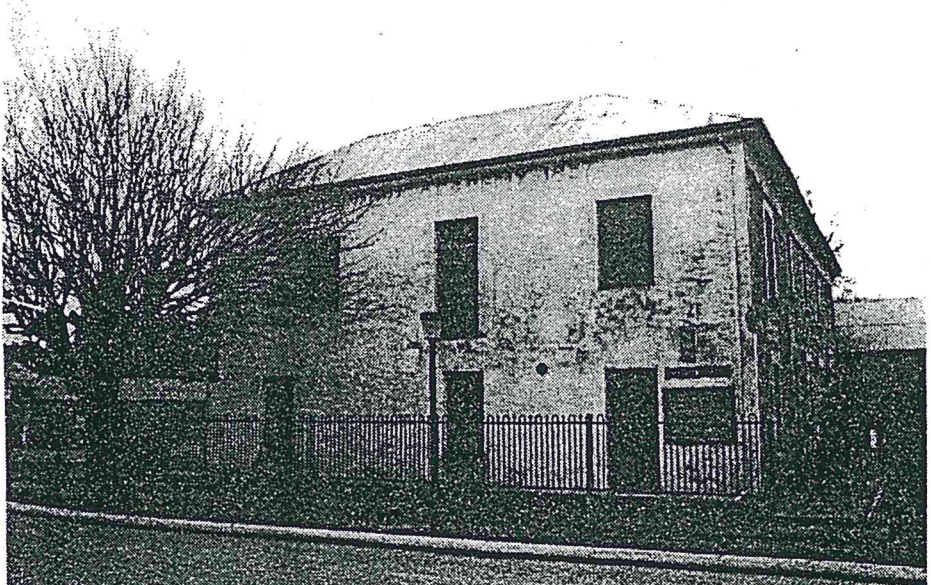


South Australian Heritage Act 1978-80	<b>MOUNT BARKER DISTRICT HERITAGE SURVEY (STAGE ONE)</b> <b>ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET</b> ITEM NAME: HAHNDORF ACADEMY Former or other Hahndorf College	PROJECT DATE 1857 Item Ref. No. 136 Office Use ITEM No. DOCKET No.
<b>HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE</b> Opened 1857 by Mr. Boehm, teacher. Original building one storey, the front two-storey section was attached and opened 10/2/1871. Original purpose - school, providing a 'sound English and German education', concentrating on commerce and preparation for such. It did not offer religious instruction, and gained an enviable reputation for higher learning. In 1872 the Academy received a Govt. grant, so that a portion of the building with a corner tower was added. In 1877 Boehm sold the Academy to the Lutheran Church for £700, but bought it back in 1883. In 1886 he sold to D.J. Byard, an Englishman who changed the name to Hahndorf College, and continued its excellent academic reputation. Due to the introduction of Education Dept. High Schools, it closed in 1916 when the building was purchased by H. Hirthe. From 1917 to 1937 it ran as a hospital and nursing home under Miss B. Schmidtke. From then on it has served as council offices, betting shop, dentists rooms, army head-quarters, flats and a recreation centre. The Hahndorf Academy Museum Trust was founded in 1961. Random coursed stone with rectangular shaped openings and hipped roof. Rendered surrounds.		<b>LOCATION</b> Address 68 Main Street Town Hahndorf. Postcode 5285 Section 4003 Hundred County L.G.A. S.H.P. Region A.M.G. Ref. 6627 - 10490 <b>SUBJECT</b> Social History <b>PERIOD</b> 1852-1883 State Study Area
<b>REFERENCES</b> "The Story of the Hahndorf Academy" Hahndorf and its Academy. F.J.H. Blaess. Hahndorf Survey, Department of Environment. Anni Fox. Owner : W.E. Wotzke, 68 Main Street, Hahndorf. Verbal Archival photographs		<b>TYPE OF ITEM</b> 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
<b>PHOTOGRAPH</b> Direction of view 		<b>STATUS</b> Reg. of State Her. Items Reg. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interim L <input type="checkbox"/> Nominated <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <b>RECOMMENDATION</b> (A) State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (B) Local <input type="checkbox"/> PREPARED BY Date:



55 Main Street, March 2005

**Dwelling**  
**55 Main Street, Hahndorf**  
**SHR 13139 – confirmed as a State Heritage Place**  
**14 August 1986**

Originally built as a pharmacist's shop c1852, this stone and brick cottage was associated with the Haebich family.

**Hahndorf Academy**  
**68 Main Street, Hahndorf**  
**SHR 10490 – confirmed as a State Heritage Place 23 September 1982**

In 1857 Traugott Wilhelm Boehm opened the Hahndorf Academy to provide 'a sound and good English and German education, in order to enable its pupils to enter the learned professions or to prepare for commercial life'. It did not offer religious instruction, and gained an enviable reputation for higher learning. The Academy became a boarding school in 1863.

The stone building was constructed in several sections. It first opened as a single storey structure, but in 1871 the front two-storey section was added. A government grant in 1872 enabled another portion of the building, with the corner tower, to be added.



Academy & wall, 2005



Art Gallery interior, 1980s

In 1877 Boehm sold the school to the Lutheran Church for £700, and it became a Lutheran college and seminary. Boehm repurchased it in 1883, but again sold in 1886 – this time to an Englishman, D.J. Byard, who changed its name to Hahndorf College, but continued the institution's excellent academic tradition. Byard was educated at Eton and had a great love of music. This early commitment to the arts and education attracted students from across Australia. In total more than 700 students passed through the Hahndorf Academy/College, and included many prominent political, commercial, financial and pastoral families. The Elder Conservatorium of Music at the Adelaide University was founded by former Academy students.

When Education Department high schools were introduced in 1916, the building was sold and ran as a hospital and nursing home from 1917-1937. From then on it served as council offices, betting shop, dentists' rooms, army headquarters, flats and a recreation centre.

In the 1960s it was restored by new owners, Mr & Mrs Walter Wotzke, who opened the building as a gallery in 1967 – on the 90th birthday of Sir Hans Heysen.



view across Balhannah Road, 1980

In 1988 the building was purchased by the Hahndorf Academy Foundation Incorporated, who continues to maintain it. Today the Hahndorf Academy is one of the largest regional art galleries in South Australia. It also contains a German Migration Museum and a large retail outlet, and is one of Hahndorf's main cultural tourist attractions.

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Reg. No. 520. Hahndorf Academy, Hahndorf.  
Code: CL B C G J

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- B. 68 Main Street, Hahndorf. (Corner of Balhannah Road & Main Street.)  
C. 20th March, 1979.  
G. Early Victorian School.  
J. Description: The complex consists of the original single-storeyed wing to the south and the two-storeyed section fronting Main Street and Balhannah Road. The original section retains its paned casement windows and shaped freestone voussoirs. The later and larger section has paned sliding sash windows and french doors with fine glazing bars and cement detailed surrounds. The Main Street facade has been rendered and painted. The northern and southern facades have been repointed in cement around the remnants of the cantilevered balcony supports. The interior is not of great note with large and lofty rooms to the ground floor and smaller rooms to the first floor, excepting the first floor gallery at the front of the building.

Integrity: The loss of the balconies to west, north and southern faces is lamentable. There have been few alterations since the Gallery was opened on 8th October, 1967. The corrugated galvanised iron cladding to the roof requires attention, for there is some staining to walls due to valley gutter leakage.

Status: Occupied as gallery. Threatened by visual encroachment and loss of setting.





HAHNDORF STATE HERITAGE AREA

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