

# HERITAGE SURVEY ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET

HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 5

Item Ref. No. 115

ITEM NAME: Police Station and Court House  
Former or other

Office Use  
ITEM No.  
DOCKET No.

## HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The first part of the building was erected in 1859 at a cost of 752 pounds, by Mr. Dicken of Brompton and was designed by Mr. S.A. Hamilton, Colonial Architect. The walls were of travertine limestone, with brick quoins and slate roof.

Substantial alterations and additions were made in 1867 (635 pounds) and 1874 (106 pounds). The Station originally had its own well and in 1876 a store for Aborigines was erected on the site at a cost of 94 pounds.

The buildings are still in use, but the roof is now corrugated iron.

## LOCATION

Address Goolwa Tce.

Town Goolwa

Postcode

Section

Hundred Goolwa

County

L.G.A. Pt. Elliot and

S.H.P. Region 5 Goolwa

A.M.G. Ref. 6626-I

## SUBJECT

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3.5

## PERIOD

State

Study Area

1853-1880

## REFERENCES

Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, p.22 (no. 15)  
National Trust, 323

## TYPE OF ITEM

LAND Natural feature ☐

Historical site ☐

Historical Gdn. ☐

BUILDING ☒

STRUCTURE ☐

PHYSICAL CONDITION

Verbal

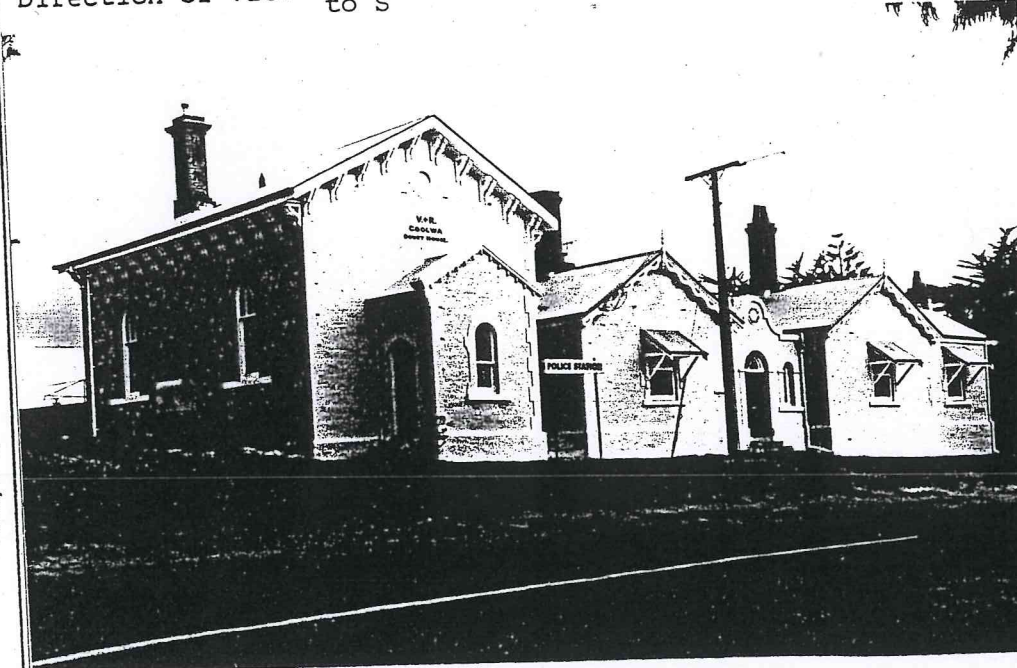
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH

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Negative No. 3

Direction of view to S



## STATUS

Reg. of State Her. Items

Reg. ☒ Interim L ☐

Nominated ☐

National Estate

Reg. ☒ Proposed L ☐

National Trust

CL ☒ RL ☐ File ☐

Other

## RECOMMENDATION

(A) State ☒ (B) Local ☐

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HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS

Date: 1983



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Collwell & Smith - 1973

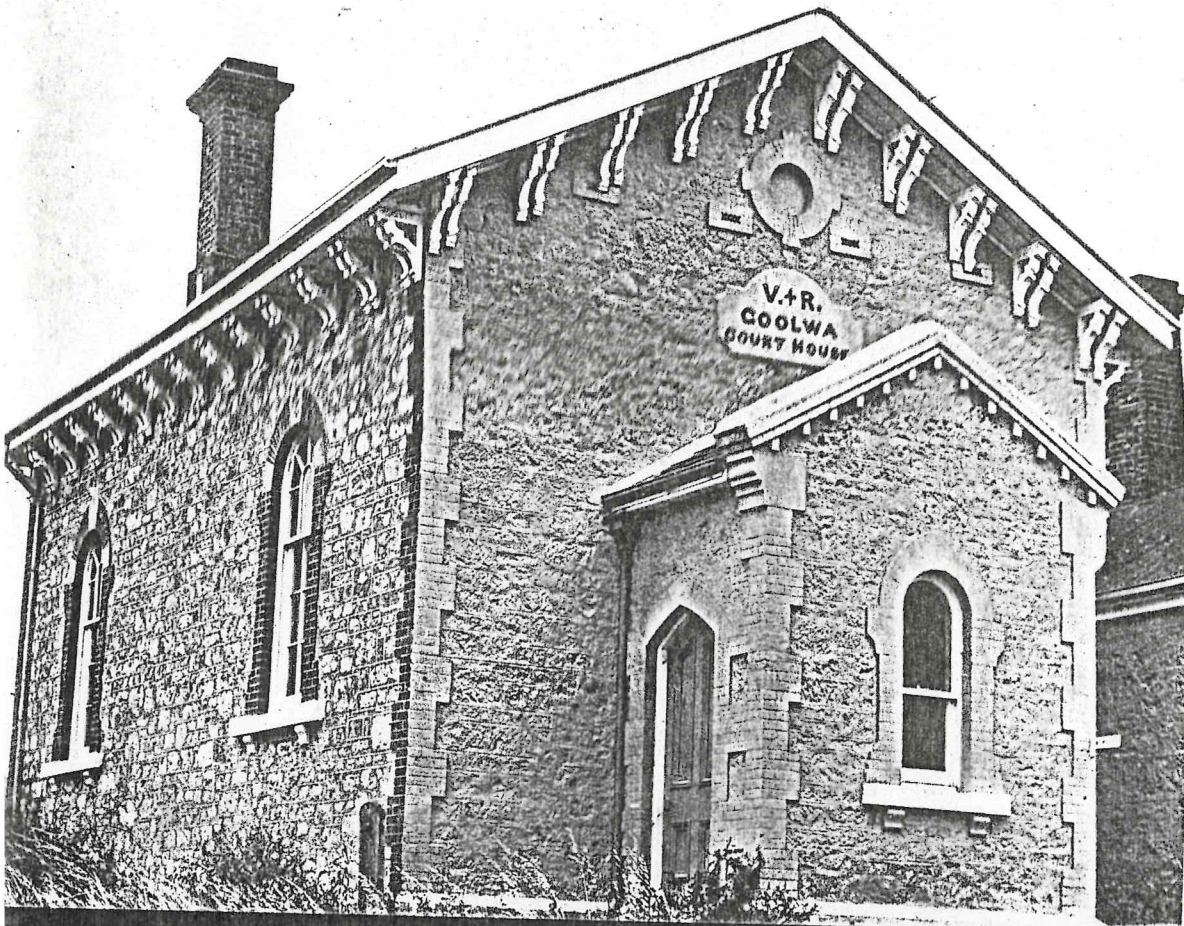
### **POLICE STATION and COURT HOUSE, Goolwa**

Goolwa, like most ports, attracted its share of undesirable characters, especially when low water in the river prevented paddle steamers from sailing upstream.

It also boasted hotels which catered for idle river hands and passengers awaiting a berth. To maintain law and order the Goolwa Police Station was built and staffed in 1859.

A National Trust booklet states: "The Police Station and Court House was built in the Australian colonial style with walls of limestone, brick quoins, and roof of slates. Alterations and additions were carried out in 1867. The side windows to the Court House have unusual voussoirs to the circular headed windows, giving a pointed arch effect in the Venetian manner. The roof is now covered with corrugated iron, but the original shaped eave brackets remain."

Inspector Tolmer, then Inspector of Mounted and Rural Police, in August 1840 journeyed to Goolwa and thence to the Coorong to investigate the wreck of the *Maria*. He wrote of Goolwa: "A corporal and two men were specially told off to be left there to form a permanent police station."





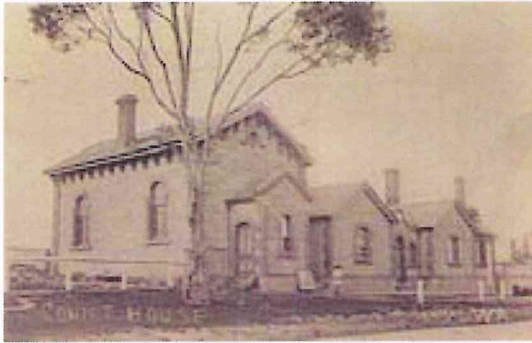
# State Heritage Areas of South Australia



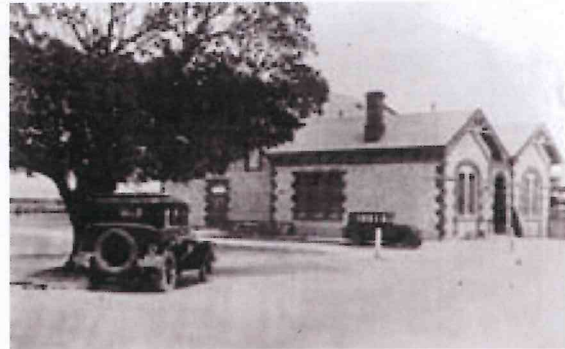
## Police Station & Courthouse and Outbuildings

Goolwa Terrace, Goolwa

SHR 10368 – confirmed as a State Heritage Place 23 September 1982



Court House, Goolwa 1910  
Photo B 30087: State Library of SA



"The Institute, Cadell Street" c1930s  
Dr L McLeay Collection

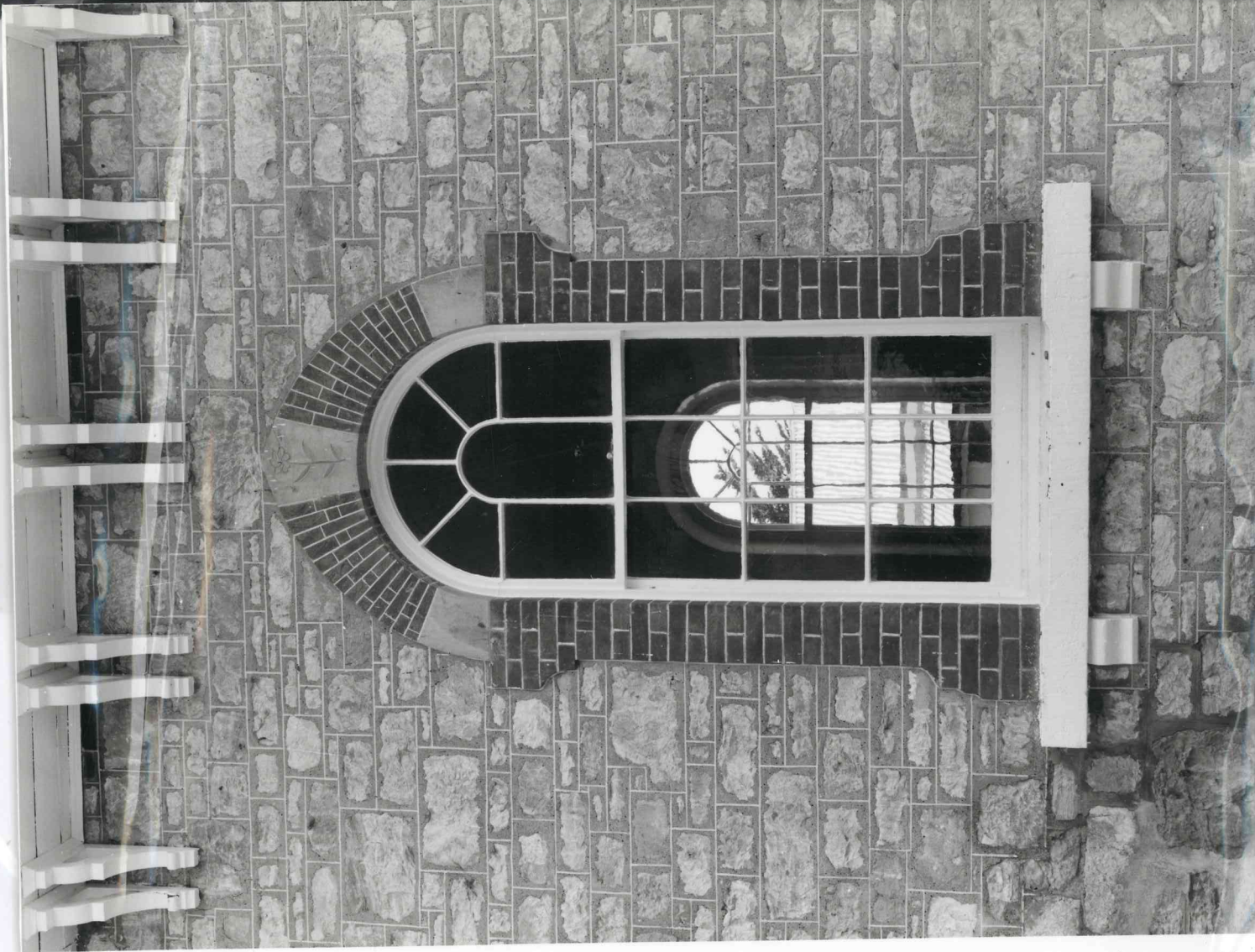
Historically the Police Station & Courthouse are linked with the expansion of the Murray River trade and with the development of the South Coast in general. The original section, the Police Station, was constructed in 1859, to the design of E.A. Hamilton, Colonial Architect. The station originally had its own well, and a store for Aborigines (built 1874). The adjoining Courthouse was completed in 1867, using design elements that linked with the architectural features of the Police Station building.



The renovated buildings now house the office and a gallery for the South Coast Regional Arts Centre



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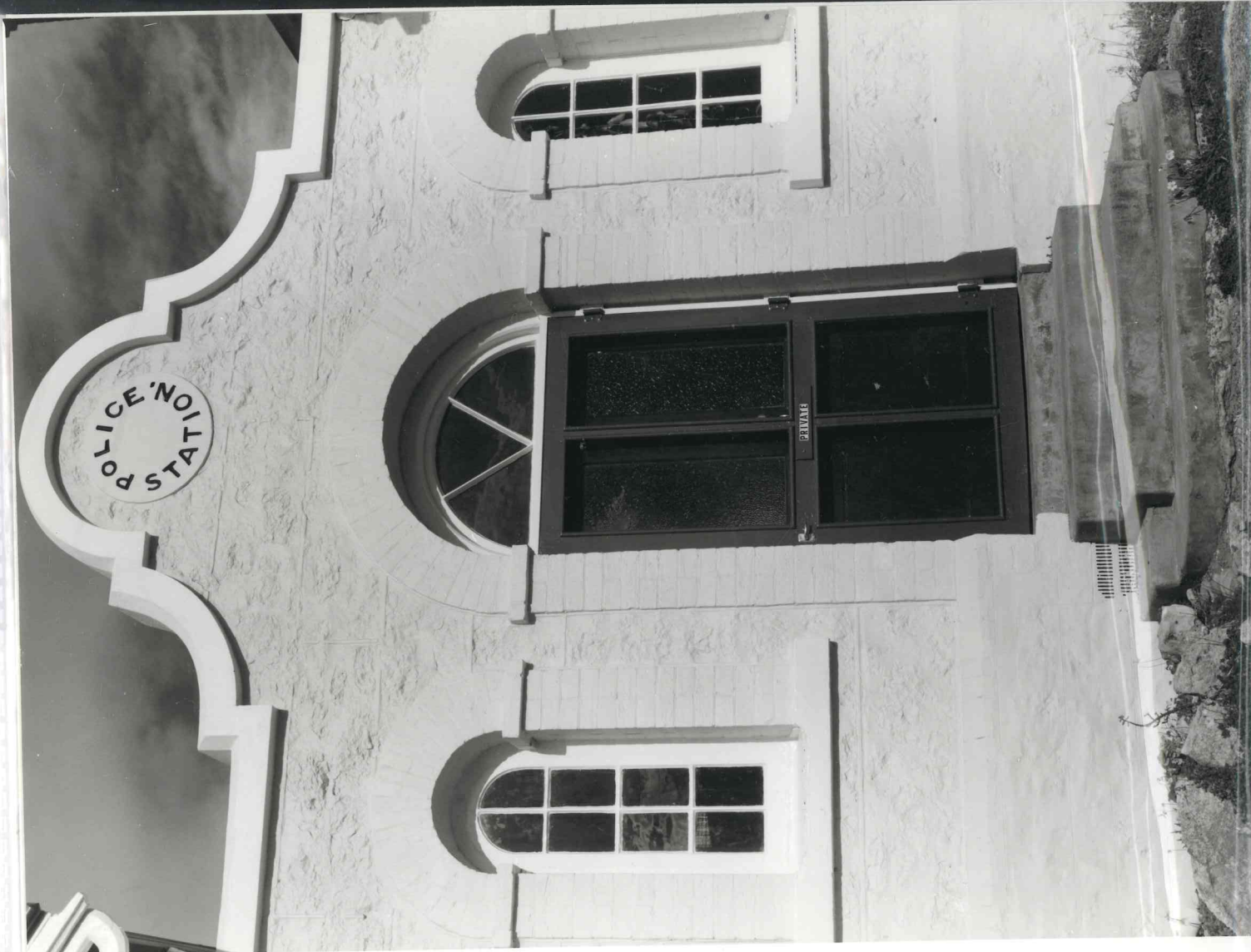


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COURTHOUSE WINDOW DETAIL, EAST WALL

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POLICE STATION ENTRANCE, CADELL ST

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CADELL ST

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