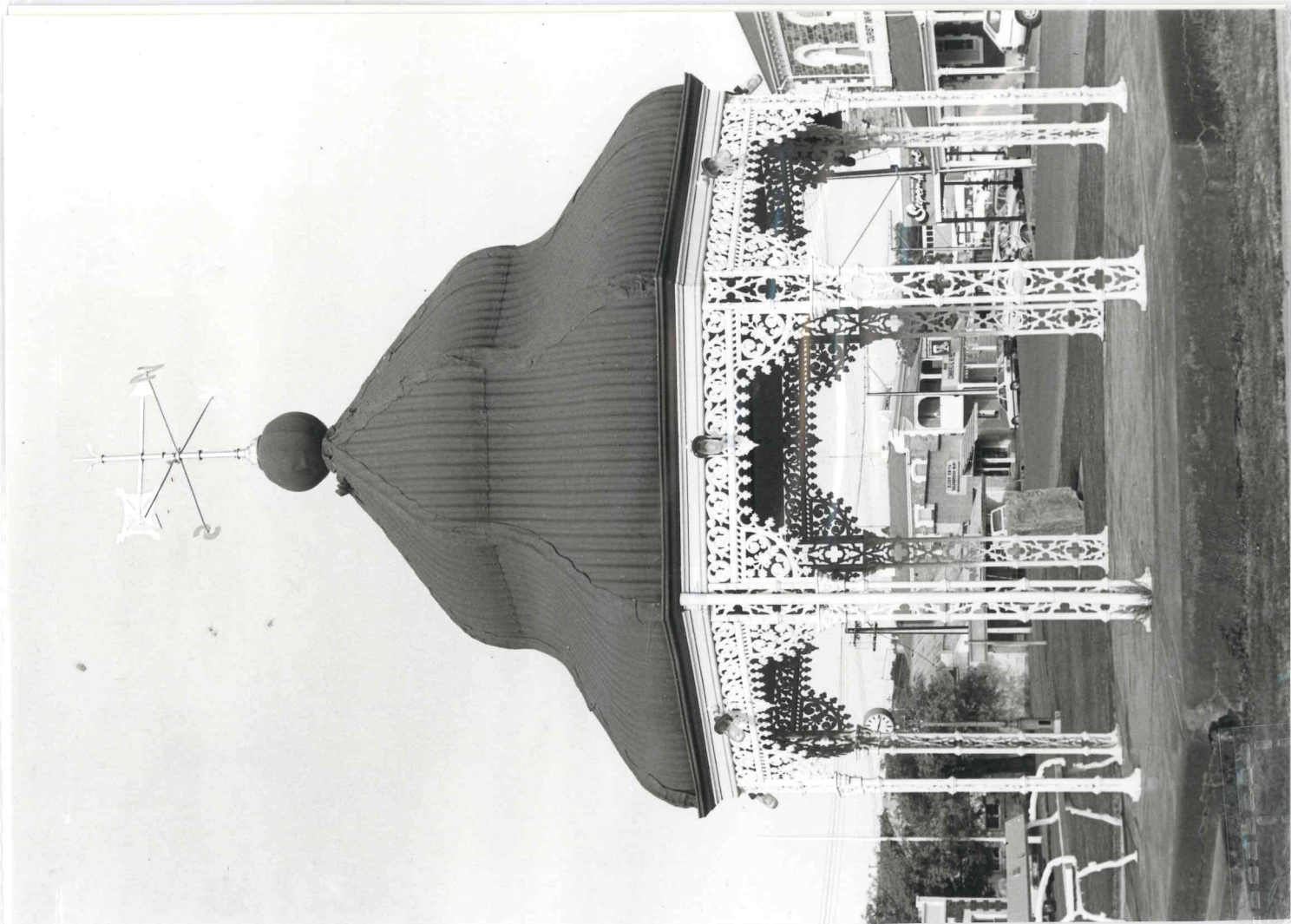
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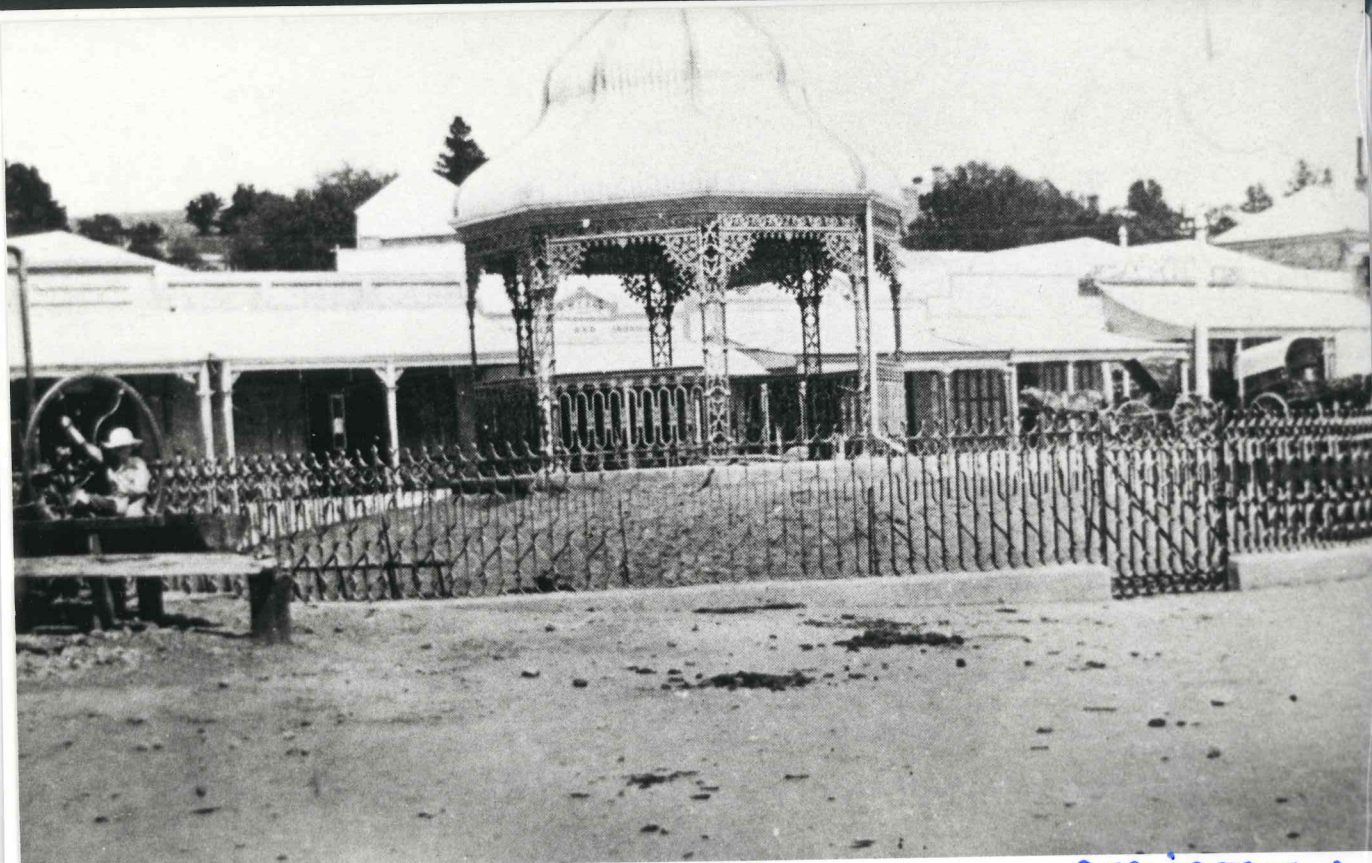
*A WW1 fundraising event, Koorunga c1915
Photo B 27685: State Library of SA*



*Market Square Rotunda, late 1910
Photo B 27700: State Library of SA
(rotunda is unpainted - the weather vane and ball were
not added until June 1911)*







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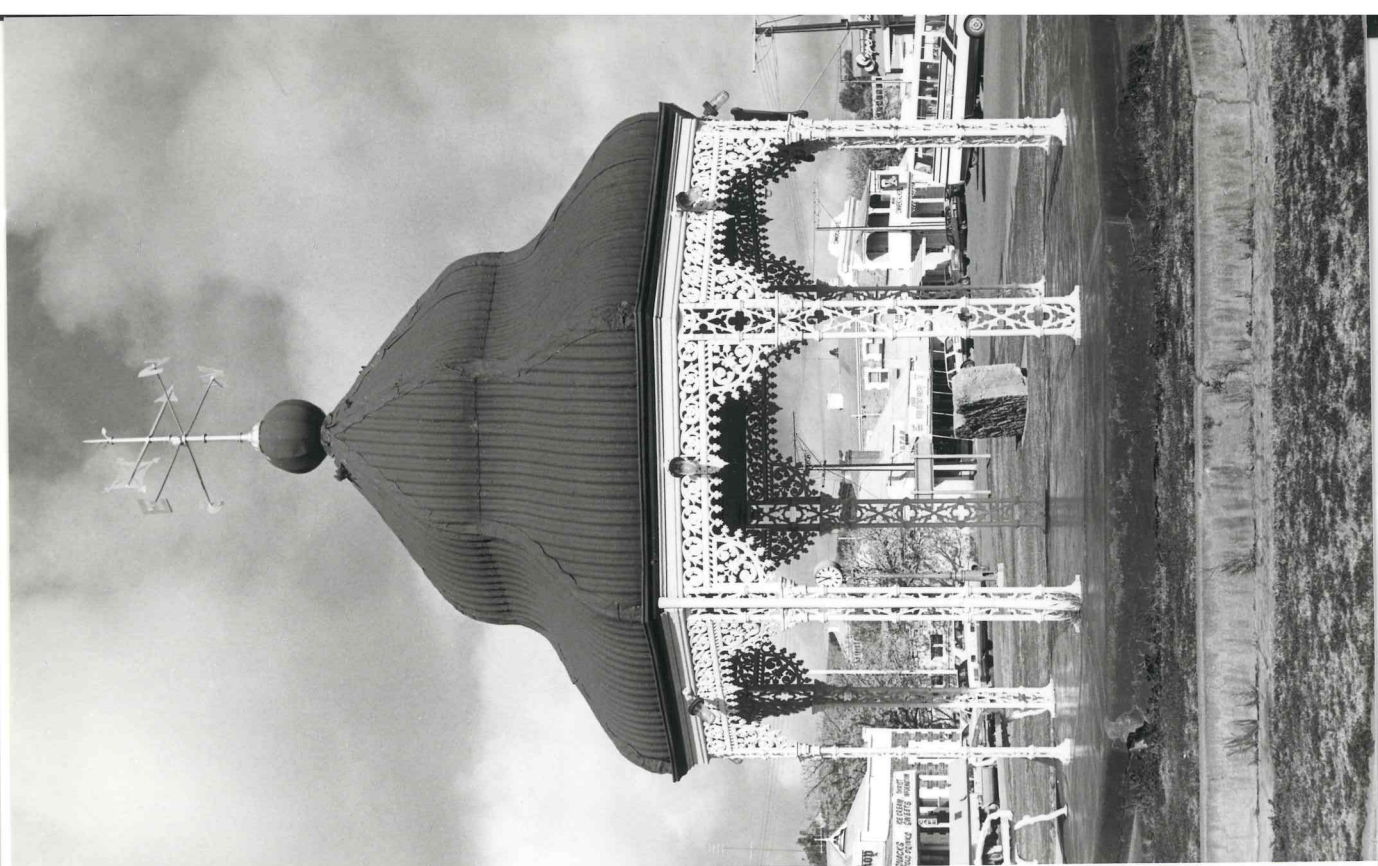
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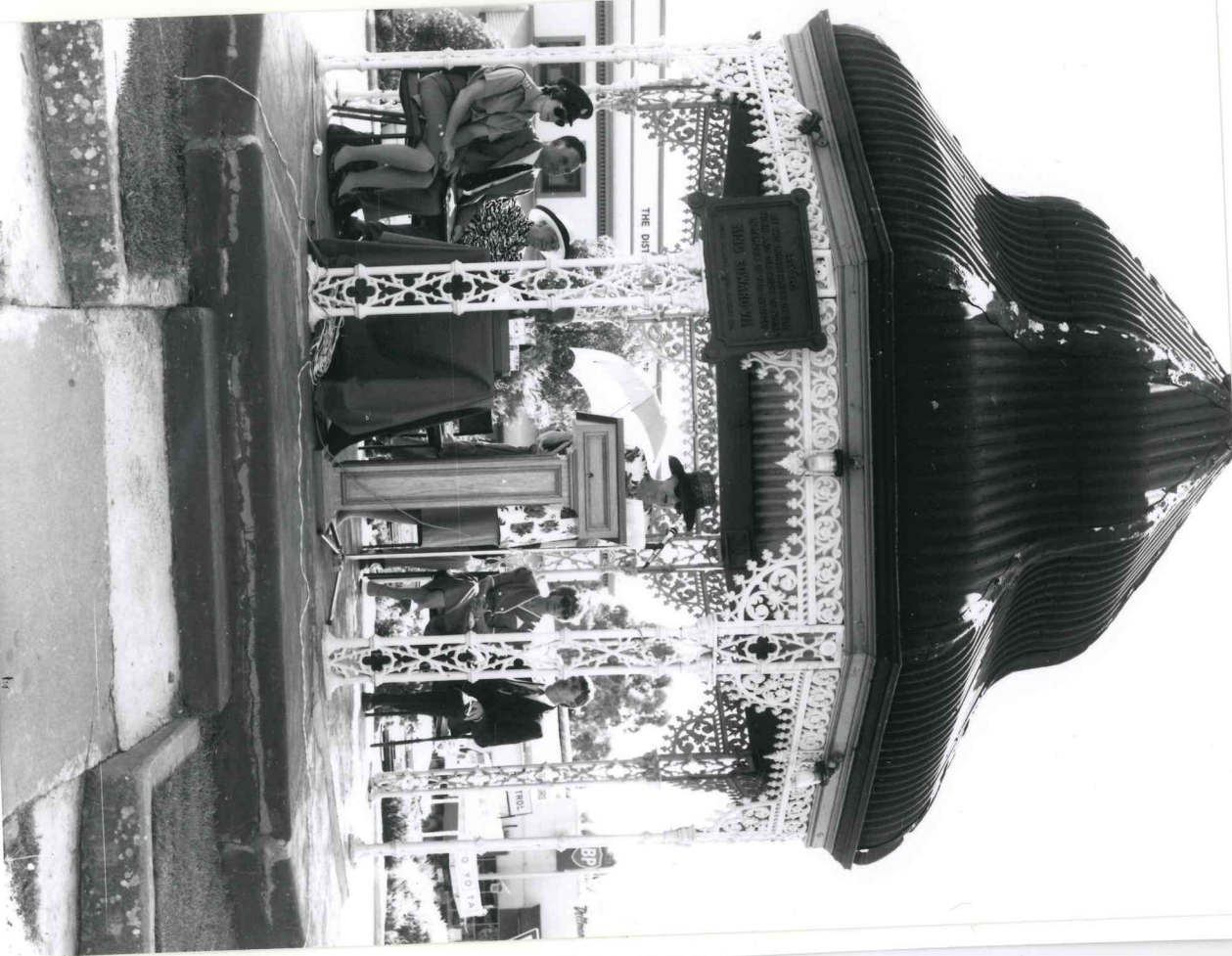
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