

FLINDERS RANGES HERITAGE SURVEY

**Former Waterworks Building and
Troopers Barracks**

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LOCATION

Address	Beauchamp Lane, Port Augusta
Owner(s)	Public Purpose Reserve
CT Number	Gazetted 5 November 1981
Part Allotment	37
Hundred	Davenport
Local Government Area	Port Augusta

State Heritage Status	State Heritage Register — 10243 — 26 November 1981
Other Assessments	Register of the National Estate National Trust Classified List — 1362

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DESCRIPTION

1. Residence

A single storey building with hipped roof form. The walls are of local stone and there are rendered and bevelled quoins and dressings. The roof is of corrugated galvanized iron, and the building has double hung sash windows. The concave verandah is timber framed. There are timber brackets to the eaves, also on gutters and a slate floor to the verandah.

2. Trooper's Barracks

A single storey building with a low hipped roof form and parapet. The walls are painted and rendered, and the quoins and dressings are heavy rusticated and painted. The roof is of corrugated galvanized iron while the windows are fixed and covered in timber framed louvres. There is a large coach entrance with a vertical timber framed and battened door. A pediment and bracketed cornice are also evident.

Associated with both these buildings are two name plates erected at the main entrance and a National Trust plaque.

HISTORY

In 1862 the South Australian Parliament decided that because Port Augusta had the potential to develop as a port, it should have a water supply system. As a consequence, J.R. Goodiar was sent to Port Augusta by the Water Board to supervise the laying and joining of pipes from Woolundunga Reserve to Port Augusta. Water was supplied by October 1864 and by 1867 450 households were being supplied. In the meantime, Goodiar continued to live in a tent and then later in a cellar under a hill. Despite his repeated attempts to have the Water Board erect a residence, he resigned his position before it was built in 1880. This residence is now used by the Clerk of the Courts office. Not long after, in 1882, the Police Barracks were converted to a waterworks and store; this has since been restored while the blacksmith's shop has been converted to a Library.

STATEMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE

This place is historically significant because of its association with the early history of Port Augusta, particularly the manner in which it highlights the early importance of the town in the region. It is also important because it highlights the early significance of the need for police and law and order in the colony, the need for a guaranteed water supply in an important regional town and port, and the importance of government personnel in the economic and social life of the community. The place is significant too because of the changes of use which have ensured its continued viability. Its location ensures that it complements other significant buildings in the historic town centre and helps to define an important public space.

The buildings were entered in the State Heritage Register on 26 November 1981.

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RELEVANT CRITERIA

- (a) the buildings demonstrate important aspects of the evolution or pattern of the State's history, particularly elements of police history on the frontier of settlement and later the importance of a suitable water supply in an important outport;
 - (d) the buildings are an outstanding representative of a particular class of places of cultural significance, particularly as a barracks for police troopers of which there are few examples;
 - (g) the buildings have a special association with the life or work of an organisation, particularly the early South Australian Police Force.
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Site Surveyor

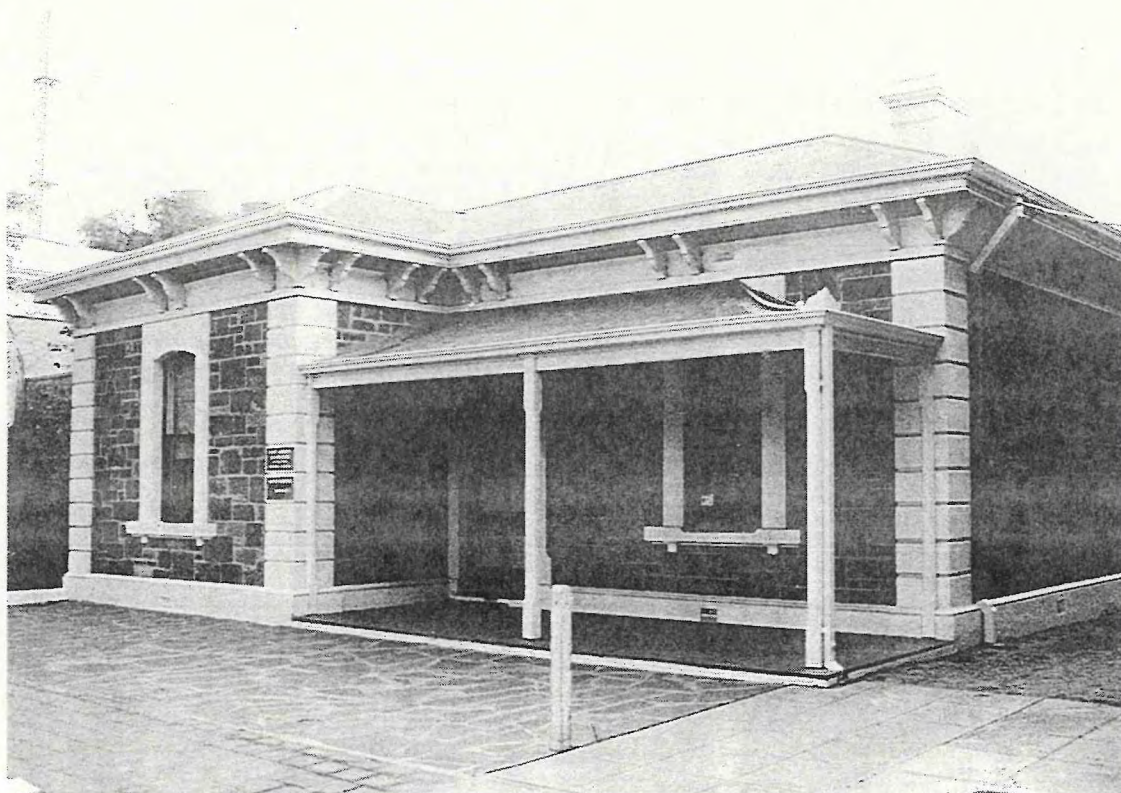
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Date(s) of Survey 10.2.1994

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Barracks



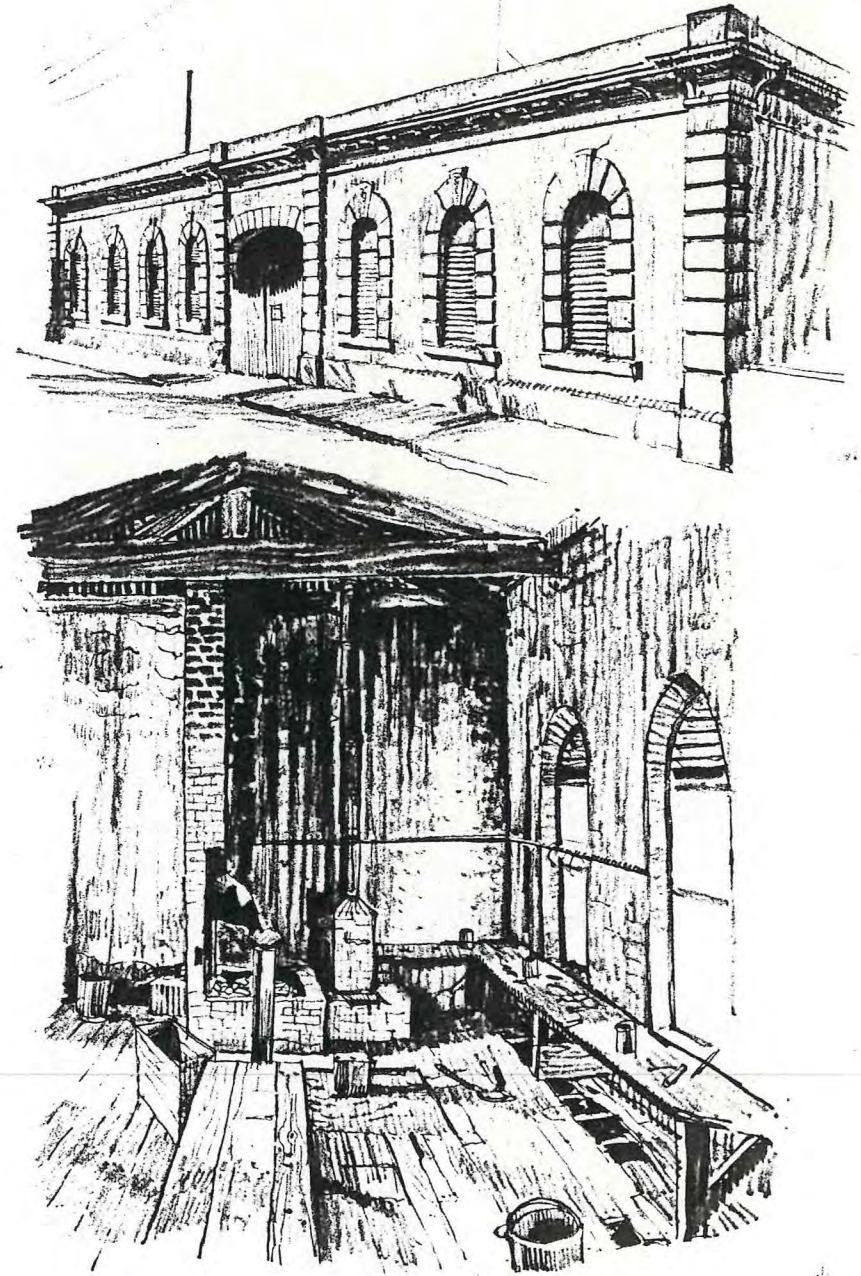
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WATERWORKS

In 1802 Matthew Flinders was disappointed not to find fresh water at the head of Spencer Gulf. The absence of potable water undoubtedly hindered the development of Port Augusta. The wells at Stirling North produced only brackish water and it was clear by 1860 that the town could be entirely dependent on the Woolundunga Springs. The Water Board sent J.R. Goodiar to superintend the installation of a service from there and if ever another monument is raised in Port Augusta it should be erected in honour of this tolerant man. Goodiar had water flowing by 1864 but the supervision of laying and jointing of '1100 chains of four-inch iron pipes' from Woolundunga Reserve to Port Augusta was not completed without extreme hardship.

The superintendent included a request for a cottage among 'necessary works' in his report of 1869. He wrote plaintively: 'The tent that I have been existing in for four years and a half was nearly carried away by the last flood and it is now so rotten that it is past repairing any more. Besides it is not pleasant to know that a flood may come down in the night and carry you and your tent down into the plains. I have now moved into a cellar I have dug under a hill.' This long-suffering officer renewed his plea in 1871: 'There is urgent necessity for the renewal of sheep troughs at Port Augusta and no residence has yet been erected for the Superintendent who has lived partly in a tent and partly in an excavation in the hillside for the past eight years.' Goodiar never did get his house and eventually resigned from the department.

The workshop and store for the Water Board in Beauchamp Lane was completed in 1882. The blacksmith's shop has been preserved in its original state.



Premier's Department, Adelaide, 12th May, 1977

HIS Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor directs it to be notified for general information that he has, in the name and on behalf of Her Majesty The Queen, this day assented to the undermentioned Acts passed by the Legislative Council and House of Assembly in Parliament assembled, viz.:—

No. 19 of 1977—An Act to amend the Narcotic and Psychotropic Drugs Act, 1934-1976.

No. 21 of 1977—An Act to amend the Libraries (Subsidies) Act, 1955-1976.

No. 22 of 1977—An Act to amend the Impounding Act, 1920-1975.

No. 23 of 1977—An Act to amend the Fences Act, 1975.

No. 24 of 1977—An Act to make provision for the treatment and protection of persons who are mentally ill; to make provision for the care, treatment and protection of persons who are mentally handicapped; to amend the Mental Health Act, 1935-1974; and for other purposes.

No. 25 of 1977—An Act to establish the Legal Services Commission; to provide for legal assistance for persons throughout the State; to repeal the Poor Persons Legal Assistance Act, 1925-1976; to amend the Legal Practitioners Act, 1936-1972; and for other purposes.

No. 26 of 1977—An Act to control the possession and sale of firearms; to repeal the Firearms Act, 1958-1975, and the Pistol Licence Act, 1929-1975; and for other purposes.

By command,

J. D. WRIGHT, for Premier

Pr.D., 20/1977, 21/1977, 22/1977, 23/1977, 24/1977, 25/1977, 26/1977

2/5/1977
CROWN LANDS ACT, 1929-1975: HUNDRED OF DAVENPORT—PORTION OF RESERVE FREED FROM TRUST, LAND GRANT FOR INSTITUTE RESERVE PARTIALLY CANCELLED, RESERVE FOR CORPORATION PURPOSES RESUMED AND RESERVED, WATERWORKS RESERVE RESUMED AND RESERVE FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES RESERVED

SOUTH AUSTRALIA { Proclamation by His Excellency the Lieutenant-
to wit { Governor of the State of South Australia

(L.S.) W. R. CROCKER

BY virtue of the provisions of the Crown Lands Act, 1929-1975, and all other enabling powers, I, the Lieutenant-Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council do hereby:—

1. Free the lands defined in the first schedule hereto from the trusts thereon, such lands having been set aside as a reserve for Institute purposes and which lands are not used or required for such purposes.

2. Partially cancel the land grant described in the first schedule hereto.

3. Resume the lands defined in the second schedule hereto being lands which were by a proclamation published in the *Government Gazette* of the 23rd day of October, 1969, at pages 1330 and 1331 dedicated as a reserve for corporation purposes.

4. Reserve the Crown lands defined in the third schedule as a corporation reserve and declare that such lands shall be under the care, control and management of the corporation of the city of Port Augusta.

5. Resume the lands defined in the fourth schedule hereto, being lands which were by a proclamation published in the *Government Gazette* of the 23rd day of October, 1969, at pages 1330 and 1331, dedicated as a reserve for waterworks purposes.

6. Reserve the Crown Lands defined in the fifth schedule hereto as a reserve for public purposes and declare that such lands shall be under the care, control and management of the Minister of Works.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE

That portion of Reserve adjacent to allotment 37 (Waterworks Reserve), town of Port Augusta, hundred of Davenport, county of Frome, which was set aside

as a reserve for Institute purposes and being portion of the land contained in Land Grant, volume 185, folio 58, bounded as follows:—Commencing at the northern corner of said Institute Reserve; thence south-easterly along the north-eastern boundary of aforesaid Reserve; south-westerly along portion of the south-eastern boundary of said Reserve for 0.65 metres; north-westerly at a northern angle of 90°11' through aforesaid Reserve to the north-western boundary of said Reserve; thence north-easterly along portion of latter boundary to the point of commencement.

THE SECOND SCHEDULE

Reserve for corporation purposes, allotments 106 and 108, town of Port Augusta, hundred of Davenport, county of Frome.

THE THIRD SCHEDULE

Allotments 106 and 108, town of Port Augusta, county of Frome, exclusive of all necessary roads being the greater portion of the land defined in the second schedule hereto and more particularly delineated on the Public Map of the said hundred deposited in the Department of Lands at Adelaide, together with right of way over that portion of allotment 38, being a strip thereof 3.23 metres wide situate along and adjoining portion of the south-western boundary thereof and providing access from Jervis Street to the said allotment 106.

THE FOURTH SCHEDULE

Waterworks Reserve, allotment 37, town of Port Augusta, hundred of Davenport, county of Frome.

THE FIFTH SCHEDULE

Allotment 37, town of Port Augusta, hundred of Davenport, county of Frome, being the whole of the land defined in The Fourth Schedule hereto, together with other land and more particularly delineated on the Public Map of the said hundred deposited in the Department of Lands at Adelaide.

Given under my hand and the public seal of South Australia, at Adelaide, this 12th day of May, 1977.

By command,

J. D. WRIGHT, for Premier

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GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!

CROWN LANDS ACT, 1929-1975: HUNDRED OF BURGOPYNE—PARK LANDS RESUMED AND DEDICATED, AGRICULTURAL AND SHOW RESERVES RESUMED, RECREATION AND SHOW RESERVE DEDICATED AND LAND GRANTS CANCELLED

SOUTH AUSTRALIA { Proclamation by His Excellency the Lieutenant-
to wit { Governor of the State of South Australia

(L.S.) W. R. CROCKER

BY virtue of the provisions of the Crown Lands Act, 1929-1975, and all other enabling powers, I, the Lieutenant-Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council do hereby:—

1. Resume the lands defined in the first schedule hereto being portion of the lands which were by a proclamation published in the *Government Gazette* of the 3rd day of July, 1958, at pages 1 and 2 dedicated for the purposes of park lands.

2. Resume the lands defined in the second schedule hereto being lands which were by a proclamation published in the *Government Gazette* of the 17th day of September, 1908, at page 586 dedicated as a reserve for agricultural and show purposes.

3. Resume the lands defined in the third schedule hereto being lands which were by a proclamation published in the *Government Gazette* of the 22nd day of March, 1934, at page 846 dedicated as an Agricultural and Show Reserve.

4. Cancel the land grants for agricultural and show purposes as regards the land defined in the second and third schedules.

5. Dedicate the Crown lands defined in the fourth schedule hereto as a recreation and show reserve and declare that such lands shall be under the care, control and management of the Penong Sports Ground Incorporated.

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EAST FACADE MAGISTRATES COURT
BEAUCHAMPS LANE

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VIEW ALONG BEAUCHAMPS LANE
SHOWING MAGISTRATES COURT

PORT AUGUSTA
11-3-79