

South Australian  
Heritage Act 1978-80:

# HERITAGE SURVEY ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET

REGION 6 :  
SOUTH EAST

Item No. : ROB:010  
ITEM NAME: Ormerod Cottages  
Former or other names: Old Barracks

**LOCATION:**

Address: Cnr. of Cooper St. &  
Smillie St., Robe

Allotment:

Section : 26

Hundred : Waterhouse

County : Robe

L.G.A. : Robe

S.H.P. Region: 6

A.M.G., Ref. Z: 54 N: 5886100  
E: 389175

**TYPE OF ITEM:**

Description: Cottage

Subject: 2.01

Period: 1850-1860

Date: 1857

Condition: Well Kept

Architect:

Builder:

**STATUS** State Heritage List: Registered  
National Estate : Listed  
National Trust : Classified

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

**RECOMMENDATION:** State

**Description:**

Simple L-shaped building comprising attached cottages. White painted rendered stone walls with double five-paned casement windows to Smillie Street elevation, four-paned sash windows to Cooper Street elevation, arched doorways. Hipped roof of flat iron with rolled laps, stone chimneys protruding from ridges.

Although called the 'Old Barracks' they were never so used; confusion resulted from the real barracks having been nearby, and from the appearance of the Ormerod Cottages. 'The four cottages, forming a terrace, were built to house the necessary personnel of a young and growing town, the activity of which was centred around the Shipping House of Ormerod & Co.' (K. Bermingham). Early occupants included a lawyer, a doctor, an accountant, a school teacher and a gaoler; later occupants were the staff of Sir James Fergusson when he stayed at "Karatta".

**Report Text:**

**REFERENCES:** K. Bermingham, "Gateway to the South East" pp. 112, 113  
K. Bermingham, "Second Eleven Tales of Robe" pp. 13-15

**Verbal:**

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