

VICTOR HARBOR HERITAGE SURVEY (1997)

State Heritage Place

Former Mill

VHS-SR-03

Gibson Avenue, Victor Harbor

ASSESSMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE:

Description:

Built as a wind-driven mill, the walls are of coursed limestone rubble which are nearly a metre thick at the base. The walls taper in to the upper storey. There are modern additions attached to enable the former mill to be used as part of a private dwelling.

Statement of Heritage Value:

The former mill is primarily of historical significance because of its identification with early primary industry in the region. It reflects the importance of agriculture in the early local economy.

Relevant Criteria (Under Section 16 of the *Heritage Act 1993*):

- (a) the former mill demonstrates important aspects of the evolution or pattern of the State's history, particularly the importance of agriculture in the early local economy.
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RECOMMENDATION:

The former mill was entered in the State Heritage Register on 24 July 1980. It should remain on the State Heritage Register.

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The first mill to be erected in the south, the mill reflected the importance of agriculture in the early local economy.

BRIEF HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

This windmill was originally built in 1850 by Porter Helmore. William Hunt was the miller. It was partly destroyed in 1853 when a fierce wind removed the cupola and sails and damaged the wooden driving gear and drive shaft. It was acquired by Joshua Gibson in 1864. In 1928 the shell was converted to a summer residence by a Mr Ellis of Port Adelaide. Extensions were carried out in 1954 (kitchen) and in 1959 (boat shed).

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SITE RECORD:

Location:	Gibson Avenue, Victor Harbor
Description:	Coursed limestone rubble tower originally built for use as a wind-driven mill
Land Description:	CT 2315/98: Lot 44, Section 13, Hundred of Encounter Bay
Local Government Area:	District Council of Victor Harbor
Owner:	N. Gilbert
Current Use:	Dwelling
Original Use(s):	Mill
Heritage Status:	State Heritage Register: 6626-10352
Other Assessments:	Register of the National Estate National Trust Classified List: 295 Heritage Survey of Fleurieu Peninsula: 65
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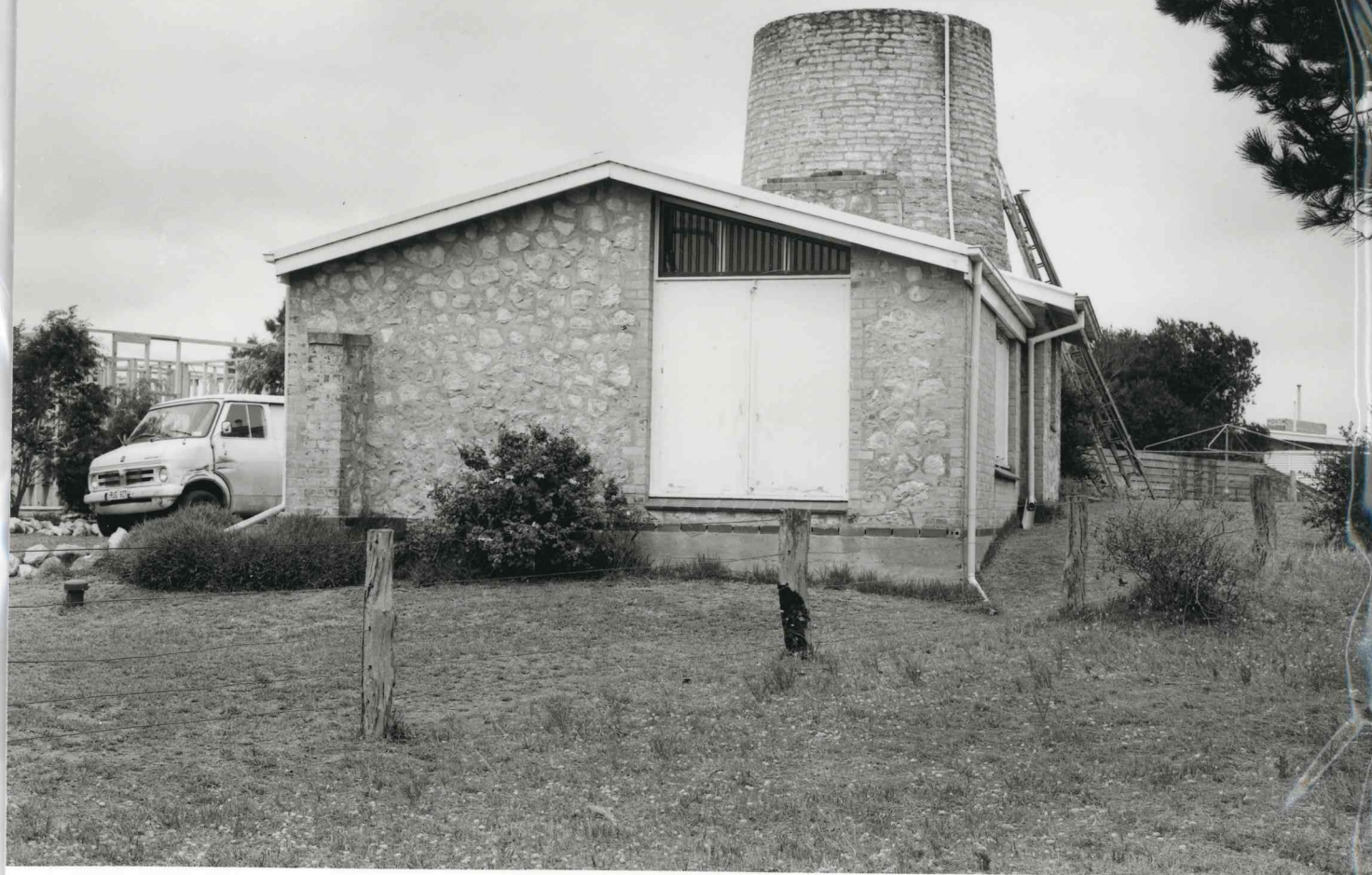
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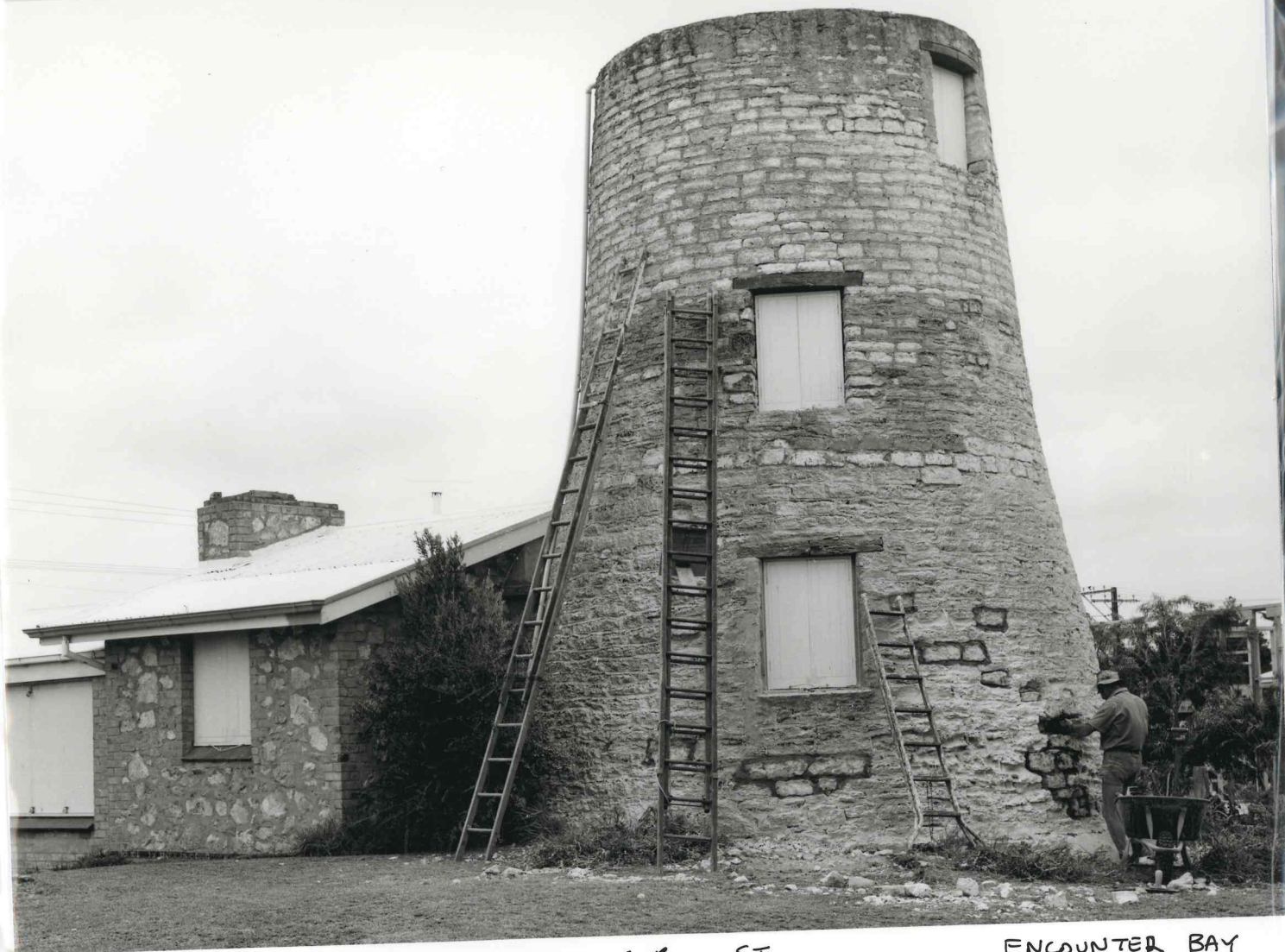
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NO 2 FORMER WIND MILL AND ATTACHED
COTTAGE, GIBSON STREET

ENCOUNTER BAY
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FORMER WIND MILL, GIBSON ST

ENCOUNTER BAY
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