

South Australian Heritage Act 1978-82	Register of State Heritage Items ITEM EVALUATION SHEET Buildings and Structures	Ref. No. 6626-12746
	Item DWELLING - FORMER TELEGRAPH STATION AND POST OFFICE YANKALILLA ROAD, VICTOR HARBOR.	Prepared By: Iris Iwanicki

Supplementary Information

Adaptation: The building will probably continue in its present appropriate use as a residence. However, its position makes it suitable for a wide range of commercial or public applications.

Interpretation: The building plays an important passive role linking the railway complex with the Yankalilla Road streetscape.

History and Sources

Built over a period of 10 years, the telegraph station and post office building at Port Victor is located close to the railway line on Allotment 714, on what was originally designated railway reserve in the private subdivision of Section 16, Hundred of Encounter Bay. Two years after the railway extension from Port Elliot to Port Victor was opened in 1864, building commenced on the post office. Its construction was evidence of the town's development as the new main sea-port for Goolwa river-trade following the closure of Port Elliot as a port. The latter proved unsafe for shipping.

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The post office was built at a cost of £1,490 to a design by G.T. Light, the Colonial Architect. It was used as the town's main post office until 1921, when it became a residence for the postmaster following the opening of a larger post office.

Encounter Bay was one of the earliest districts to have a postal service, evidenced by a "Gazette" notice in August 1839 which informed readers of a weekly mail service between Adelaide and Encounter Bay. Up to April 1841, there were only 6 post offices in the State. These were the G.P.O., Port Adelaide, Port Lincoln, Morphett Vale, Willunga and Encounter Bay. Later extensions to postal services served the growth of settlement and the need for improved communications.

At a State and Regional level, the post office is historically important in its illustration of these factors.

Sources:

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Age 1866-1876	Subject COMMUNICATION	Style Victorian Classical

Context Associated with the provision of postal services during the 1860's. In particular reflects the expected importance of the town as a port tapping river trade following the opening of the rail link in 1864.		E	VG	AG	FP	NA
Person/Group P.M.G. (now Australia Post)			X			
Event 1870 - Telegraph Station and Post Office Operations combined. 1921 - Closed as a Post Office			X			X
Architect/Builder Architect: G.T. Light (Colonial Architect) Contractor: R. Redman				X		
Design A compound rectangular/single storey building, with street frontages featuring tuscan pilasters; classical detailing. Hip roof with parapet.				X		
Construction Stone building, corrugated iron roof.			X			
Interior Not accessible.						X
Representation A good example of its type.			X			
Continuity Contributes to the immediate environment, namely the termination of Yankalilla Road at the level crossing - the area predominantly older urban infrastructure.			X			
Local Character Relates well to the surrounding urban area.			X			
Landmark Located on the corner of Yankalilla Road and Railway Terrace, the building is isolated and has landmark qualities.				X		
Alterations Minor alterations, not disruptive to the main design, are evident.			X			
Condition Exterior stone construction is good, roof appears sound; property well maintained.			X			
Compatibility Used as residence.			X			

VICTOR HARBOR HERITAGE SURVEY (1997)

State Heritage Place

Former Telegraph Station and Post Office

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2 Coral Street, Victor Harbor

ASSESSMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE:

Description:

This is a single-storey building. The walls are of stone with rendered quoins and surrounds. There is a cornice and parapet at the top of the walls. The roof is hipped and of corrugated galvanised iron. Windows are timber framed and double hung sash. The main door to the street is of timber, with a semi-circular fanlight above.

Statement of Heritage Value:

This place is of architectural significance because of its design and fine detailing. It is historically significant because of its identification with the development of the post and telegraph network throughout South Australia.

Relevant Criteria (Under Section 16 of the *Heritage Act 1993*):

- (a) the building demonstrates important aspects of the evolution or pattern of the State's history;
 - (e) the building demonstrates a high degree of creative, aesthetic or technical accomplishment or is an outstanding representative of particular construction techniques or design characteristics.
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RECOMMENDATION:

The former Telegraph Station and Post Office was entered in the State Heritage Register on 27 September 1990. It should remain on the State Heritage Register.

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ASSESSMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE:

Criteria

- (a) *the building demonstrates important aspects of the evolution or pattern of the State's history;*

The development of the post and telegraph network, and other government agencies, was important in towns such as Victor Harbor. The extension of the telegraph was particularly important in a port.

- (e) *the building demonstrates a high degree of creative, aesthetic or technical accomplishment or is an outstanding representative of particular construction techniques or design characteristics;*

This is reflected in the high quality of the building's design and detailing. It was a significant public building in the town.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

I. Iwanicki, State Heritage Branch, 25.5.1984

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The post office was built at a cost of £1,490 to a design by G.T. Light, the Colonial Architect. It was used as the town's main post office until 1921, when it became a residence for the postmaster [or staff] following the opening of a larger post office. [It was used in this way until June 1991.]

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In September 1991 artist Ainslie Roberts re-opened the building as a gallery-studio.

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Department of Environment and Natural Resources. State Heritage Branch, Adelaide,
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Fleurieu Peninsula*, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Adelaide,
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of Victor Harbor, Victor Harbor, 1987.
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SITE RECORD:

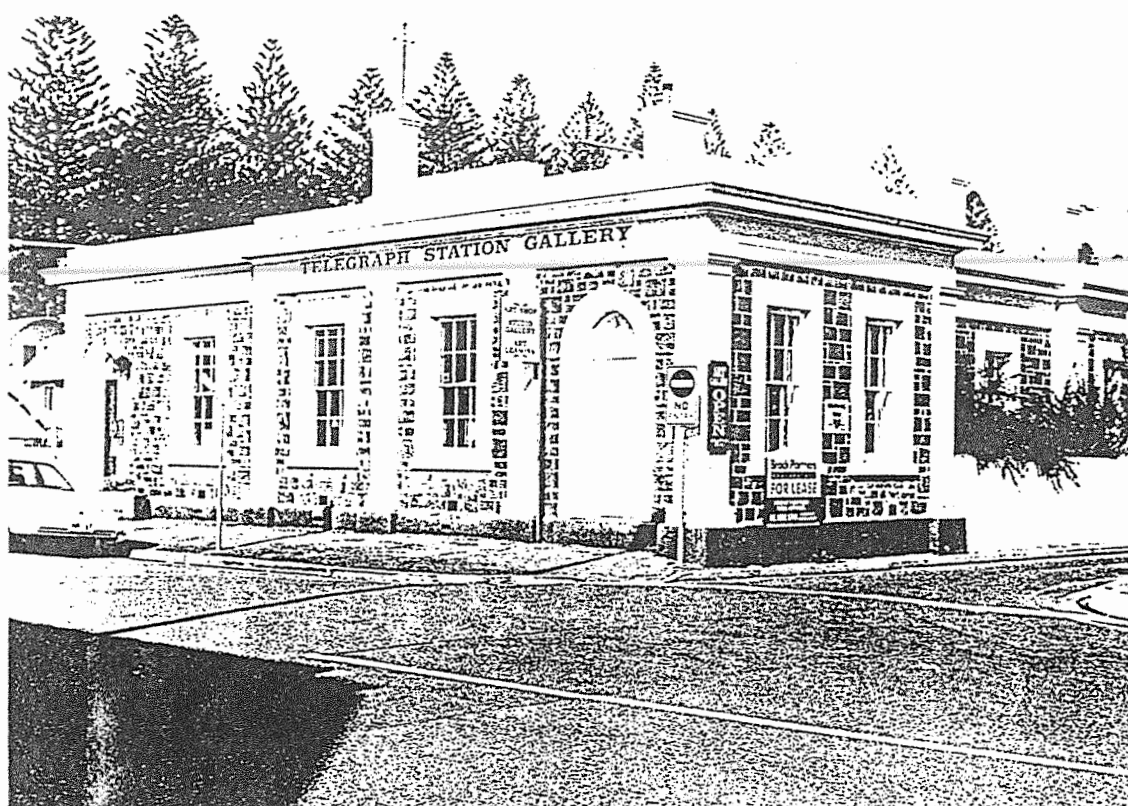
Location:	2 Coral Street, Victor Harbor
Description:	Single-storey stone building
Land Description:	CT 2407/80: Pt Section 714, Hundred of Encounter Bay
Local Government Area:	District Council of Victor Harbor
Current Use:	Gallery
Original Use(s):	Telegraph Station/Post Office
Heritage Status:	State Heritage Register: 6626-14056
Other Assessments:	National Trust Recorded List: 867 Heritage Survey of Fleurieu Peninsula: 122
Photograph Nos.:	J. Donovan 5/20
Report by:	I. Iwanicki, 25.5.1984

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE ACT, 1978

Entry of Items on the Register of State Heritage Items

There has been an increased community awareness of the need to protect those buildings and features of our State which reflect our cultural heritage. The South Australian Government has recognised that awareness by passing the South Australian Heritage Act, 1978, for which the Minister for Environment and Planning is responsible. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Register of State Heritage Items is being compiled.

Where the Minister considers that an item (defined as any land, building or structure) that is not on the Register is part of the physical, social or cultural heritage of the State and that the item is of significant aesthetic, architectural, historical or cultural interest, then the Minister may enter that item on the Register.

Pursuant to the provisions of the South Australian Heritage Act, 1978, I, Don Hopgood, Minister for Environment and Planning and Minister for the time being administering the said Act, hereby give notice that I have entered on the Register of State Heritage Items and the items described in The Schedule hereunder.

Items listed in The Schedule were previously placed on an Interim List in accordance with the provisions of section 15 of the South Australian Heritage Act, 1978. Excepting items owned by the Crown and those within the area of the corporation of the city of Adelaide, the remaining items listed in The Schedule are subject to Part V of the Planning Act, 1982. That Act requires that no development, including demolition, conversion, alteration of, or addition to any item, is permitted without the written consent of the relevant Planning Authority. Items within the area of the corporation of the city of Adelaide are subject to the provisions of the City of Adelaide Development Control Act, 1976.

Dated at Adelaide, 18 November 1985.

D. J. HOPGOOD, Deputy Premier and Minister for Environment and Planning

THE SCHEDULE

Name	Address
Corporation of the City of Adelaide	
Thebarton Mounted Police Barracks	Port Road, Adelaide 5000. Section 1015, hundred of Adelaide.
Adelaide High School and Observatory Site	West Terrace, Adelaide 5000. LG. volume 1782, folio 40, section 543, hundred of Adelaide.
District Council of Barmera	
Humphrey Pumps	Trussell Terrace, Cobdogla 5346. Section 853, Cobdogla irrigation area.
District Council of Barossa	
Wilksch Cottage	Yettie Road, Williamstown 5351. CT. volume 4249, folios 701 and 702, allotments 20 and 21 of portion of section 34, hundred of Barossa.
Corporation of the city of Burnside	
Boundary Wall—Glenside Hospital	Glen Osmond Road, Eastwood 5063. Mental Hospital Reserve, <i>Government Gazette</i> 24.2.83, section 621, allotments 10, 12, 18, 22; CT's volume 4116, folio 12 and volume 2394, folio 97, part allotment 2; CT. volume 2219, folio 6, part allotment 82; CT. volume 2219, folio 11, part allotment 87; section 265, hundred of Adelaide.
District Council of Burra Burra	
Former Dugouts Sites	George Street, Burra 5417. CT. volume 985, folio 116, Allotments E and K, part section 1, hundred of Koorunga.
District Council of Central Yorke Peninsula	
Point Pearce Mission—Former	Point Pearce 5573. L.G. volume 3970, folio 106, sections 295, 298, hundred of Kilkerran.
District Council of East Torrens	
Dwelling 'Grove Hill'	120 Old Norton Summit Road, Norton Summit 5136. Memorial No. 105, book 539.
Corporation of the Town of Gawler	
Old Bushman Hotel	9 Cowan Street, Gawler 5118. CT. volume 3915 folio 51, portion of allotment 96, section 24, hundred of Mudla Wirra.
'Trevu' House	1 Deland Street, Gawler 5118. CT. volume 4195, folio 147, allotment 4, portion of section 3073, hundred of Barossa.
Railway Hotel	27 Eighteenth Street, Gawler 5118. CT. volume 3663, folio 91, allotment 22, subdivision of section 2, hundred of Mudla Wirra.
Office E. & W. S. Main Depot	Julian Terrace, Gawler 5118. <i>Government Gazette</i> 8.7.76, portion of part section 24, hundred of Mudla Wirra.
Old Spot Hotel	Murray Street, Gawler 5118. CT. volume 4137, folio 703, allotment 82, portion of section 4, hundred of Nuriootpa.
Pile's Building	Murray Street, Gawler 5118. CT. volume 3132, folios 91, 93 and 94, section 24, portion of allotment 93, hundred of Mudla Wirra.
McKinlay Memorial and Pioneer Park	Murray Street, Gawler 5118. Parklands, <i>Government Gazette</i> 9.7.36, and Indenture of Conveyance, No. 43, book 319, 26.12.1864.
Professional Offices	25 Murray Street, Gawler 5118. CT. volume 92, folio 44, part allotment 204, section 24 and part section 4, hundred of Nuriootpa.
Essex House	92-100 Murry Street, Gawler 5118. CT volume 4169, folio 801, allotment 2, section 24, CT volume 4169, folio 800, allotment 1, portion of section 24, hundred of Mudla Wirra.
House	11 Railway Terrace, Gawler 5118. CT volume 1643, folio 79, allotment 137, part section 8, CT volume 4089, folio 252, allotments 135 and 136, part section 8, hundred of Mudla Wirra.
Gasworks—Former	Seventh Street, Gawler 5118. CT volume 269, folio 244, allotment 105, section 3, hundred of Mudla Wirra.
Corporation of the City of Happy Valley	
'Mackereth' Cottage	Mathews Road, Dorset Vale. CT volume 2228, folio 74, part section 1427, hundred of Noarlunga.
Corporation of the Town of Hindmarsh	
Joiners Arms Hotel	9 Manton Street, Hindmarsh 5007. CT volume 871, folio 8, portion of allotment 80 of section 353, hundred of Yatala.
Corporation of the City of Kensington and Norwood	
Town Hall, Norwood	125 The Parade, Norwood 5067. CT volume 3131, folio 15, volume 391, folio 9, part block 2 of section 277, allotments 20 and 21 of section 277, hundred of Adelaide.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>
District Council of Lincoln	
Poonindie Brickworks	Poonindie. CT volume 1538, folio 129, portion of section 12, hundred of Louth.
Poonindie Mission—Superintendent's Residence ..	Poonindie. CT volume 4192, folio 699, allotment 12 of portion of section 127, hundred of Louth.
Poonindie Mission—Bakehouse Complex and Well	Poonindie. CT volume 4182, folio 651, allotment 3 of portion of section 127, hundred of Louth.
Poonindie Mission—Schoolhouse	Poonindie. CT volume 4182, folio 648, portion of section 127, hundred of Louth.
District Council of Mannum	
Shearer House and Observatory	Anna Street, Mannum 5238. CT volume 3683, folio 51, allotment 39 and part allotment 38, part section 114, hundred of Finnis.
Corporation of the City of Marion	
Dwelling Hamilton's Winery	Morphett Road, Glengowrie 5044. CT volume 3597, folio 25, portion of section 176, hundred of Noarlunga.
District Council of Meningie	
Point McLeay Mission—Former	Via Tailem Bend 5259. L.G. volume 4057, folio 870, sections 21, 290, 291, 469, 635, 636, 637 and 638, hundred of Baker.
District Council of Munno Para	
Adamson's Flour Mill—Former	Smiths Creek, Smithfield 5114. CT. volume 4161, folio 955, allotment 44, part section 4160; CT. volume 4161, folio 956, allotment 26, section 1679, hundred of Munno Para.
Corporation of the Town of Naracoorte	
Naracoorte Station Group	Stewart Terrace, Naracoorte 5271. CT. volume 4190, folio 171, allotment 71 of part section 1, hundred of Naracoorte.
District Council of Northern Yorke Peninsula	
Kadina Mortuary and Cemetery	Drain Road, Kadina 5554. L.G. volume 106, folio 6, section 2179, hundred of Wallaroo.
Moonta Cemetery	Petallick Road, Moonta 5558. L.G. volume 617, folio 107, section 2250. L.G. volume 149, folio 41, section 2232, hundred of Wallaroo.
District Council of Penola	
Office Shop:	
Former Butter and Cheese Factory	Riddoch Street, Penola 5277. CT. volume 4121, folio 768, portion of allotment 108 of portion of section 3, hundred of Penola.
Neilsons Cottage	Via Penola-Naracoorte Road, Penola 5277. CT. volume 3457, folio 169, hundred of Penola.
Corporation of the Town of Peterborough	
Railway Roundhouse	Railway Terrace, Peterborough 5422. CT. volume 3859, folio 129, part section 216, hundred of Yongala.
District Council of Robe	
Dwelling—'Attic House'	Victoria Street, Robe 5276. CT. volume 4040, folio 879, portion of allotment 9 of section 218, hundred of Waterhouse.
Corporation of the Town of St Peters	
Plumbers Shop	Payneham Road, College Park 5069. CT. volume 1726, folio 99, portion of allotment 2 of portion of section 257, hundred of Adelaide.
Bon Marche Building	1-13 Payneham Road, College Park 5069. CT. volume 3825, folio 167, portion of allotment 1, portion of section 257, hundred of Adelaide.
District Council of Strathalbyn	
Office	8 Albyn Terrace, Strathalbyn 5255. CT. volume 4166, folio 340, allotment 9 of part section 2600, hundred of Strathalbyn.
Arsenic Labyrinth	Wheal Ellen 5255. CT. volume 4104, folio 450, allotment 1, section 1198, hundred of Strathalbyn.
District Council of Victor Harbor	
Soldiers Memorial Gardens	Esplanade, Victor Harbor 5211, section 766, hundred of Encounter Bay, Recreation Reserve declared under Act of Parliament 1281/1917.
Station Master's Residence—Former	2 Flinders Parade, Victor Harbor 5211. CT. volume 2407, folio 81, part section 16, hundred of Encounter Bay.
Shop and dwelling	8 Railway Terrace, Victor Harbor. CT. volume 4028, folio 526, part allotments 66 and 81 of part section 16. CT. volume 4028, folio 527, allotment 66 of part section 16, hundred of Encounter Bay.
Shop and Dwelling	9 Railway Terrace, Victor Harbor 5211. CT. volume 99, folio 68, allotment 65, hundred of Encounter Bay.
Causeway and Jetty Historic Site	Victor Harbor 5211, Marine and Harbours Reserve, section 666, <i>Government Gazette</i> 29.4.65, hundred of Encounter Bay.
Former Post Office	Yankalilla Road, Victor Harbor 5211. CT. volume 2407, folio 80, section 714, hundred of Encounter Bay.
District Council of Willunga	
Former Temperance Hotel	Aldinga 5173. CT. volume 4237, folio 21, part section 400, hundred of Willunga.
'Delabole'—Mining Village Ruins and Slate Quarry	Delabole Road, Willunga 5172. CT. volume 4163, folio 333; CT. volume 4032, folio 462, part lot 102, portion of section 758 and other land, part sections 753, 757, hundred of Willunga.
District Council of Yorketown	
Lime Kiln and Jetty	Wool Bay 5576. <i>Government Gazette</i> 5.10.22, section 393, hundred of Dalrymple.