

South  
Australian  
Heritage  
Act  
1978-80

# HERITAGE SURVEY ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET

PROJECT  
HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 5

Item Ref. No. 28

ITEM NAME: Renmark Irrigation Trust  
Office and Pump  
Former or other

Office Use  
ITEM No.  
DOCKET No.

## HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The freestone office building was constructed for and designed by the Chaffey brothers shortly after they founded the Renmark Irrigation Settlement, c.1888. It is thus one of the earliest buildings erected in the town of Renmark. The architecture is an excellent example of the style developed to deal with the hot summers, reminiscent of tropical colonial architecture.

When the Chaffey's company failed, due principally to the bank crash and depression of 1893, their rights were transferred to the Renmark Irrigation Trust, which was created by Act of Parliament in the same year. The Trust has since administered the whole irrigation settlement area (the town has a separate corporation) from this office.

An irrigation pump, made by Tangyes of Birmingham to George Chaffey's specifications and installed 1890-92, now stands in the office gardens.

LOCATION  
Address 149 Murray St.  
Town Renmark  
Postcode  
Section  
Hundred  
County  
L.G.A. Renmark  
S.H.P. Region 5  
A.M.G. Ref. 7029-IV  
54 47680 621840

SUBJECT  
2.1  
4.6  
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PERIOD  
State

Study Area  
1881-1905

## REFERENCES

National Trust 1895; 1897 (pump)  
Coleman, Golden heritage ... , pp 15, 19, 21  
Heritage Conservation Branch file no. 7029-10289;  
7029-10290

Verbal  
Archival photographs

TYPE OF ITEM  
LAND Natural feature ☐  
Historical site ☐  
Historical Gdn. ☐  
BUILDING ☒  
STRUCTURE ☒  
PHYSICAL CONDITION

PHOTOGRAPH Film No. 761 Negative No. 8  
Direction of view to SW

STATUS  
Reg. of State Her. Items  
Reg. ☒ Interim L. ☐  
Nominated ☐  
National Estate  
Reg. ☒ Proposed L. ☐  
National Trust  
CL ☒ RL ☐ File ☐  
Other

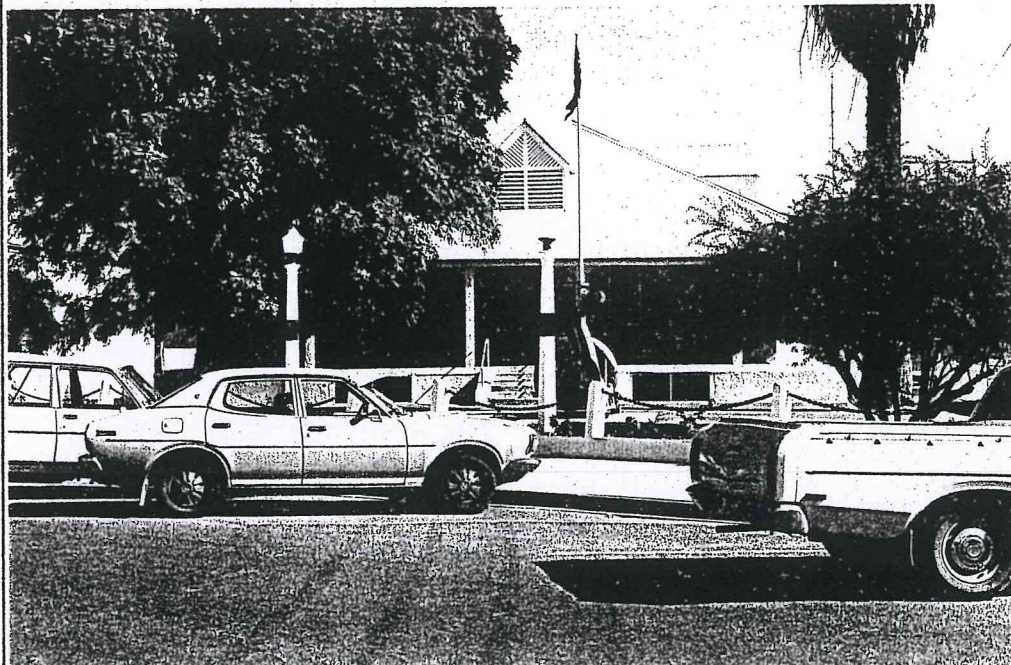
## RECOMMENDATION

(A) State ☒ (B) Local ☐

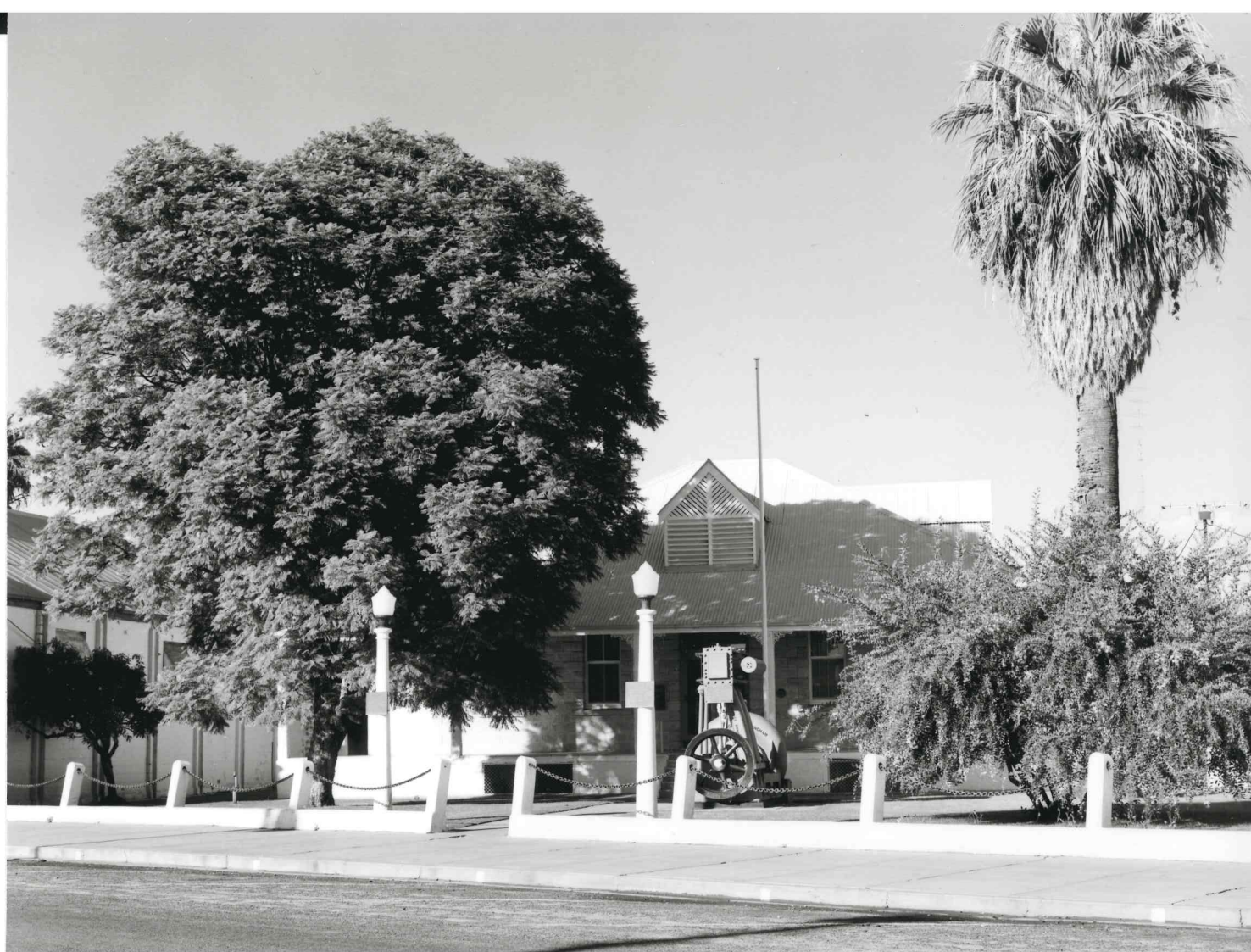
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FILM 69  
NO 2

RENMARK IRRIGATION TRUST AND PUMP  
149 MURRAY AVE

RENMARK  
2-3-79



FILM 69  
NO 6

ENTRANCE, RENMARK IRRIGATION TRUST  
149 MURRAY AVE

RENMARK  
2-3-79





FILM 69  
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SOUTH EAST CORNER, RENMARK  
IRRIGATION TRUST

RENMARK  
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