

South
Australian
Heritage
Act
1978-80

HERITAGE SURVEY ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET

PROJECT
HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 8

Item Ref. No. 20

ITEM NAME: Roseworthy College 10061
Former or other

Office Use
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HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

In 1879 a motion by M.P.F. Basedow was brought before S.A. Parliament regarding the necessity for S.A. farmers to have access to improved methods of agriculture. The first principal of the college was J.D. Custance, previously Departmental Professor of Agriculture.

The original stone and brick building, built 1883-85 (designed by the Architect-in-Chief), was the first agricultural college of its kind in Australia. A great deal of work was done at this college on phosphate deficiencies, which led to the introduction of super-phosphate, effecting a dramatic change in farming techniques and production levels throughout South Australia.

In 1885 the College opened with 15 students. Aside from superphosphate, the College fostered the practice of following good cultivation and drilling in agriculture. It also showed farmers how they could combine lamb-raising with wheat-growing.

The college (the original building now the nucleus of a large complex) continues to provide these significant services to this day.

LOCATION
Address

Town Roseworthy
Postcode
Section 694
Hundred Mudla Wirra
County
L.G.A. Light
S.H.P. Region 8
A.M.G. Ref. 6628-IV
54 28760 617660

SUBJECT

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PERIOD

State

Study Area

1885-1904

REFERENCES PBD No. 38, 38R;
PBD 187-A-80;
Coombe, History of Gawler, pp 157-8;
National Trust, 1282;
Ziegler Review of the Lower North, pp 47,106

Verbal
Archival photographs E.H. Coombe, pp 157-8

PHOTOGRAPH

Ziegler, Review of the Lower North p.47

TYPE OF ITEM

LAND Natural feature
Historical site
Historical Gdn.
BUILDING
STRUCTURE
PHYSICAL CONDITION

STATUS

Reg. of State Her. Items
Reg. Interim L
Nominated
National Estate
Reg. Proposed L
National Trust
CL RL File
Other
S.A. Highways Dept.
Instit. of Engineers

RECOMMENDATION

(A) State (B) Local

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