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To: The South Australian Heritage Committee

From: Head, European Section, Heritage Conservation Branch

Subject: REGISTER NOMINATION:
MAGPIE & STUMP HOTEL & OUTBUILDINGS
CORNER BURRA & WAKEFIELD STREETS, MINTARO

Date: 7 September 1982

SUMMARY

This report was prepared as part of an overall evaluation of Mintaro by the Heritage Conservation Branch, following the identification of an area to be designated as a State Heritage Area.

Historically, this building is a significant item in Mintaro, as it was the first licensed hotel in the town and so played an important part in catering for the bullock and mule transports from the Burra copper mine.

Architecturally, the Magpie & Stump Hotel is significant for its vernacular style and evolved form which maintain the scale and character of the streetscape of Mintaro.

Environmentally, the Magpie & Stump Hotel is significant because of its prominent location and its contribution to the historic character of the townscape.

The Integrity of the building has been compromised internally, however, the exterior of the main section of the hotel is reasonably intact and the outbuildings possibly remain from the original hotel.

The building is listed by the National Trust (Classified List) and lies within the Mintaro Heritage Conservation Area of the National Estate Register.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Magpie & Stump Hotel, Outbuildings and Stone Wall, Mintaro, be included on the Register of State Heritage Items and that it be categorized A2, H2.

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REGISTER RESEARCH: MAGPIE AND STUMP HOTEL, MINTARO

As a stopping place on the Gulf Road, Mintaro had to provide accommodation and sustenance for both the drivers and animals involved in the bullock and mule trains moving copper ore from Burra to Port Wakefield.

The Magpie and Stump Hotel was opened in December 1850, and the first licensee, Matthew Muir. When John Smith moved to Mintaro from Burra in 1858, he bought the hotel (on allotment 4) and also allotment 5 on which he built the flour mill. By this time, the hotel had undergone a change of name and was known as the Mintaro Hotel.

The Clare District assessment book for 1867, which includes Mintaro, states that Smith had leased the "inn, stables, stockyards and coach-house" to Charles Piper who then managed the hotel for some years. By 1884, the hotel licensee was Samuel Bayfield, and in 1894, A.M. Keane was in charge of the hotel.

The hotel was damaged by fire in 1904 and rebuilt quickly in its present form (probably fairly similar to the original). At this stage the Mintaro Hotel was the only licensed establishment in the town, as the Devonshire Arms had been converted to a Temperance Hotel in 1898 and was under the management of Mr. Charles Grym.

The hotel has subsequently been renamed the Magpie and Stump, and continues trading as that today. The outbuildings have been converted (fairly roughly) to accommodate motor vehicles rather than horse-drawn transport as originally intended.

Sources

Boothby's Adelaide Almanacks 1860s-1890s.

Clare District Assessment Book, 1867.

R.J. Noye, Clare, A District History, (Clare, 1975)

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Register of State Heritage Items
ITEM EVALUATION SHEET
Buildings and Structures

Item MAGPIE & STUMP HOTEL & OUTBUILDINGS
CNR. BURRA AND WAKEFIELD STS., MINTARO.

Component	Comment	Grading E	VG	AG	FP	N
Environment						
9. Continuity:	Materials, construction and scale typical of Mintaro's buildings.		*			
10. Local Character:	Prominent element, contribures to historic and commercial character of Burra St.		*			
11. Landmark:	Prominent corner location gives important entrance focus for town.	*				
Integrity						
13. Alterations:	Mostly internal, unsympathetic but fairly unsignificant besser block addition at rear.		*			
14. Condition:	No obvious defects.		*			
15. Compatibility:	Original use maintained.	&				

Supplementary Information

Adaptation: Any future alterations to the building should maintain the character and scale of the complex. Use of natural stone preferable to cement block.

Interpretation: The hotel has an important interpretive role because of its continued public use and prominent location.

Current Situation: The Magpie and Stump Hotel is currently owned and operated by G.J. & F.E. Jones, who have recently acquired the adjacent flour mill.

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South Australian Heritage Committee Categorization			Date

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Age 1850 & 1904	Theme	Office 6630-10201
Period 1836-1851 1884-1913	Subject Trade & Commerce Transportation - Land	Region 8 Lower North
Building Type Hotel	Style VERNACULAR	Status N.Tr. (CL) N.E. Cons. Area.

Qualitative Data

Component	Comment	Grading E	VG	AG	FP	NA
History						
1. Context:	First licensed establishment in Mintaro, provided accommodation and sustenance for the bullock and mule trains travelling between Burra and Port Wakefield; has continued as an hotel.	*				
2. Person/Group:	Associated with John Smith, an important land-owner in Mintaro during the 1860s and 70s, and then subsequent licensees.		*			
3. Event:	The hotel suffered considerable fire damage in 1904 and was partly rebuilt.			*		
Architecture						
4. Architect/ Builder:	Not readily available. Not readily available.					*
5. Design:	Single storey, wide verandah on two street frontages with chamfered corner brick parapet above verandahs with pediment for advertising signs. Gambrel roof over main section adjoining hipped roof section may be earlier. Stables, outbuildings and walls date from earlier hotel.			*		
6. Construction:	Rubble stone walls, brick quoins, openings and chimneys, galvanised iron roof. Impossible to establish how much of original hotel remains.			*		
7. Interior:	Much altered and modernised. Pressed metal ceilings, some interior walls removed in public section - no access to private section			*		
8. Representation:	Externally, a good example of fairly typical country pub, showing several stages of evolution.			*		

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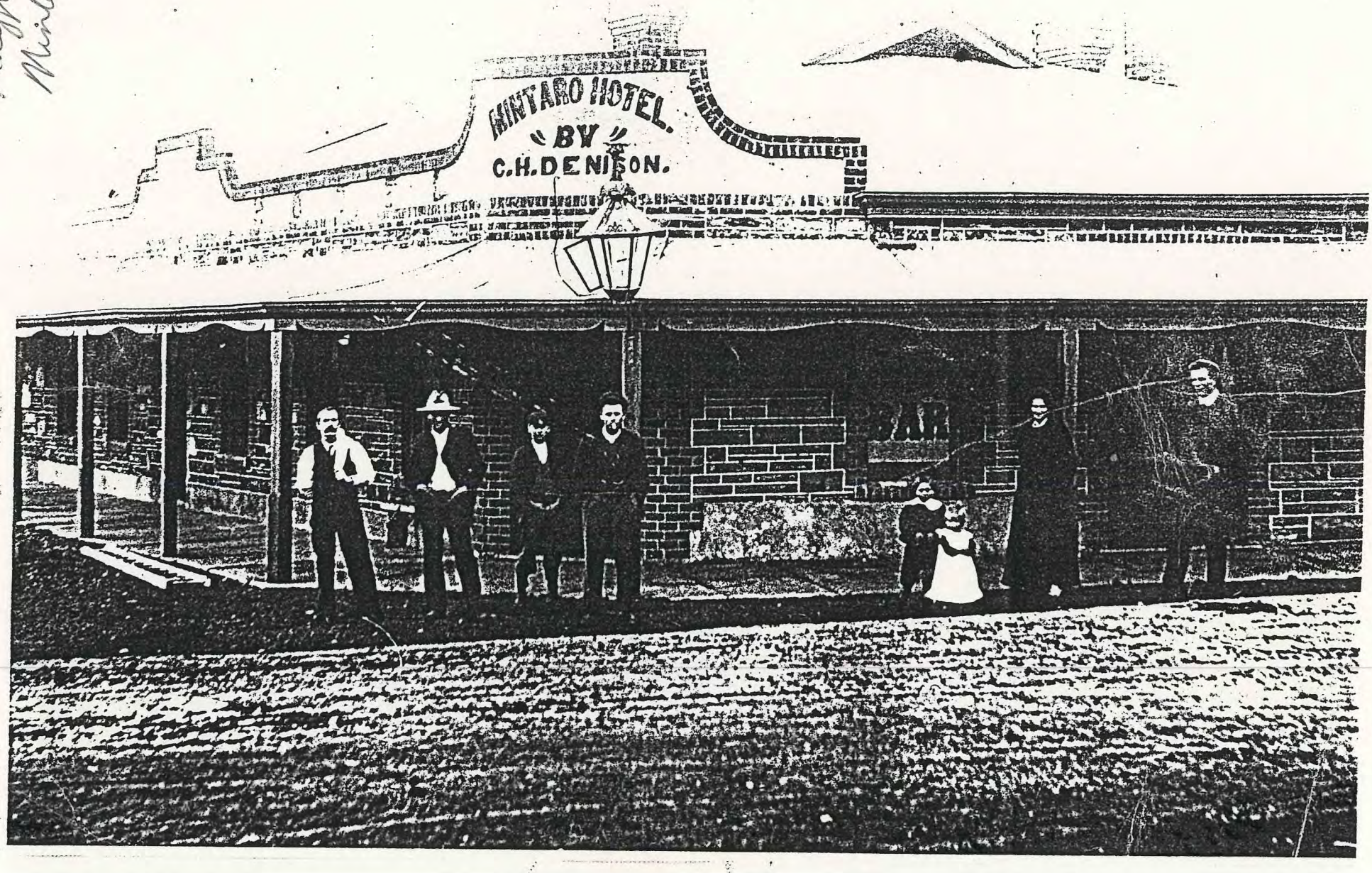

State Heritage Areas of South Australia

Mintaro State Heritage Area
Hotels
State Heritage Places entered in the South Australian Heritage Register

During the 1850s two hotels were established in Mintaro (on Burra Street) largely to cater for the bullock drivers or muleteers who journeyed between Burra and Port Wakefield. The Magpie and Stump is still a licensed hotel, but the Devonshire has offered only accommodation for more than a century.

Magpie and Stump Hotel
Burra Street, Mintaro
SAHR 10201 – confirmed as a State Heritage Place 5 April 1984

The first hotel in the town, the Mintaro Hotel, was opened on this site in 1850 and became an important 'watering hole' for thirsty bullock drivers and South American muleteers carting copper ore along the 'Gulf Road' from the Burra Mine to Port Wakefield.

> *'... if the stories are correct it was a wild pub catering for the needs of the itinerant bullock and mule drivers who passed through the town.'*
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Magpie and Stump Hotel, 2005

From 1851-53 the hotel traded under the name Magpie and Stump, but then reverted to its original name until 1904, when the building was extensively damaged by fire.

Mintaro Hotel 1938
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The hotel was quickly rebuilt as the present building and, at that time, was the only licensed establishment in Mintaro. It traded as the Mintaro Hotel until at least 1936, when it once again became the Magpie and Stump. The original outbuildings were converted to house motor vehicles.

The Centenary Garden, on the triangular piece of land in front of the hotel, was installed in 1936.

In recent years the Magpie and Stump has been carefully revived as a typical English pub, and its location at the centre of town ensures that it is a focal point. Visitors can

> *'buy a pizza cooked in the town's original baker's oven, located out the back of the pub. The oven dates from the late 1850s. Beyond the baker's oven is a room in the pub devoted to the Mintaro Coursing Club which started in 1884. The last live hare was chased to its doom in 1986. The hunt continued until 1997 with a drag lure when it closed.'*
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Hotel outbuilding, 2005