

South Australian Heritage Act 1978-82	Register of State Heritage Items ITEM EVALUATION SHEET Buildings and Structures	Ref. No. 6630-10410
	Item KOORINGA HOTEL Cnr. of Kingston Street and Welsh Place, Burra.	Status
Age 1884	Subject TRADE AND COMMERCE - Retail - Accommodation	Style VICTORIAN

History

Architecture

Environment

Integrity

		E	VG	AG	FP	NA
Context	Associated with Burra's Brewing Industry, which survived during the post-mining era because of the opening of the Northern Lands, the extension of the railway, and the opening of the Silverton/Broken Hill mines.		X			
Person/Group	CATCHLOVE & CO., BREWERS		X			
Event	NOT AVAILABLE TO DATE.					X
Architect/Builder	NOT READILY AVAILABLE					X
Design	Two storey corner hotel, projecting corner elements separated with recessed verandahs, splayed corner, interesting light and dark result.		+			
Construction	Squared and coursed rubble stone walls, brick quoins at openings, stone quoins at corners, timber verandahs, corrugated iron hip roofs.			+		
Interior	Special arrangement basically intact, bar room altered and fittings removed, only pieces of original joinery intact.			+		
Representation	An unusual design for a hotel with its projections and recesses.		+			
Continuity	No other buildings of its scale in its immediate vicinity, similar materials and general treatment to its neighbours.			+		
Local Character	As a dominant visual element this building is an important part of the character of this portion of Burra.		+			
Landmark	A dominant visual element on a corner location and on rising ground looking up the main road from Market square, opposite Paxton square.		+			
Alterations	Interior fittings and some special arrangements changed, verandah added to corner, verandah handrail infilled, basically intact externally.		+			
Condition	No obvious defects, work maintained.		+			
Compatibility	Still used as a hotel.	+				

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### Supplementary Information

**ADAPTATION:** Few, if any, internal restrictions should be imposed as the interior has suffered the most from change. The external form and appearance should be maintained. The reinstatement of the verandah handrail should be encouraged as should the painting of the brick quoins in a more sympathetic colour.

**INTERPRETATION:** The interpretative role of the building is largely passive as a traditional character element.

### History and Sources

Between 1845 and 1877, the mining town of Burra had a number of hotels to cater for the thirsts of miners, teamsters, and smelters that populated the town. During the 1850's there were 13 hotels in Burra. These were the Aberdeen (first licensed 1850), the "Ancient Briton" (1853), the "Burra Burra" (1846) "Bushman's Home" (1855), "Commercial" (1859) "Court House" (1858) "Cornish Arms" (1850) "Miner's Arms" (1847) "Smelter's Home" (1849) "Pig and Whistle" (1854) "Redruth Arms" (1851), "Southampton Arms" (1851) and the "White Hart" (1852) (SAA 1195). \*

The Kooringa Hotel is a notable latecomer to the scene in Burra, having been built in or around 1884. It stands on allotment 301, which was allocated by the South Australian Mining Association for the Independants. However, to date there is no indication that the land was built upon before 1884, when the property transferred to George Henry Catchlove, Edward Catchlove, Lockyer, William Henry Rosman, and Vinrace Lawrence, trading under the name of G. H. Catchlove and Co. The firm Catchlove & Co. is listed in the Adelaide Almanacs between 1883 - 1894 as brewers. It took over the Unicorn brewery in 1879, established by William Henry Banks in 1873. Despite the closure of the mines in 1877, and Burra's declining population, the brewery prospered. The 1870 railway link to Adelaide, subsequent rail extensions north of Burra and the opening of the Silverton and Broken Hill mines ensured a healthy market for Unicorn Ale north of the Burra.

In 1898 the firm's registered name was changed to E. C. Lockyer & Co., and in 1902 the Unicorn Brewery was amalgamated with the Walkerville Brewery. The firm sold its property in 1905. Included in the list of 15 hotels owned by the firm at the time were all the hotels then open in Burra. These were the Burra, (previously called the Miner's Arms), the Bon Accord, Kooringa, Commercial, Opie's (previously Smelter's Home), Royal Exchange and Courthouse hotels.

\* In actual fact, it appears some of these hotels were one and the same. (refer to Background account of Burra Hotels and map).



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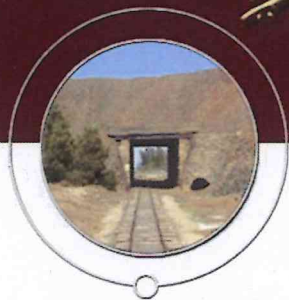
Licencees of the hotel may have included George Scarge, Thomas Pope, Gilbert Day and Catherine Marie Johnson (1909). (G.R.O. Records). In the following year, after the death of the last named person, the lease was transferred to Percy and Eileen Gottschalk. Now owned by the South Australian Brewing Company, the hotel is a good example of a notable Burra secondary industry's activity. At a regional and State level, the hotel is historically important because of its comparative late occurrence, thus illustrating Burra's continued survival in the post-mining era.

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# State Heritage Areas of South Australia



## Burra State Heritage Area Hotels

*State Heritage Places entered in the South Australian Heritage Register*

Burra has four large hotels and another former hotel, which are particularly significant as State Heritage Places entered in the South Australian Heritage Register. If considered chronologically, this group of buildings traces Burra's history as a mining town and its transition to become an important rural centre and mid-north transportation hub.

### Burra Hotel, formerly Miners Arms Hotel

5 Market Street, Burra

**SAHR 10404 – confirmed as a State Heritage Place 8 November 1984**

The Burra Hotel was originally built in 1847 as the single-storey Miners Arms Hotel. Located in the hub of the main road system in Koorunga, the hotel became a focus of after-work celebrations by the miners. Free ginger beer was supplied for miners who competed in regular wrestling matches in the hotel's stable yards, and a whole bullock was often roasted. Many of these contests continued throughout the night and were known to last up to three days during Christmas holiday breaks.

The hotel also provided refreshments and accommodation for coach travellers. One of its more famous visitors was the explorer John McDouall Stuart, who stayed overnight on 16 December 1862, as he returned from his successful crossing of Australia from south to north.

In 1878, the same year as the railway extension from Burra to Hallett was opened, the hotel was badly damaged by fire. In 1880, after it was rebuilt, it became the Burra Hotel. A second storey was added in 1912, and the verandah in 1920.



*Burra Hotel, 2005*

(Another hotel in the town, opened in 1846, was previously known as the Burra Hotel but this later became the Burra Hospital in the 1870s.)

### former Smelter's Home Hotel

Market Street, Burra

**SAHR 10419 – confirmed as a State Heritage Place 8 November 1984**



*Former Smelts Hotel, 1994*

The establishment of this hotel (as its name implies) coincided with the opening of the new smelting works in 1849. Located near the mine, the former Smelters Home Hotel (at one time also known as Opie's Hotel) is situated in what was the township of Graham, subdivided by the SA Mining Association. It was designed by William Paxton and is a large single-storey building, with a simple 'domestic' appearance.

In 1917 the hotel's licence was transferred to the Booborowie Hotel and the building became private residential accommodation.



## Commercial Hotel

22 Commercial Street, Burra

SAHR 12668 – confirmed as a State Heritage Place 8 November 1984

The Commercial Hotel was built by W.L. Bruse in 1876. It is historically significant as a hotel providing accommodation during the 1870s, a period when Burra was adjusting from a major mining town to a rural service centre. It is also associated with development in Burra at this time (the 1870s) following the South Australian Mining Association's decision to freehold land in the Koorunga township.



Commercial Hotel, 2005



Commercial Hotel, Burra 1890  
Photo B 27695: State Library of SA

Architecturally, this building is interesting as a small, refined hotel in a large country town. While its width is comparatively narrow, the two-storey height and the decorative features create a distinctive building. Following the hotel's opening, the *Northern Mail* (8 September 1876) provided a detailed description of its layout and features:

*This building was opened on Wednesday, September 6th but no great stir was made on the occasion. The hotel is the property of Mr. W.L. Bruse of Koorunga and has been erected more especially for the accommodation of travellers and families, the bar trade being made secondary consideration although not neglected. It contains in all 22 rooms, and the outside arrangements comprise commodious stone stables. The ground floor consists of a bar, tap room, parlour, billiard room, dining room and box room. There are also, but detached, 6 bed-rooms and a large kitchen. On the first floor a broad passage runs through the building, having on one side a large front bedroom and two smaller ones, and a first class dining room, and on the other a large parlour and three bedrooms. The front end of this passage opens to a broad covered balcony extending across the front of the hotel. The place is well fitted up in every department and will doubtless secure a good share of support.*

## Royal Exchange Hotel

1 Bests Place, Burra

SAHR 12664 – confirmed as a State Heritage Place 8 November 1984

Historically, the Royal Exchange Hotel played a significant role in Burra's adjustment to a trade and supply centre, following the closure of the mine in 1877. This large, relatively ornate Victorian hotel, on a corner allotment, was built in 1880 and incorporates an earlier bank building. The Royal Exchange seems to have taken over the trade of the Aberdeen Hotel, which was situated further south on the allotment and had burnt in 1878. This included a regular transport service between the hotel and the railway terminus.



Royal Exchange Hotel, 2005

## Kooringa Hotel

4 Kingston Street, Burra

SAHR 10410 – confirmed as a State Heritage Place 8 November 1984



Kooringa Hotel, 2005

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The hotel was built by local brewers G.H. Catchlove & Co (later registered as E.C. Lockyer & Co) and is significant for its association with the town's brewing industry. In 1878 the company had taken over the [Unicorn Brewery](#), which amalgamated with the Walkerville Brewery in 1902. By 1905, when Lockyer & Co sold all its properties, the company owned all the hotels in Burra.



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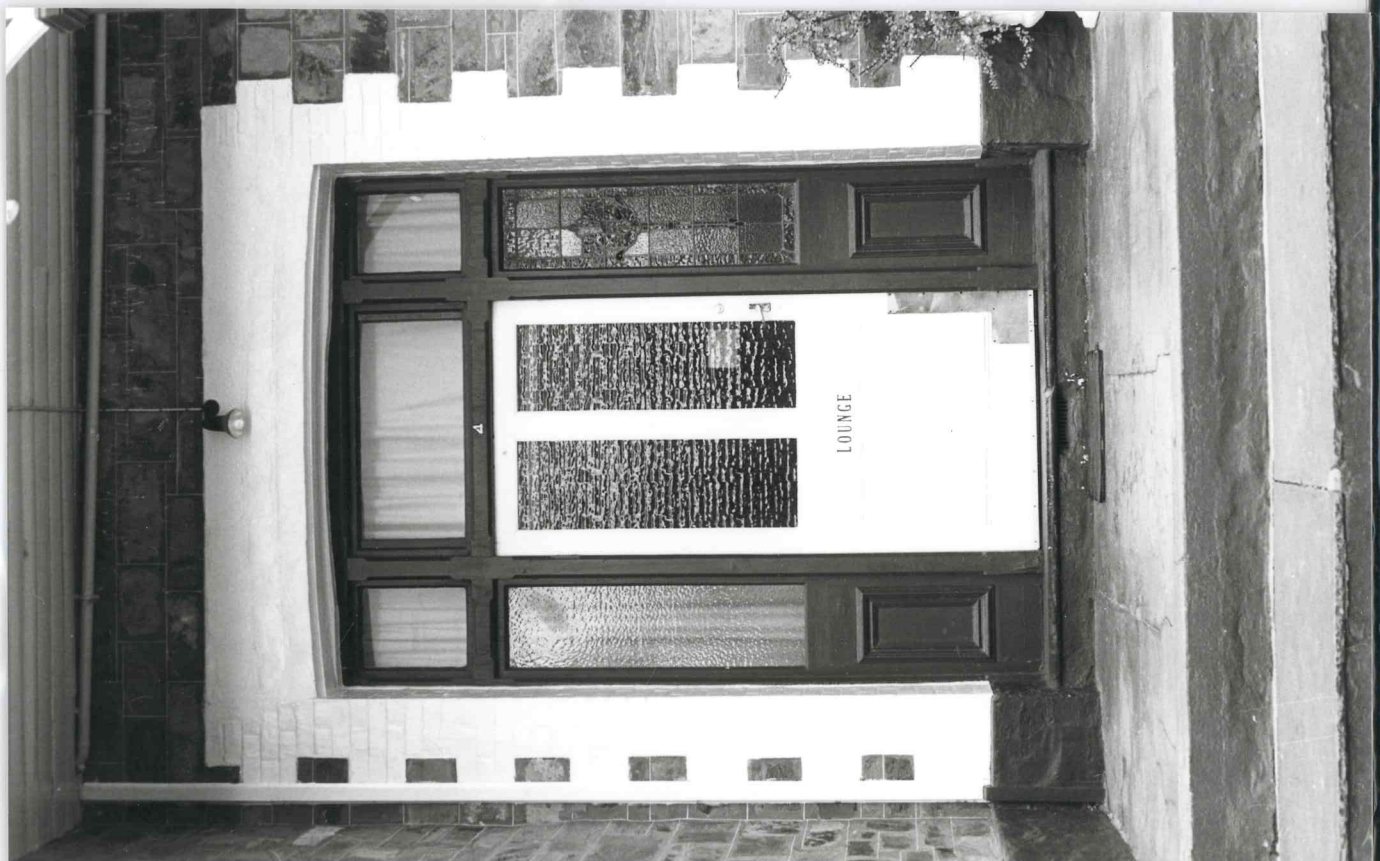




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