

South  
Australian  
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1978-80

# HERITAGE SURVEY ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET

PROJECT  
HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 5

Item Ref. No. 5

ITEM NAME: Blanchetown Post Office  
Former or other

Office Use  
ITEM No.  
DOCKET No.

## HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

Blanchetown was surveyed as a government town in 1855, succeeding Moorundie about five kilometres south. It was better sited as a port, and provided better access to the river. The town prospered, and became an important staging point on the overland route between the settled regions of South Australia and New South Wales. By 1860 the road from Truro to Blanchetown was declared a main road, part of the new overland route to Wentworth in New South Wales. Because of its important location Blanchetown was also astride the overland telegraph route between Adelaide and Sydney. This Post Office was built in 1866 by Tylor and Ridgway. It remains largely original in appearance, and its solid construction and appearance testify to the early importance of Blanchetown. It is significant because of this, and its significance is enhanced by its undoubted architectural merit. It is particularly notable for the arched colonnades forming a shelter for the interior of the building. It is constructed of stone with white rendered quoins.

## LOCATION

Address Egerton St.  
Town Blanchetown  
Postcode  
Section  
Hundred Skurray  
County  
L.G.A. Truro  
S.H.P. Region 5  
A.M.G. Ref. 6829-III  
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## SUBJECT

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## PERIOD

State

Study Area

1853-80

## REFERENCES

National Trust 1925  
South Australian Museum, Ngaiawang Folk Province,  
pp 162-168

Verbal  
Archival photographs

## TYPE OF ITEM

LAND Natural feature ☐  
Historical site ☐  
Historical Gdn. ☐

## BUILDING

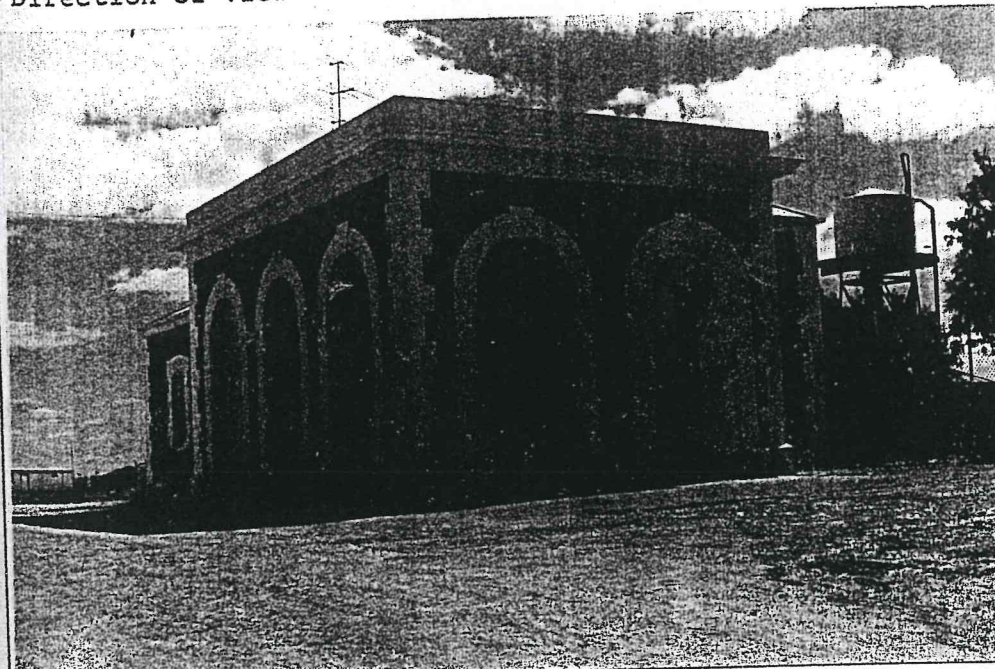
STRUCTURE ☒  
PHYSICAL CONDITION ☐

## PHOTOGRAPH

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Direction of view to W



## STATUS

Reg. of State Her. Items  
Reg. ☒ Interim L ☐  
Nominated ☐  
National Estate  
Reg. ☒ Proposed L ☐  
National Trust  
CL ☒ RL ☐ File ☐  
Other

## RECOMMENDATION

(A) State ☒ (B) Local ☐

PREPARED BY

HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS

Date: 1984

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## Blanchetown Post Office

**Identifier:** 7369

**Location:** Egerton St, Blanchetown

**Local Government:** Mid - Murray District

**State:** SA

**Statement of Significance:** The Post Office forms a part of the historic complex of Blanchetown. A Post Office also formed an important part in the life of the town at a time when telephones were not common anywhere in Australia.

(The Commission is in the process of developing and/or upgrading official statements for places listed prior to 1991. The above data was mainly provided by the nominator and has not yet been revised by the Commission.)

--- **Description:** Notes from State Archives: ---

1 March 1865: to Hon Commissioner of Public Works: Mr. Todd's estimates include telegraph for Blanchetown.

26 July 1865: to call tenders for Post Office and Telegraph Station at Blanchetown.

14 August 1865: to Messrs Taylor and Ridgway, Angaston and Gawler. Tender 1,100 pounds Accepted.

12 September 1865: to Hon Commissioner of Public Works. Mr. Spender as Clerk of Works at Blanchetown, fourteen shillings a day

7 June 1866: to Hon Commissioner of Public Works: the Post Office and Telegraph Station completed.

**Source:** Register of the National Estate

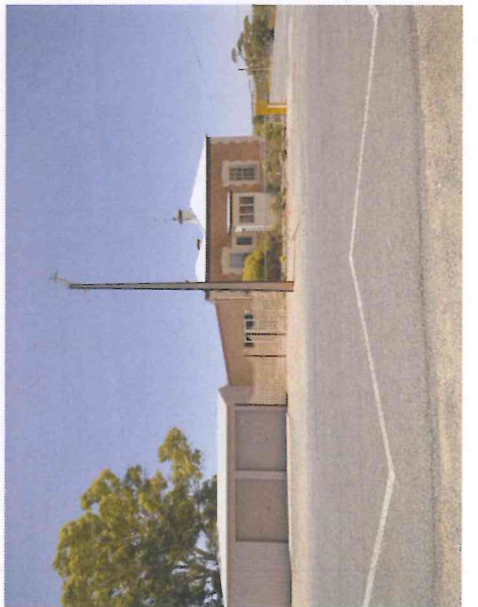
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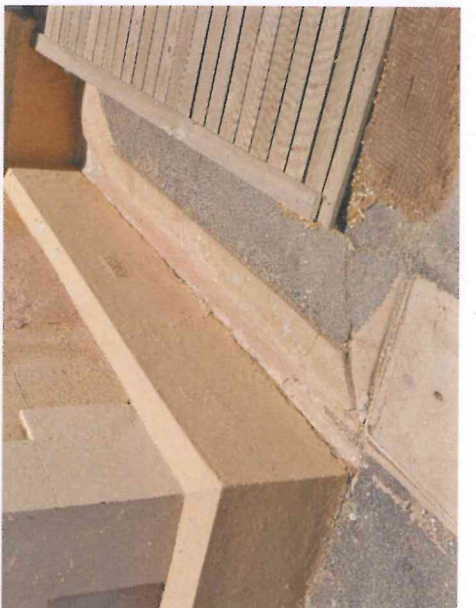
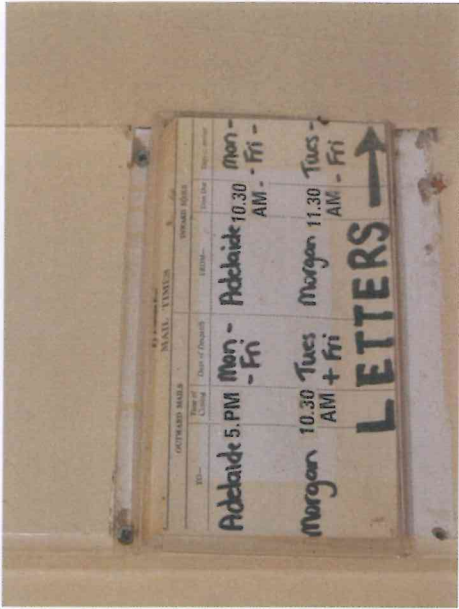
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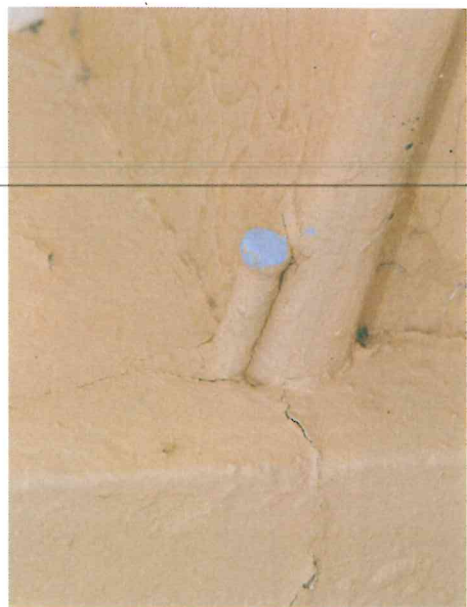
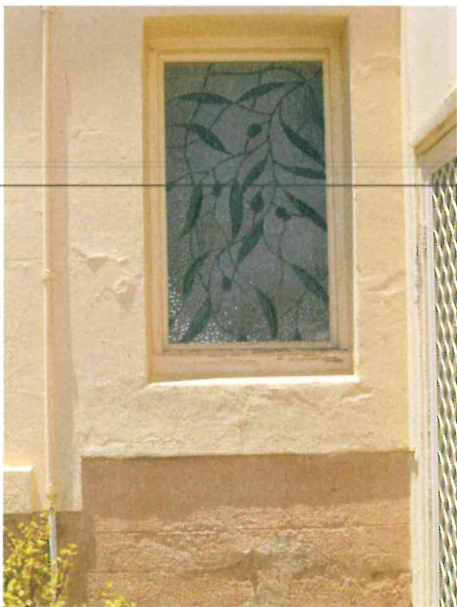
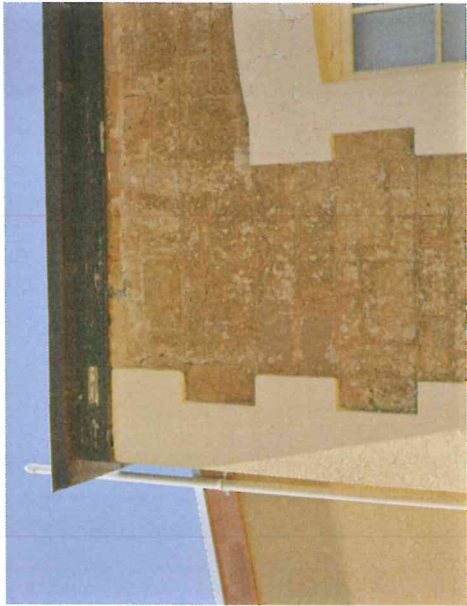








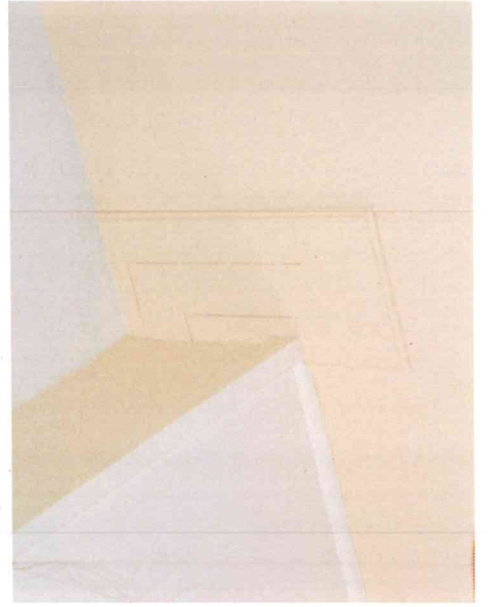




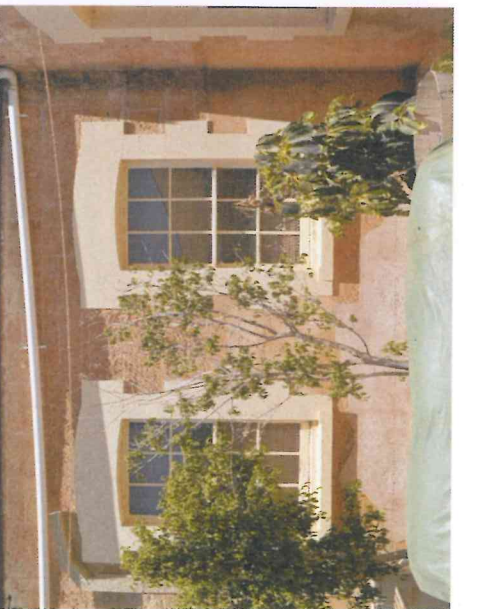
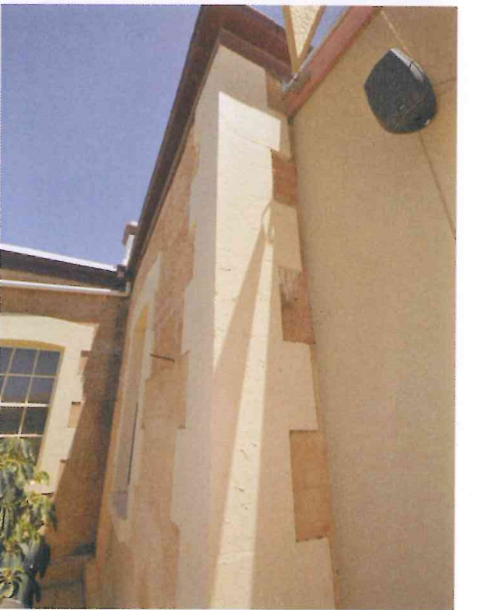




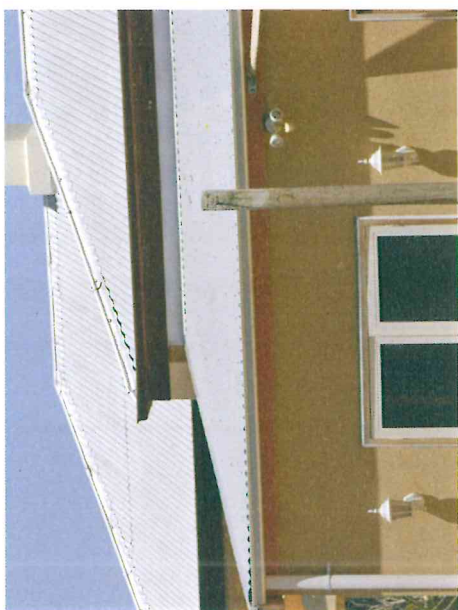
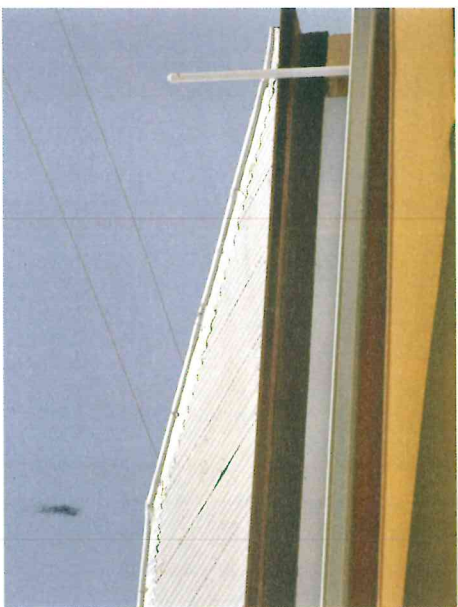






















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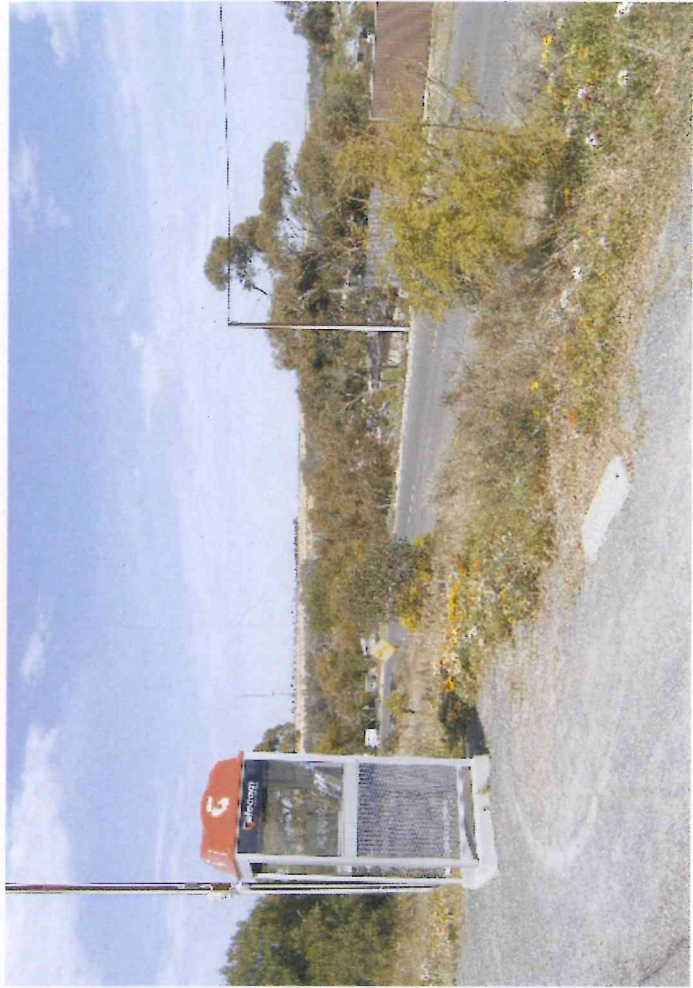
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BLANCHETOWN POST OFFICE  
EAST ELEVATION

BLANCHETOWN  
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