

South
Australian
Heritage
Act
1978-80

HERITAGE SURVEY

ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET

ITEM NAME: Former Police Station Complex
Former or other

PROJECT
HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 4

Item Ref. No. 106

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

DESCRIPTION: This substantial building of limestone and local red brick retains many of its early structural features including multi-paned casement windows and original doors. The bluestone stables were later additions and the original roof was replaced with galvanized iron in 1869.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY: The original structure, costing £190 and erected by Thomas Jones, consisted of two rooms, a lock-up and basic stables on the site selected by Police Commissioner Alexander Tolmer. That first Station was occupied in December 1853 by two constables followed soon afterwards by a mounted constable and a police corporal. Improvements were made to the buildings and grounds in 1854 and 1855 as the building was also used as the Local Court and the Council office. A Local Court of limited jurisdiction for Goolwa and Port Elliot was proclaimed in Januray 1854 with Buxton Forbes Laurie as Magistrate. As Laurie was also Clerk of the newly-formed District Council of Encounter Bay, he found it convenient to use the same office. The first Council meetings were also held in the building. Court sessions continued to be held in the Police Station until erection of a separate Court House in 1855. Extensive additions were made to the Station in 1858. The Police Station building was vacated by the Police Department in 1960 and is now used as a residence. The former Police Stables are now the Guide Hall.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Dating from the earliest period of Port Elliot, this complex has many valuable associations with the town's social, legal and municipal development.

REFERENCES

Noack et al., p.46
S.A. Archives 871 Colonial Architect Outgoing Letter Book
National Trust 371
Verbal
Archival photographs

LOCATION

Address 1 Young St.,
Town Port Elliot
Postcode
Section
Hundred Goolwa
County
L.G.A. Pt.Elliot & Goolwa
S.H.P. Region 4
A.M.G. Ref. 6626-IV

SUBJECT
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USE

PERIOD
State

Study Area
1836-61

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

PHOTOGRAPH

Film No. 1209 Negative No. 14



STATUS

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

C.T. 3584/179

RECOMMENDATION

(A) State ☒ (B) Local ☐

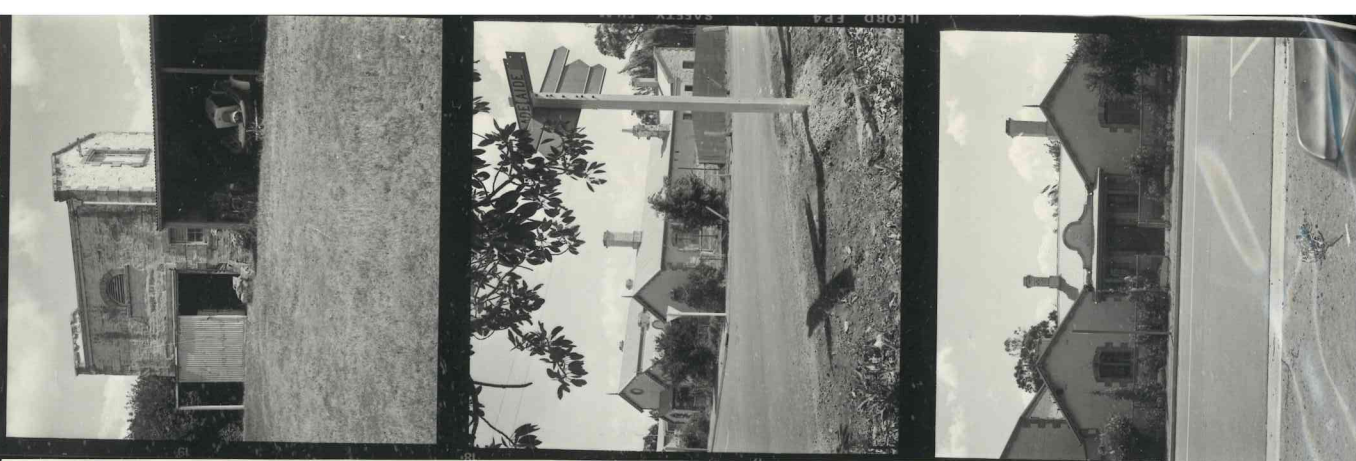
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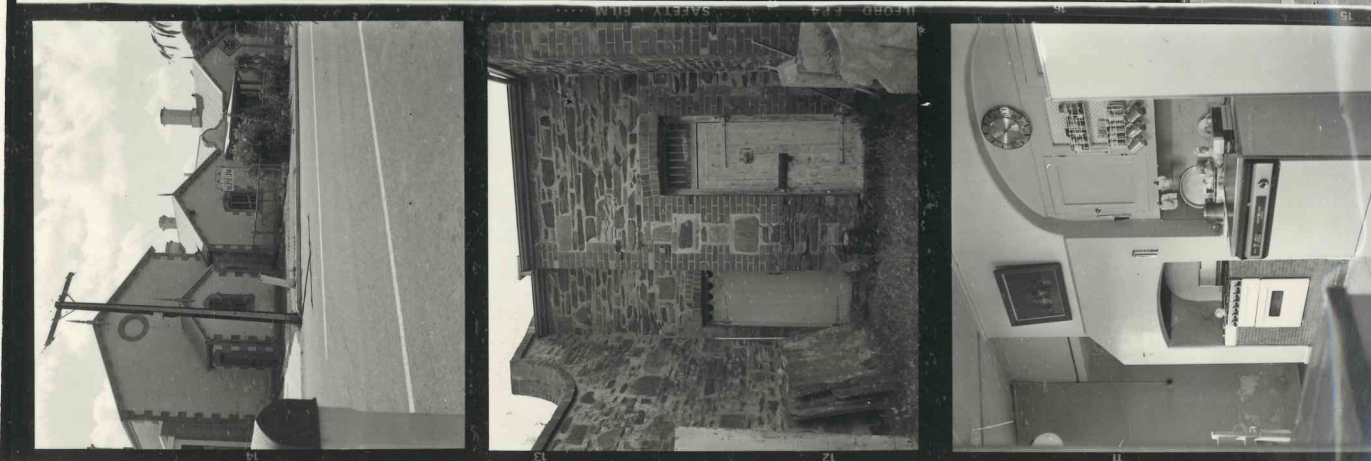
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Strathallbyn & Port Elliot P.S. & COURT HOUSE

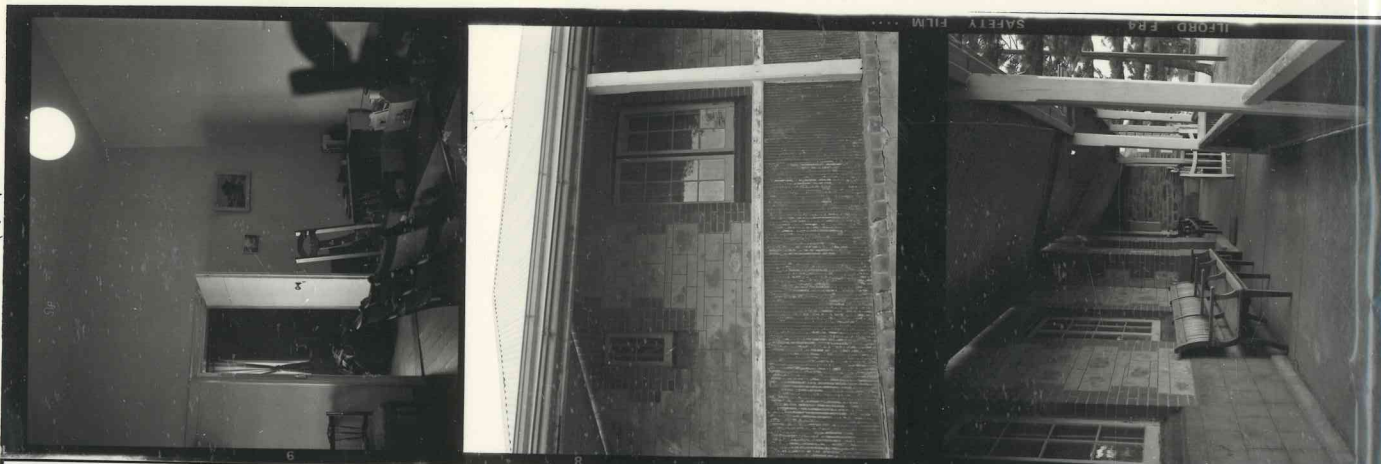
1 Stable (Strathallbyn.) 2 Complex (Strath) P.S. & C.H. 3 Pol. Station (Strath)
4 Court House (Strath.) 5 Cells (Pt. Elliot) 6 Kitchen (Pt. Elliot)

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PORT ELLIOT POLICE STN & CT. HSE.

7 CELL IN POLICE STATION

8 POL. STN - CELL WINDOW ON LHS.

9 Verandah

10 P.S. & C.H. Junction

11 Pol. Stn entry

12 Verandah

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POLICE STATION & COURT HOUSE PORT ELLIOT NO 1 YOUNG ST.

1 Young St. to Right
Freeling St. to left.

2 Complex from Freeling
St. Pol. stn on RHS

3 Stable on LHS. Cell block
behind - from Freeling St.

4 Court House (C.H.)

5 Cell block in centre
stable on RHS, C.H. on LHS.

6 Court House



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FILM 105 OUTBUILDING, FORMER POLICE STATION
NO 4 AND RESIDENCE, NO 1. YOUNG ST.

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FILM 105
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REAR OF COURT HOUSE AND POLICE
STATION

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No 6

WALL TO POLICE STATION AND RESIDENCE

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