

Matta Matta House Museum (former Dwelling)

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LOCATION

Address Matta Road, Kadina SA 5554
Land Description Lot 101, Section 1863, Hundred of Wallaroo (National Trust Reserve)
Certificate of Title D29469/101

Owners National Trust of South Australia, 452 Pulteney Street, Adelaide SA 5000

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DESCRIPTION

The house is symmetrically designed with an encircling verandah which is an extension of the hipped roof, which is clad with timber shingles. Behind the house is a single room with hand split timber wall cladding with timber shingle roof and rendered brick chimney.

STATEMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE

This building is of significance for its association with the Matta Matta Mine, one of the regional copper mines near Wallaroo and Moonta. Horn, the Manager, seems to have been of no great significance. Copper mines in general are significant relics in South Australia because of the importance of copper mining in the 19th century economic history of South Australia: those in the Wallaroo/Moonta area are more significant than most.

HISTORY

Matta House was built as a residence in 1863 for the manager of the nearby Matta Matta Copper Mine, Mr E A Horn. The shingle roof was later covered by corrugated iron but was replaced with red cedar shingles in 1975.

The Matta Matta Mine, located to the north of the house, was described in the *South Australian Gazetteer* as one of the richest of the Wallaroo mines. The mine had two shafts with a fine lode of ore at a depth of 10 feet and was worked from 1860 until 1870. The foundations of a 60 inch Cornish beam pumping engine, which was erected in 1864, remain.

The house has, since 1967, been operated by the National Trust of South Australia as a local museum with agricultural and printing displays.

References

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