

South Australian Heritage Act 1978-80	HERITAGE SURVEY ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET	PROJECT HERITAGE SURVEY REGION Item Ref. No. 105
DESCRIPTION: The fine building is constructed of bluestone with decorative, rendered quoins and porch and is sited on a prominent corner in the historical centre of the town. The stone outbuildings and walls are also of interest. HISTORICAL SUMMARY: The first Court House on the site was built in 1855 by James Shaw Harding at a cost of £255. It was a room 16 x 20 feet, in similar style to the adjoining Police Station through which entry was made to the Court House. In July 1855, local residents held a luncheon in the new building for the Governor who was visiting the district. This building was replaced by the present larger one in 1866, built to the design of the Colonial Architect by William Baker at a cost of £1,629. It was occupied in February 1867 and functioned as a Court House until 1960 when the R.S.L. took it over for use as a Club Room. HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: The complex is a fine example of the courthouses which were undertaken by the Adelaide authorities from the earliest period and which were extended and replaced during the 1860s.	ITEM NAME: Former Court House Complex Former or other R.S.L. Club Rooms	Office Use ITEM No. DOCKET No. LOCATION Address The Strand 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
REFERENCES Noack et al., p.47 Tolley, p.29 Verbal Archival photographs	SUBJECT 3.5 USE PERIOD State Study Area 1862-80 TYPE OF ITEM LAND Natural feature <input type="checkbox"/> Historical site <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Gdn. <input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE <input type="checkbox"/> PHYSICAL CONDITION	
PHOTOGRAPH <div data-bbox="165 1532 1110 2190" data-label="Image"> </div> <div data-bbox="549 1473 1075 1509" data-label="Caption"> Film No. 1209 Negative No. 15 </div>	STATUS Reg. of State Her. Items Reg. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interim L <input type="checkbox"/> Nominated National Estate Reg. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposed L <input type="checkbox"/> National Trust CL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RL <input type="checkbox"/> File <input type="checkbox"/> Other LAND TITLE C.T. 3584/180 RECOMMENDATION (A) State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (B) Local <input type="checkbox"/> PREPARED BY HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS AND HISTORICAL CONSULTANTS PTY LTD 1985	

(12) Former Court House

Corner of Young Street and The Strand

Period: 1840 - 1890

Theme: Government agencies

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This building was replaced by the present larger one in 1866, built by William Baker at a cost of 1,629 pounds. It was occupied in February 1867 and functioned as a Court House until 1960 when the R.S.L. took it over for use as a Club Room. The building has been placed on the Classified List of the National Trust.

References: TOLLEY, J.C. (1968)
VINE HALL, N. (1976)
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(13) Institute and Library

The Strand; Lot 164, Port Elliot

Period: 1840 - 1890; 1891 - present

Theme: Community facilities

The first building, erected by Mr. Coote in 1880 at a cost of 430 pounds, comprised a large room 20 x 12 feet and two smaller rooms. Provision was made on the site for the later erection of a hall. The formal opening of the reading room, library and committee room was celebrated on 15th October 1880 in the Assembly Room at the old Port Elliot Hotel.

The granite cornerstone of the hall building was laid by Miss Emily Chambers on 28th September 1882 and work on the hall, 60 x 28 feet, continued under the hand of mason George Coote and carpenter A. Oliver. The building was designed by Samuel Trigg of Port Elliot "somewhat after the style of the Court House".

An additional room was added in 1905 but extensive additions including the large hall, additions to the library, billiard room, supper room and basement, were built by L.L. Brittain in 1927 at a cost of 3,573 pounds. The foundation stone of this work was laid by the Premier, Hon. R.D. Butler on 16th July 1927.

The building, with minor alterations, still functions as town hall and library. It is on the Recorded List of the National Trust.

References: WILLATS, J. (1980)



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