

FLINDERS RANGES HERITAGE SURVEY

Former Hawker Railway Station Complex

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LOCATION

Address	Leigh Creek Road, Hawker
CT Number	NUA
Hundred	Wonoka
AMG Reference	Z54 E 255650 N 6469150
Local Government Area	Hawker

State Heritage Status	State Heritage Register — 10998 — 14 August 1986
Other Assessments	Railway Heritage of South Australia, 1992 National Trust Classified List — 2582

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DESCRIPTION

A large single storey building with gabled roof form. The walls are of sandstone with brick quoins and dressings, while the windows are of timber framed double-hung sash. The roof is of corrugated galvanized iron.

The station was built to a design that was commonly used throughout the colony at the time. Other examples in the region include those stations at Port Augusta and Beltana.

HISTORY

Railway Heritage Survey, 1992: Peter Donovan

The line was part of the Great Northern Railway, built from Port Augusta through the Pichi Richi Pass to Quorn in 1879. It was extended to Hawker in June 1880 and reached Beltana on 1 July 1881.

This is the second station building on the site, it having been completed by June 1885 by Bacon & Brewer for £1245.

In 1956 the last regular service travelled on the narrow gauge line between Port Augusta and Marree. Thereafter traffic used a new standard gauge line west of the Flinders Ranges and the narrow gauge line north of Hawker was dismantled. The service to Hawker ceased altogether in 1970 though portion of the Quorn to Port Augusta line was retained for use as a tourist line for the Pichi Richi Rail Preservation Society.

STATEMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE

This station was built in 1885 as part of the Great Northern Railway and it is historically significant because of this. This line was to be the southern portion of a transcontinental railway stretching from Port Augusta to Port Darwin and reflects a great deal of the optimism of colonial South Australians in their endeavour to open up the interior of the continent. The station building is well constructed and detailed, though built to a design used throughout South Australia at this time. The station complex was entered in the State Heritage Register on 14 August 1986.

RELEVANT CRITERIA

- (a) the station complex demonstrates important aspects of the evolution or pattern of the State's history, particularly the transport history associated with that of the Railways;
- (f) the station complex has strong cultural or spiritual associations for the community or a group within it because of what the railway meant to such a community;

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- (g) the station complex has a special association with the life or work of a person or organisation or an event of historical importance, principally the South Australian, later the Commonwealth Railways.
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REFERENCES

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