

# VICTOR HARBOR HERITAGE SURVEY (1997)

## State Heritage Place

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Former Fountain Inn

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66 Franklin Parade, Encounter Bay

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### ASSESSMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE:

#### Description:

This is a single-storey building with rendered and painted masonry walls. The roof is hipped and of corrugated galvanised iron. There is a broad concave return verandah on the front elevation.

The building is currently used as a private residence.

#### Statement of Heritage Value:

This place is primarily of heritage significance because of its early historical associations. It was built as a inn and, besides being one of the earliest surviving buildings in the area, is one of the earliest commercial buildings. Its location also reflects the early urban development at Yilki. It is of additional significance as the venue for the earliest meetings of the District Council of Encounter Bay, and later, as the home of the Congregational minister, Rev. James Jefferis.

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

- (a) the building demonstrates important aspects of the evolution or pattern of the State's history particularly with its association with the whaling industry that once flourished at Encounter Bay;
  - (f) the building has strong cultural or spiritual associations for the community or a group within it because of its identification with the earliest settlement in the area which grew into one of the state's premier resorts. It was identified with the foundation of local government in the area;
  - (g) the building has a special association with the life or work of a person or organisation or an event of historical importance, in this case with the Rev. James Jefferis.
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### RECOMMENDATION:

The former Fountain Inn was entered in the State Heritage Register on 29 May 1981. It should remain on the State Heritage Register.

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The Fountain Inn was built in 1847 for Mr Robinson who sought custom from whalers and seafarers who frequented the area and occasional visitors. Although not directly identified with whaling, it was initially largely dependent upon this industry. To this extent it reflects the early history of the region.

- (f) *the building has strong cultural or spiritual associations for the community or a group within it because of its identification with the earliest settlement in the area which grew into one of the state's premier resorts. It was identified with the foundation of local government in the area;*

Built in 1847, the Fountain Inn, is one of the earliest surviving buildings. Its location reflects the early settlement of the region closer to the whaling site at the Bluff than the later town of Victor Harbor.

As the only public house in the area, the inn was used as the venue for the earliest meetings of the Inman Council and is identified with the origins of local government in the region.

- (g) *the building has a special association with the life or work of a person or organisation or an event of historical importance, in this case with the Rev. James Jefferis;*

The Rev James Jefferis was a Congregational minister who ministered in the area and lived in retirement in the one-time inn. The nearby Jefferis Church was built in his memory.

### BRIEF HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

The Fountain Inn was built in 1847 for Mr Robinson. It was built as a place where whalers, seafarers, and the occasional visitors, could be served and accommodated. In 1850 it was described as having a shingle roof, and an outside staircase to an attic. As one of the few public buildings in the area, the Fountain Inn became the meeting place for the Inman Council from 15 May 1856. The Fountain Inn closed in 1870 and since then has been used as a private residence. In 1894 the property was acquired by the Rev. James Jefferis.

A plaque at the front of the property notes:

FOUNTAIN INN  
1847



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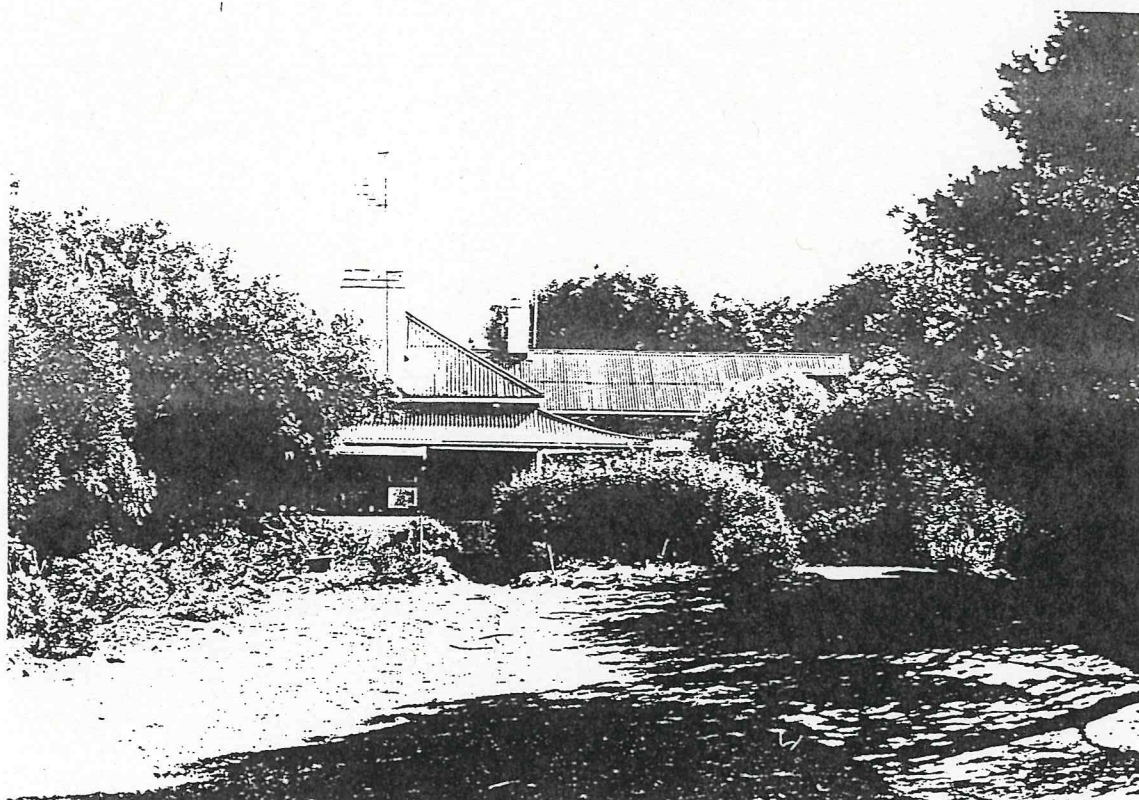
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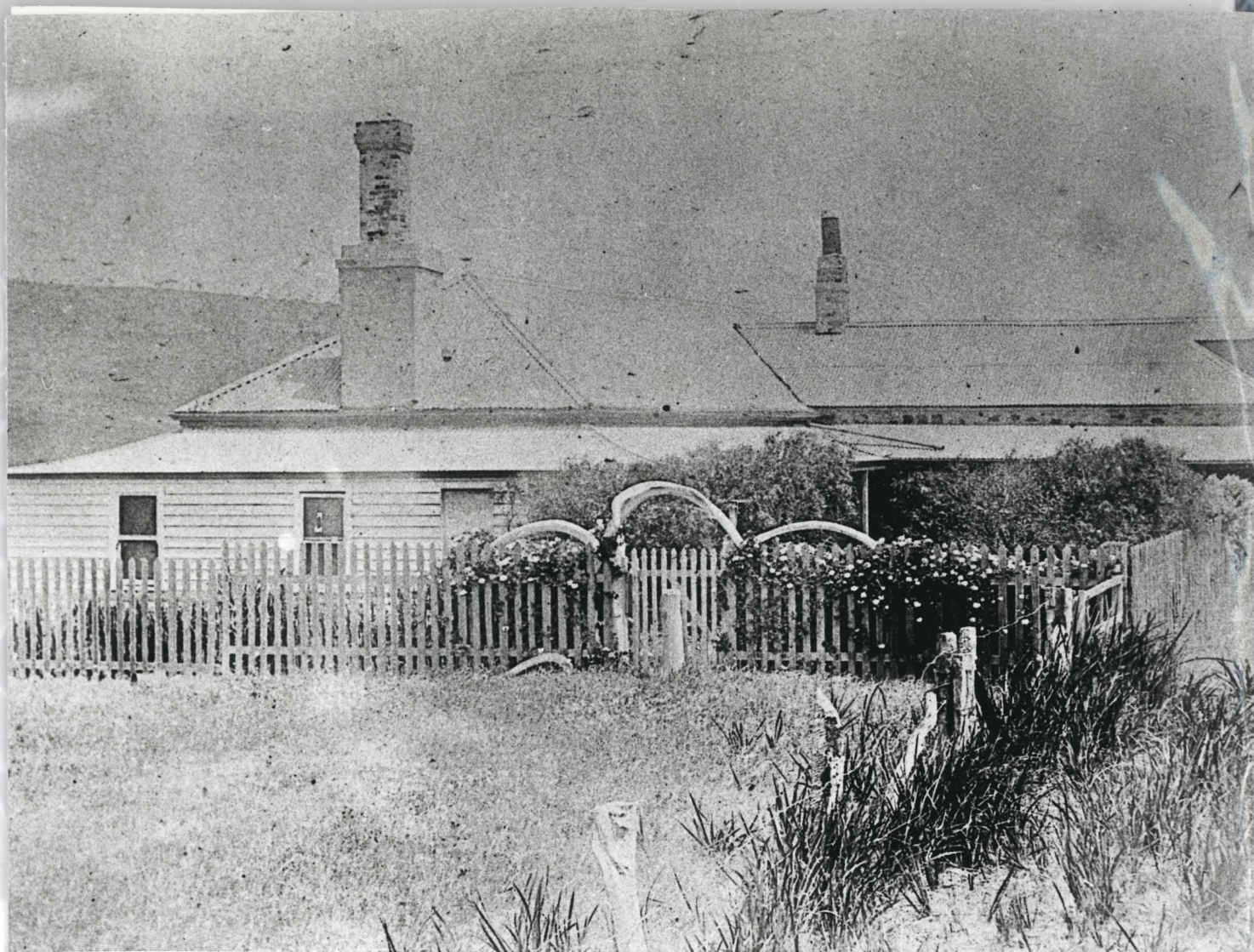
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### SITE RECORD:

<b>Location:</b>	66 Franklin Parade, Encounter Bay
<b>Description:</b>	Single-storey masonry building
<b>Land Description:</b>	CT 5388/537: Lot 223, Section 10, Hundred of Encounter Bay
<b>Local Government Area:</b>	District Council of Victor Harbor
<b>Owner:</b>	M.E. Brewster-Jones
<b>Current Use:</b>	Dwelling
<b>Original Use(s):</b>	Inn
<b>Heritage Status:</b>	State Heritage Register: 6626-10357
<b>Other Assessments:</b>	Register of the National Estate National Trust Classified List: Heritage Survey of Fleurieu Peninsula: 44
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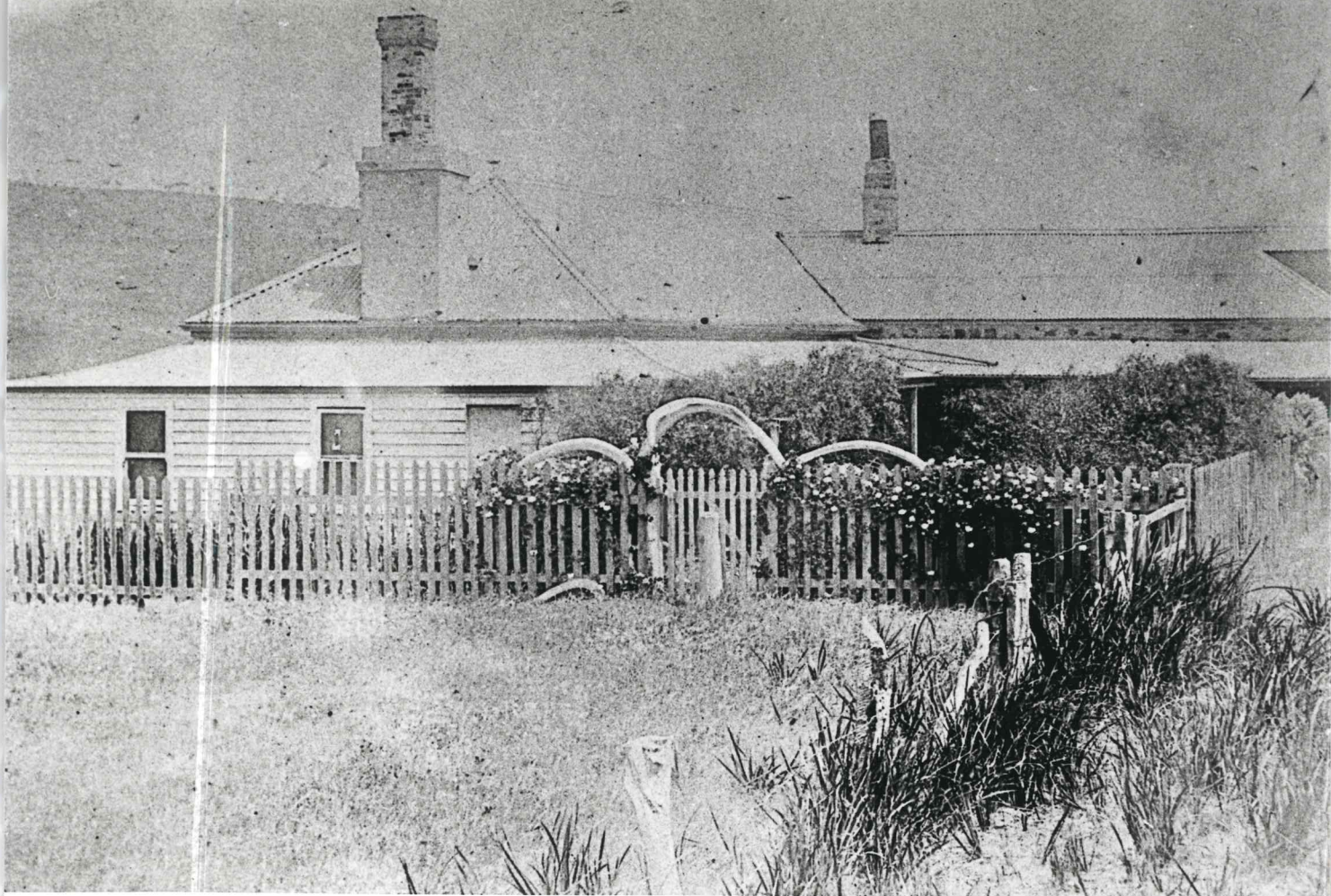


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