

To: South Australian Heritage Committee  
From: Senior Historic Architect  
Subject: REGISTER NOMINATION -  
BLANCHETOWN HOTEL  
Date: 8 February, 1982

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#### SUMMARY

This report is prepared as part of the South Australian Heritage Committee's programme of evaluating National Estate items.

The hotel was deferred at a previous meeting of the South Australian Heritage Committee pending an inspection, report and additional slides.

Historically, the hotel is important because it is associated with the early settlement of Blanchetown and because it is one of the oldest hotels still trading along the River Murray in South Australia.

Architecturally, the item is less important because it is simple in design, detail and construction. It is, however, an excellent example of "bush pub" architecture.

Environmentally, the item is an important element within a rural townscape. They are well known historical and visual landmarks.

The Integrity of the item is fair and in reasonable condition.

The Blanchetown Hotel is included on the Register of the National Estate and is on the Classified List of the National Trust of South Australia.

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Blanchetown Hotel and associated stable be included on the Register of State Heritage Items and that the item be categorised A2, H2, H3.




(Barry G. Rowney)  
SENIOR HISTORIC ARCHITECT

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<h4>HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE</h4> <p>The Hotel is one of the landmark buildings of Blanchetown. The town itself was surveyed in 1855, because of the need to provide easy access to the river and an easy crossing, and also to provide for a port. The town became an important staging point for travellers to and from New South Wales, and also an important shipping port, being the closest river town to Truro and Gawler. In 1860 the road between Truro and Blanchetown was declared a main road, and the town became part of the main route from Adelaide to Wentworth. The importance of Blanchetown as a staging point was emphasised by the building of the Hotel there in 1856 by G. Green. Its first licensee was T.W. Harvey, from 1858.</p> <p>The hotel is a significant heritage item because of this and because it must have been one of the first buildings in the new town. It has been substantially upgraded, but sufficient of the original form remains to testify to its age, and its early associations.</p>		<h4>LOCATION</h4> Address Adams St. Town Blanchetown Postcode Section Hundred Skurray County L.G.A. Truro S.H.P. Region 5 A.M.G. Ref. 6829-III 54 37240 619780  <h4>SUBJECT</h4> 4.6  <h4>PERIOD</h4> State  Study Area 1853-80
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HISTORICAL RESEARCH: BLANCHETOWN HOTEL AND STABLES

In 1855 Blanchetown was surveyed and named by Governor Sir Richard Graves McDonnell after his wife, Lady Blanche McDonnell. The site had always been a popular watering and resting spot by travellers using the "Sydney Road".

In March 1856, a Mr. Green was reported to have begun building a hotel there and in 1858 T.W. Harvey became its first licensee. Because of the good access for drays and wagons from the high cliffs Blanchetown was selected as a river port in 1863. Lock Number 1 was opened in 1922 and the Blanchetown Bridge (replacing the ferry) in 1964.

Sources: South Australian Archives - Research Notes 601  
Baker and Reschke - Murray River Pilot 1981

(Lothar Brasse)  
REGISTER ARCHITECT

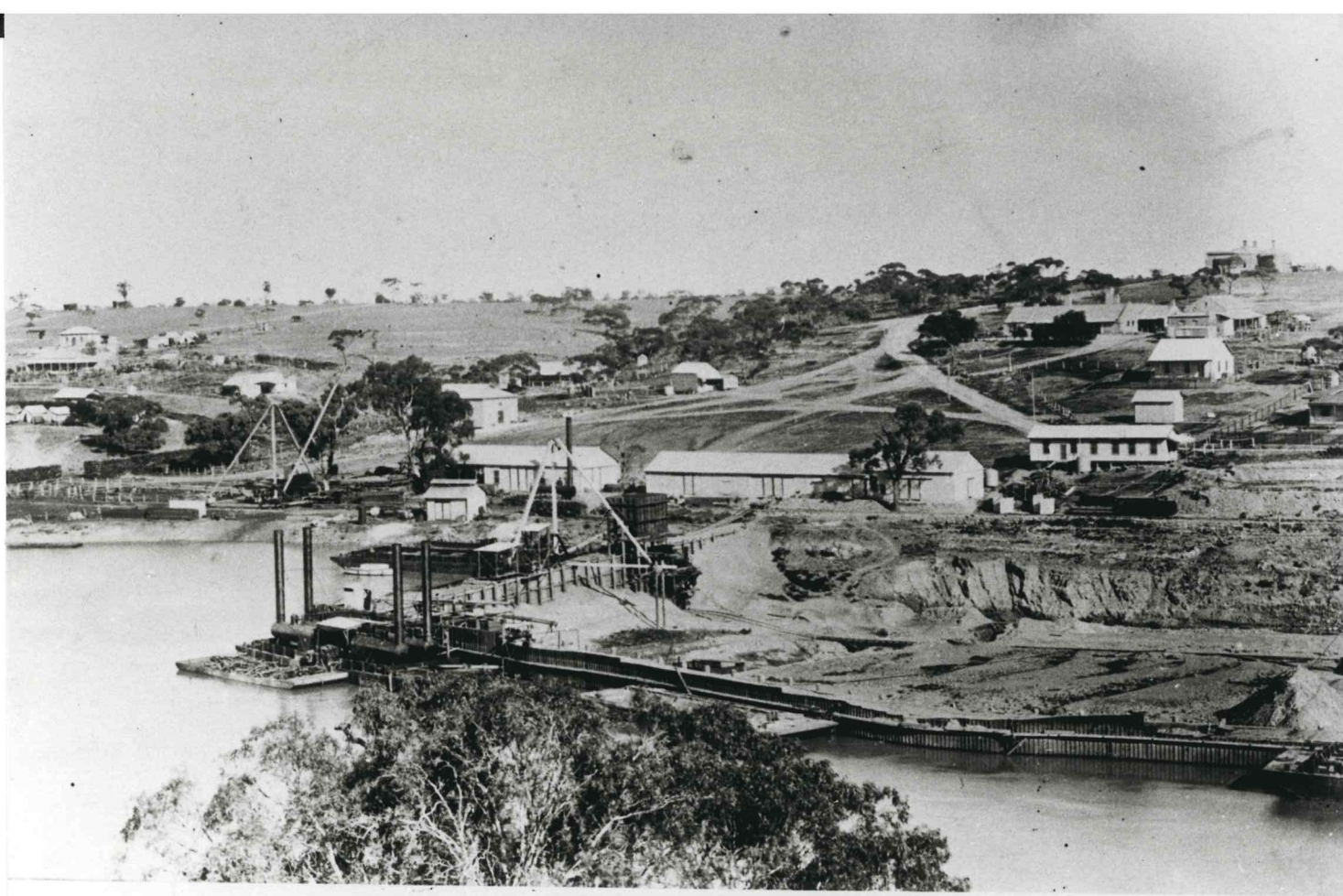
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