
POST OFFICE

MEL:007

Place Name and Address: *Post Office, Stuart Street,
Melrose

LOCATION: Stuart Street, Melrose South Australia 5483
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA: District Council of Mount Remarkable
LAND DESCRIPTION: Lot 1, DP 12264 Hd Wongyarra, CT
5469/285

OWNER: Mr AW and Mrs LV Joppich
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REGISTER STATUS: Registered 28 May 1981
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DESCRIPTION

A single storey, simple stone and rendered building located in the main street of Melrose. The building has a hipped iron clad roof and an asymmetrical facade with a projecting room with a series of arch headed openings to window and doors. The facade wall is topped by a parapet.

STATEMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE

Of significance as one of South Australia's early telegraph stations and post offices. The development of these services reflects the spread of settlement and was an important factor in strengthening the influence of the administration in outlying areas.

HISTORY

The architectural style and decoration of this building would suggest an early construction date and records confirm that the building was constructed as a post office and telegraph station in 1866. It was designed by the Colonial Architect's Office and constructed by the Port Augusta builder, Thomas Burgoyne.

As an early post office and telegraph station, the building illustrates the spread of settlement in South Australia. Buildings like this one played an important role in strengthening the influence of the administration in outlying areas during the early days of settlement in South Australia.

REFERENCES:

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