

State Heritage Areas of South Australia



Dwelling (former Mintaro Police Station)

Burra Street, Mintaro

SAHR 10205 – confirmed as a State Heritage Place 5 April 1984



Former Police Station, 2005

The police station was one of a number of community facilities established in Mintaro in the 1860s and 70s. It was erected in 1867, two years after 84 residents had petitioned State Parliament for police protection.

The slate building, erected by the Colonial Architect's Office to W. Hanson's design, is a sophisticated example of a police station for that period. It is one of three stations built to the same design (others being at Callington and Truro), but remains the most intact.



Mintaro Police Station, 1982



Cells at rear, 2005



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Department for Environment
and Heritage

South Australian Heritage Act 1978-80	Register of State Heritage Items ITEM EVALUATION SHEET Buildings and Structures	
Age Built 1867/68	Theme	Office
Period 1852-83	Subject PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION - LEGAL AND JUDICIAL	Region 8 Lower North
Building Type Police Station Stables	Style Mid-Victorian	Status N.Tr. (RL)
<u>Qualitative Data</u>		<u>Grading</u>
Component	Comment	E VG AG FP NA
<u>History</u>		
1. Context:	Associated with the establishment of social services in Mintaro in the 1860's and 70's, such as the Post Office, Public School, Institute and so on. Indicative of some of the social problems faced by the town in this period.	*
2. Person/Group:	Connected with the police presence in Mintaro during the 19th century.	*
3. Event:	84 residents of Mintaro presented a petition for "police protection" to State Parliament in late December, 1865.	*
<u>Architecture</u>		
4. Architect/ Builder:	Colonial Architects Office (W. Hanson) Contractor - W. Paterson.	*
5. Design:	Mid Victorian Public Building design and decoration identify it as a sophisticated example of this building type, attached walled exercise yard and cell block, design repeated at Truro and Callington, sited in an elevated position with grand slate stair up an embankment.	*
6. Construction:	Rubble stone wall with dressed stone quoins at corners and openings, corrugated iron hip and skillion roofs, timber verandah, slate on edge on top of yard wall.	*
7. Interior:	Not accessible, told by residents to be basically intact.	*
8. Representation:	Good example. Similar floor plan to Police Station at Callington and Truro.	*

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Register of State Heritage Items
ITEM EVALUATION SHEET
Buildings and Structures

Item POLICE STATION, STABLES AND ENTRANCE STEPS, MINTARO.

Component

Comment

Grading
E VG AG FP NA

Environment

- 9. Continuity: Sympathetic in materials, construction, scale and 'isolated' siting.
- 10. Local Character: Rural nature of the town of Mintaro applies the above statement to the whole town.
- 11. Landmark: Quality of construction and timber decoration make it stand out, seen upon entering Mintaro from the north.

Integrity

- 12. Alterations: Minor and obvious, carport, blind wall filled in to create a new room, new opening to exercise yards, plumbing added internally.
- 13. Condition: No obvious defects.
- 14. Compatibility: Presently used as a private residence.

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Supplementary Information

Adaptation: Building has reasonable adaptation potential relative to the needs of Mintaro, as seen in the present successful use as a residence.

Interpretation: Visual impressions should be maintained. Interpretation measures must be seen in light of the town as a whole.

Current Situation: No known threat.

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Evaluated By Ivar Nelsen Register Architect Annely Aeuckens Register Historian Date

Reviewed By Mark A. Butcher Register Supervisor Date

South Australian Heritage Committee Categorization Date

To: South Australian Heritage Committee

From: Head, European Heritage Section, Heritage Conservation Branch

Subject: REGISTER NOMINATION:
POLICE STATION, STABLES AND ENTRANCE STEPS, MINTARO

Date: 2 July, 1982

SUMMARY

This Report was prepared as part of an overall evaluation of Mintaro by the Heritage Conservation Branch.

Historically the police station is significant because of its association with the social development of Mintaro in the 1860's and 70's, being one of a number of community services established in the town during this period. The necessity of a police station also reflected the lingering presence of a 'rough' side to Mintaro that had its origins in the early days of the town's existence, when it functioned as a service stop for the bullockies and muleteers using the Gulf Road for carting copper ore from Burra to Port Wakefield.

Architecturally, the Police Station is an important example of this public building type. The plan arrangement is typical but the design and decoration has reached a sophisticated level. The result is a pleasant but formal building with ornate, almost domestic, qualities.

Environmentally, the Police Station supports and reinforces the street and town as a whole in its materials, scale and type of setting. In its sophistication of design and extent of decoration the building is an accent in the context of the town.

The Integrity of the Police Station is exceptional with the only alterations minor and obvious.

The Mintaro Police Station is one of three built to this design. The others exist at Truro and Callington.

The Mintaro Police Station is on the Register of the National Trust as a recorded listing.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Police Station, stables and slate entrance stairs be included on the State Register of Heritage Items, and that they be categorised A2, A3, H3.

(Barry G. Rowney)
SENIOR HISTORIC ARCHITECT

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To: South Australian Heritage Committee
From: Senior Historic Architect
Subject: REGISTER NOMINATION REPORT: POLICE STATION, MINTARO
Date: 21st April, 1982

SUMMARY

This report was prepared as part of an overall evaluation of Mintaro by the Heritage Conservation Branch. The nomination has been initiated by the Heritage Conservation Branch.

Historically, the Police Station is significant because of its association with the social development of Mintaro in the 1860's and 1870's, being one of a number of community services established in the town during this period. The necessity of a police station also reflected the early days of the town's existence, when it functioned as a service stop for the bullockies and muleteers travelling between Burra and Port Wakefield.

Architecturally, the Police Station is an important example of this public building type. The plan arrangement is typical but the design and decoration has reached a sophisticated level. The result is a pleasant but formal building with ornate, almost domestic, qualities.

Environmentally, the Police Station supports and reinforces the street and town as a whole in its materials, scale and type of setting. In its sophistication of design and extent of decoration, the building is an accent in the context of a town which itself is recognised as significant.

The Integrity of the Police Station is exceptional with the only alterations minor and obvious.

The Mintaro Police Station is on the Register of the National Trust as a recorded listing.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Police Station, stables and slate entrance stairs be included on the State Register of Heritage Items, and that they be categorised A.2, A.3, H.3.



Barry G. Rowney
SENIOR HISTORIC ARCHITECT

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South Australian Heritage Act 1978-80	Register of State Heritage Items ITEM EVALUATION SHEET Buildings and Structures							
	Item	POLICE STATION AND COURT HOUSE, MINTARO.						
Age 1867 - Built	Theme			Office 6630-10205				
Period 1852-1883	Subject	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION - LEGAL, JUDICIAL.		Region Lower North				
Building Type Police Station	Style	MID VICTORIAN/PUBLIC BUILDING		Status N.Tr. (R.L.)				
<u>Qualitative Data</u>				<u>Grading</u>				
Component		Comment		E	VG	AG	FP	NA
<u>History</u>								
1. Context:		Associated with the establishment of social services in Mintaro in the 1860's and 1870's, such as the Post Office, Public School, Institute and so on. Indicative of some of the social problems faced by the town in this period, 84 residents of Mintaro presented a petition for "police protection" to State Parliament in late December, 1865.		*				
2. Person/Group:		Connected with the police presence in Mintaro during the Nineteenth Century.				*		
3. Specific Event:		Not yet established.						*
<u>Architecture</u>								
4. Architect/ Builder:		Colonial Architect's Office (W. Hanson); Contractor - W. Paterson.		*				
5. Design:		Mid Victorian public building, design and decoration identify it as a sophisticated example of this building type, attached walled exercise yard and cell block, design repeated at Truro and Callington, sited in an elevated position with grand slate stair up an embankment.		*				
6. Construction:		Rubble stone wall with dressed stone quoins at corners and openings, corrugated iron hip and skillion roofs, timber verandah, slate on edge on top of yard wall.				*		
7. Interior:		Not accessible, told by residents to be basically intact.						*
8. Representation:		One of three built to the same design, others at Truro and Callington. Of the two in the Lower North Region, this one is the most intact.		*				
<u>Environment</u>								
9. Continuity:		Sympathic in materials, construction, scale and 'isolated' siting.				*		

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Item POLICE STATION AND COURT HOUSE, MINTARO.

Component	Comment	Grading				
		E	VG	AG	FP	NA
10. Local Character:	Rural nature of the town of Mintaro applies the above statement to the whole town. The character of Mintaro is recognised as being important to the State and is being proposed as a Heritage Conservation Area.		*			
11. Landmark:	Quality of construction and timber decoration make it stand out. Seen upon entering Mintaro from the north.		*			
<u>Integrity</u>						
12. Alterations:	Minor and obvious, car port, blind wall filled in to create a new room, new opening to the exercise yard, plumbing added internally.		*			
13. Condition:	No obvious defects.				*	
14. Compatability:	Used as a private residence, owners are generally sympathetic.				*	

Supplementary Information

- 15. Adaptation: The basic form of the building and its external decorative features should be maintained and restored. The building plan with its symmetry and courtyard should also be retained but minor alterations are not as disruptive.
- 16. Interpretation: As a private residence, the interpretative role of the building is limited to a passive one relative to historical themes and the town's townscape character. It could act as an excellent venue for more active interpretation.
- 17. Current Situation: The building is owned by Mr. T. Jacka and used as a private residence. The building is under no known threat.

Evaluated By	Ivar Nelsen Register Architect	Annely Aeuckens Register Historian	Date
Reviewed By	Ivar Nelsen		Date
South Australian Heritage Committee Categorization			Date

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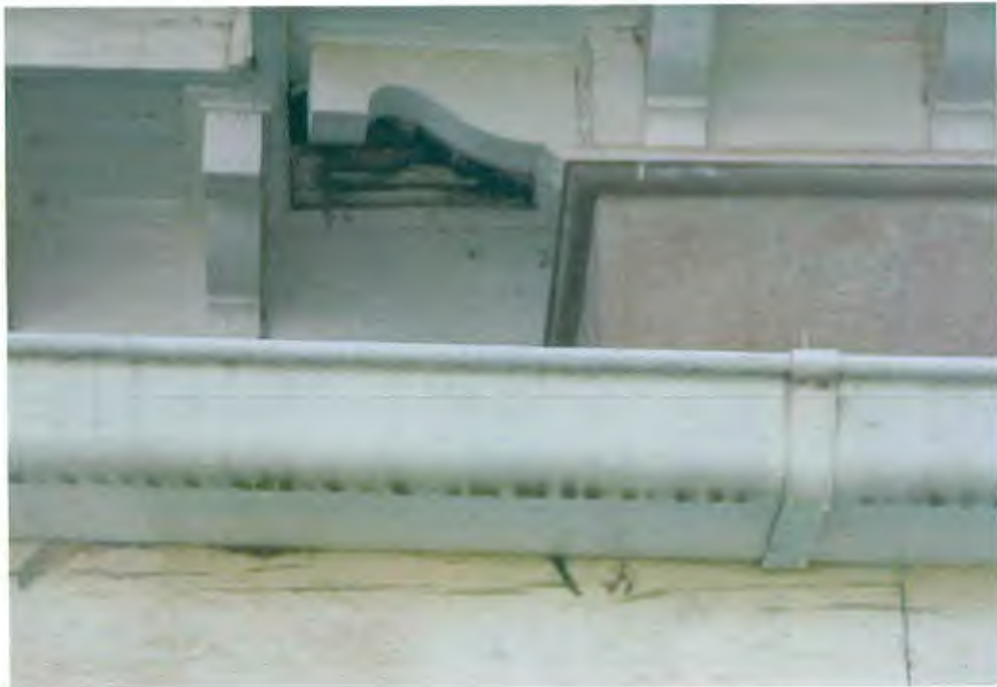




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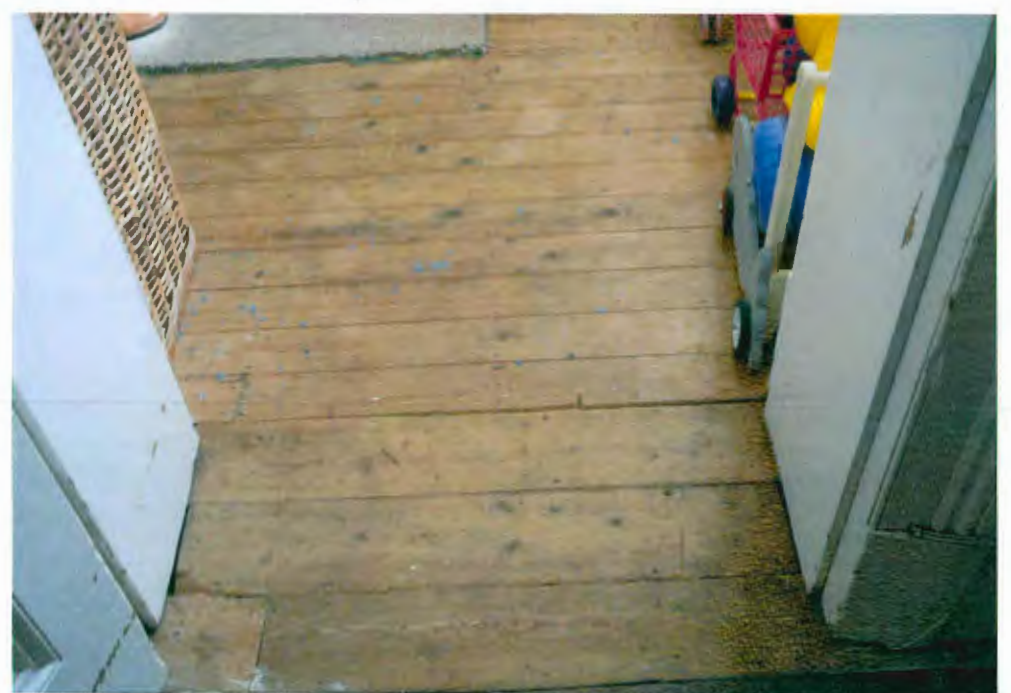
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