

South Australian Heritage Act 1978-80	Register of State Heritage Items ITEM EVALUATION SHEET Buildings and Structures					
	Item COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MONARTO					
Age 1885	Theme	Office 6727-10450				
Period 1883-1913	Subject Public Administration - Local Government Settlement - Special Layout	Region Mt. Lofty Ranges & Eastern Plains				
Building Type Hall/Office	Style LATE VICTORIAN/FUNCTIONAL	Status N.E.R. N.Tr. (CL)				
<u>Qualitative Data</u>		<u>Grading</u>				
Component	Comment	E	VG	AG	FP	NA
<u>History</u>						
1. Context:	Associated with early Local Government in the area and represents an era prior to Council's amalgamating into larger more cost effective bodies.		*			
2. Person/Group:	Associated with the local community, represented by elected Councillors.		*			
3. Event:	1885 - First Built 1935 - Amalgamation of Monarto and Mobilong Council resulted in last Council Meeting in Chambers on 24th March.			*		
<u>Architecture</u>						
4. Architect/Builder:	Not readily available.					*
5. Design:	Simple one room building with gable roof, fireplace at one end, two circular headed windows on each side, single circular headed door with highlight centred in end wall, rendered band over door with lettering Council Offices, rendered parapet at gable, scalloped timber bargeboard.		*			
6. Construction:	Random rubble walls with stained brick quoins at openings and corners, corrugated iron gable roof.			*		
7. Interior:	Plastered walls, timber boarded ceiling and timber floor, designed without architraves, cabinets built in either side of fireplace.			*		
8. Representation:	Rare in the context of its size and simple design.		*			

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Environment

9. Continuity: Isolated location at cross roads some distance from town 'centre'.
10. Local Character: Area of rolling hills with no defined limits to township, scattered churches, schools and other buildings.
11. Landmark: Charming design in an isolated setting, cross roads.

Integrity

12. Alterations: Front door changed.
13. Condition: No obvious defects.
14. Compatibility: Vacant at present.

Supplementary Information

Adaptation: The successful adaptation of the building would depend upon the specific proposals. The simple rectangular form of the building should be maintained along with its relative isolation. Additional structures should be light in design, sympathetic in materials and colours and physically removed from the chambers. Natural vegetation should be used for screening.

Interpretation: The building's interpretative role is limited to a passive one relating to the physical nature of Monarto and the implications of the simplicity of the design. External signs could be introduced in respect to this aspect using the Chambers as a venue.

Current Situation: The building is owned by the State Government and will be auctioned in the near future.

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South Australian Heritage Committee Categorization Date

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