

South Australian Heritage Act 1978-82	Register of State Heritage Items ITEM EVALUATION SHEET Buildings and Structures	Ref. No. 6630-10404
	Item BURRA HOTEL (FORMERLY MINERS ARMS HOTEL) MARKET SQUARE, BURRA	Status N.Tr. (File only)
Age 1847's - unconfirmed 1907 - Additions	Subject TRADE & COMMERCE - Retail - Accommodation	Style Transitional

		E	VG	AG	FP	NA
History	Context Associated with the growth of the commercial area of Burra, providing a focus for social events in the mainly Cornish population of Burra.		X			
	Person/Group 1st Licensee: Mr. H. Chandler				X	
	Event 16/12/1862 Explorer John McDouall Stuart stayed at Hotel	X				
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	Construction Coursed rubble stone walls below, rendered on front, timber and walls above, corrugated iron gabled roof, cast iron verandah.			X		
	Interior Spatial arrangement basically intact, bar room opened up, fittings and most joinery modernised to 1900's standards, public areas upgraded.			X		
	Representation One of four large Hotels in Burra, embodies Burra's post mining survival and growth.		X			
	Continuity Reflects the general age, scale and character of Market Square, single largest element in Square.		X			
	Local Character A major sympathetic element in the character of Market Square which itself is significant to Burra's character.		X			
Architecture	Landmark A large building on the Square but somewhat obscured by trees, presence is felt none-the-less.		X			
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History and Sources

(Please refer to report on Burra Hotels)

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HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

Historically, the Burra Hotel is significant because of its contribution to the social life and customs of Burra's population. Its expansion from single to two storied Hotel in 1912 further reflects the town's survival as a rural centre.

Architecturally, the Burra Hotel is not an outstanding building example but it does illustrate the growth of the Hotel which in turn reflects an historical context.

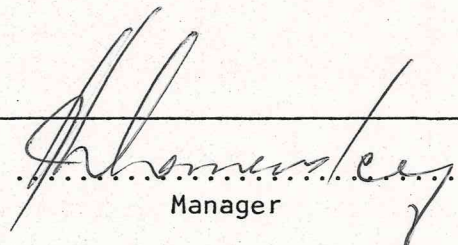
Environmentally, the Burra Hotel is an important contribution to Burra's Town Centre, Market Square, and its character.

The Integrity of the Burra Hotel has been somewhat compromised but its 1907 form is basically intact.

NOMINATION SOURCE/THREAT/OWNER

This report has been prepared as part of a programme to evaluate the numerous outstanding nominations in Burra which have never been processed. The Hotel recently changed hands and its present owner is unknown. The Hotel is under no known threat.

HERITAGE CONSERVATION BRANCH RECOMMENDATION:


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Manager

It is recommended that this item be included/~~not be included~~ on the Register of State Heritage Items, and that it be categorized H2, H3, A2, A3.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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Chairman

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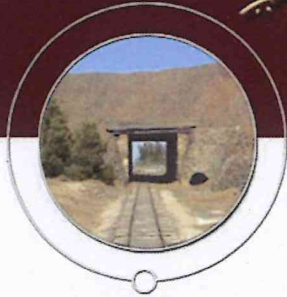
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State Heritage Areas of South Australia



Burra State Heritage Area Hotels

State Heritage Places entered in the South Australian Heritage Register

Burra has four large hotels and another former hotel, which are particularly significant as State Heritage Places entered in the South Australian Heritage Register. If considered chronologically, this group of buildings traces Burra's history as a mining town and its transition to become an important rural centre and mid-north transportation hub.

Burra Hotel, formerly Miners Arms Hotel

5 Market Street, Burra

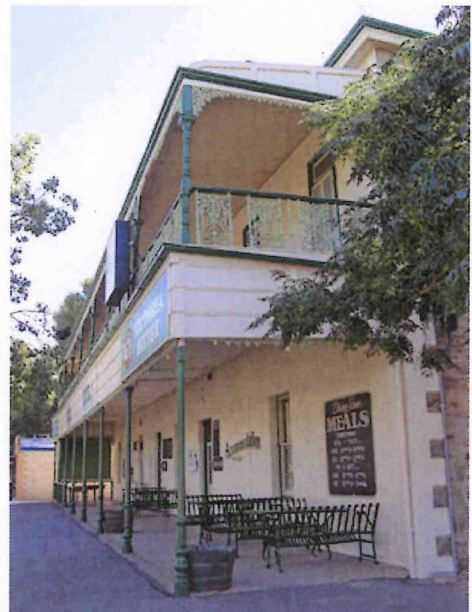
SAHR 10404 – confirmed as a State Heritage Place 8 November 1984

The Burra Hotel was originally built in 1847 as the single-storey Miners Arms Hotel. Located in the hub of the main road system in Kooringa, the hotel became a focus of after-work celebrations by the miners. Free ginger beer was supplied for miners who competed in regular wrestling matches in the hotel's stable yards, and a whole bullock was often roasted. Many of these contests continued throughout the night and were known to last up to three days during Christmas holiday breaks.

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(Another hotel in the town, opened in 1846, was previously known as the Burra Hotel but this later became the Burra Hospital in the 1870s.)



Burra Hotel, 2005

former Smelter's Home Hotel

Market Street, Burra

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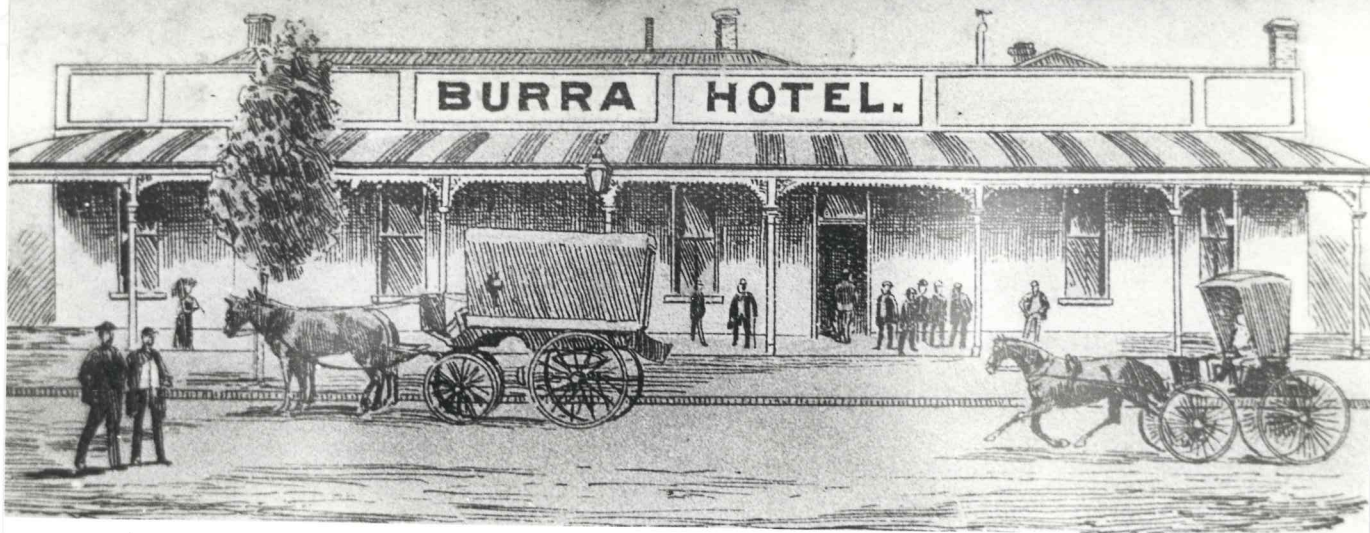


Former Smelts Hotel, 1994

The establishment of this hotel (as its name implies) coincided with the opening of the new smelting works in 1849. Located near the mine, the former Smelters Home Hotel (at one time also known as Opie's Hotel) is situated in what was the township of Graham, subdivided by the SA Mining Association. It was designed by William Paxton and is a large single-storey building, with a simple 'domestic' appearance.

In 1917 the hotel's licence was transferred to the Booborowie Hotel and the building became private residential accommodation.





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