**ITEM NAME:** "Baldon" Homestead complex
Former or other

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**
Pastoralists established huge lease-hold runs, particularly in the dry eastern and western areas of Region 8, well before formal Government survey.

Lachlan McBean was well-known as one of these large pastoralists and he was one of the first to settle in this area at Dustholes"(Baldon) in 1845.

Dustholes"had already been established as a watering point for overlanded stock after 1839, and was mentioned by Charles Sturt in 1844, as his expedition passed through the district. Baldon"is also shown on an 1855 map of pastoral leases.

While the original "Dustholes" does not appear to have survived, the"Baldon" homestead and buildings appear to date from the 1850s and onwards; the buildings are an excellent and substantial example of the early and highly successful pastoralism of the area, and had a long association with the McBean family.

The group includes the homestead (which has been enlarged at various periods), Chaff shed, Workmen's quarters, stables, a room built into the creek bank, shearing shed and shearers' quarters.

**REFERENCES**
Ngaiawang Folk Province, p.98;
Munchenberg, The District Council of Truro, pp.5-6, 16

Verbal Reg Munchenberg, 1982
Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**
Film No. 278 Negative No. 9
Direction of view to NW

**STATUS**
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Reg. Interim L
Nominated
National Estate
Reg. Proposed L
National Trust
CL RL File
Other

**RECOMMENDATION**
(A) State (B) Local

**PREPARED BY**
HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS
Date: 1982
Baldon, the McBean homestead
A rearview of mushrooming grandeur.
The McBean family and its governess
Lachlan McBean arrived in Adelaide from Scotland in the ship Catherine Jamieson on December 1st 1838, and one of his earliest places was with the late Mr. Young-husband at Adelaide, where he held a position of trust, and was much esteemed by his employer. He left this place in order to commence cattle dealing and driving on his own account and made several overland journeys from New South Wales and from the Darling Downs to Adelaide, with stock. In these ventures he was very successful, and he soon became possessed of considerable capital. He purchased the Baldon Station near Truro, South Australia, which he converted into a freehold of about 24,000 acres. But his most successful venture was the purchase of Woorooma, in the Riverina district, in 1855, from the late William Degraes, who had it from the liquidators of the Royal Bank. This fine station was bought with 12,000 sheep for £12,000, or £1 per head, and Mr. McBean paid all the money in gold which he took over from Adelaide to Melbourne personally, most of it in a leather belt which he wore, this being done to avoid
In 1863 he bought Windouran and joined it to Wooolooma, and the two properties included about 130,000 acres of freehold land. In 1873 he bought Randell, a large Queensland sheep and cattle station, which he sold in 1877 to Messrs. Shaw at a good profit. He also bought Caulpaun Station on the Darling for about £54,000. This he held for three or four years and then sold it to the late Leandre Clarke.

In 1884 he bought Goldsbrough's Warehouses in Flinders and Market Streets, Melbourne, for £40,000 which properties are still held.

In 1880 he bought the Colombo Estate, near Urana, for his sister and nephew, Mr. L. McBean Grant, later adding an adjoining property, Buthewa. In 1889 he bought the Kirndeen Estate, near Albury, a freehold of about 30,000 acres, for another nephew, Mr. A. McBean.

He did many kind and praiseworthy actions, and was much esteemed for his straightforward business qualities. He was a great supporter of the old firm of Goldsbrough and Co., and when they were in difficulties in 1869, he had large deposits with them, but he generously allowed them to remain, although without any security, and told the firm to take their own time for payment.

He was frequently close and exacting in small matters, but in important transactions he had a bold liberal policy, and was very quick in dealing; no matter how large the purchase or sale might be. He died at the age of 84 years.

In 1840, his brother, Alexander McBean, arrived in South Australia at the Baldon Estate, belonging to Lachlan, of which Alexander later became the proprietor.

Alexander McBean, born on 25th May, 1817, in Scotland, brought his wife, Margaret, born in 1821, to South Australia, which in those days, 1846, was in its early pioneering stage. This young couple had been used to every comfort on their people's farms in Scotland and experienced all the discomforts attendant to settling in a new land. On reaching Baldon Estate no residence was erected, and they camped in a tent. The natives were numerous, and Mrs. McBean spent many nights alone whilst her husband was away mustering stock. This for a while was a nerve-racking experience for a young woman. Her...
Alexander McBean was renowned for his judgment of, and the handling of stock. His forbears in Scotland had been associated with cattle and sheep for generations and this inbred knowledge stood him in great stead during the building up of the McBean herds and flocks. He was a fearless horseman and his magnificent physique enabled him to withstand the many hardships associated with the building up of the well-known Baldon cattle and sheep station.

Alexander and his elder brother, Lachlan, were amongst the first men in South Australia to establish permanent properties, which are still retained in the family. Alexander died at the age of eighty-five.

No man had a better helpmate as a wife than Alexander McBean. Mrs. McBean was one of the Robertsons of Kintraig, Scotland, and as the Baldon homestead was gradually increased to accommodate their family of twelve, it became the scene of much hospitality. Mrs. McBean was one of South Australia's most gracious hostesses. She died at the age of eighty-four. It is of interest to note that in the early days both Lachlan and Alexander McBean used to walk to Adelaide to transact their business—a distance of some 75 miles each way over rough country, with no roads or bridges.

The traditions established by his parents have been carried on by their son, Lachlan, who has maintained and improved the quality of the flocks on the three properties—Baldon, Glen Devon and Corryton Park, assisted by his sons, Keith and Colin. These two homesteads Baldon and Corryton Park, are numbered amongst the most historic in the State.

Lachlan McBean, junior, son of Alexander, was born in South Australia and educated at Whinham College, after which he joined his father for two years helping in the management of the Baldon Estate. Then for four years he was associated with Goldsborough Mort and Company where he acquired an extensive business knowledge of the pastoral industry. Returning to "Baldon Estate" he took over its management on behalf of his father and at his death became the proprietor of the estate. Few men in the State have a more practical knowledge of the pastoral industry and the sheep and horses bred on the property are of the highest quality. His knowledge of stock has made his services as judge at the various Agricultural Shows in much demand. Lachlan McBean married Lilian May, daughter of the late Alex. Stevenson of Melbourne, and their family consists of Keith Alexander, Jean and Colin Lachlan.

Lachlan McBean acquired two other properties, "Glen Devon" where he resides, and "Corryton Park," K. A. McBean is the owner of "Corryton Park" and C. L. McBean is established at "Baldon Estate." The family controls 33,000 acres of some of the best grazing country in South Australia.

"Glen Devon" homestead is one of the best equipped station homes in the State, and the views from the house, situated as it is on a rise command extensive views of the surrounding country. The gardens and shrubbery are a feature of the property.

Few families have a greater claim to be termed "Founders of Australia" through their contributions to the building up of the greatest industry in the Commonwealth.
Plains - Rural Coastal Zone Supplementary Development Plan” (the Plan) and has referred it to the Governor.

NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 41(19) of the Planning Act, 1982, the Governor with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, declare the Plan to be an authorised Supplementary Development Plan and fix 19 August 1993 as the day on which it will come into operation.

Dated 19 August 1993.

ROMA MITCHELL, Governor

MHUD 11/93 CS

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE ACT 1978

Entry of items on the Register of State Heritage Items

Pursuant to the provisions of the South Australian Heritage Act 1978, I, Milton Kym Mayes, Minister of Environment and Land Management, and Minister for the time being administering the said Act, hereby give notice that I have entered on the Register of State Heritage Items the items described in The Schedule hereunder.

Items listed in The Schedule were previously placed on an Interim List in accordance with the provisions of Section 15 of the South Australian Heritage Act 1978. Excepting items owned by the Crown the remaining items listed in The Schedule are subject to Part V of the Planning Act 1982. That Act requires that no development, including demolition, conversion, alteration of, or addition to any item, is permitted without the written consent of the relevant Planning Authority.

The Schedule

District Council of Light
Dwelling & Post Office
Sturt Highway, DAVEYSTON 5360
CT 4136/215-218 Lot 8-11 Pt Sec 128 Hd Nuriootpa

District Council of Mallala
Mallala & District Museum
1 Dublin Rd, MALLALA 5502
CT 1103/15 Pt Sec 276 Hd Grace

Two Wells Institute
Port Wakefield Rd, TWO WELLS 5501
CT 1076/126 Sec 820 Hd Port Gawler

Mallala Soldiers Memorial
Cross Rds, MALLALA 5502
Pt Sec 52 Hd Grace

Shop - Former Fruit & Veg Supply
104 Port Wakefield Rd, TWO WELLS 5501
CT 1688/172 Lot 4 Pt Sec 455 Hd Port Gawler

City of Mitcham
Dwelling
27 Albert St, MITCHAM 5062
CT 4178/486 Lot 12 Sec 248 Hd Adelaide

Scotch College
Former Torrens Park - Stables & East Lodge
Carruth Rd, TORRENS PARK 5062
CT 3558/62 CT 1245/92 Lots 121 & 126 Sec 246 Hd Adelaide

The District Council of Mount Pleasant
Cottage & Barn
Springton Rd, MOUNT PLEASANT 5235
CT 2541/17 Pt Sec 7041 Hd Tbalunga

Kitticoola Mine
Off Mine Rd, PALMER 5237
CT 4194/417 Lot 38 Sec 960 Hd Tungkillo

The District Council of Murat Bay
Former McKenzie Landung
DENIAL BAY 5690
Due South of Pt Block 1 Hd Moule

The Corporation of the City of Noarlunga
Priors Court Ostrich Farm
Wheaton Rd, MCLAREN VALE 5171
CT 5057/849 Lot 10 Sec 100 Hd Willunga

Former Changing Station
221 Old South Road
Reynella 5161
CT 2445/58 Lot 81 Section 524 Hd Noarlunga

Dwelling & Outbuildings
1 Old Honeypot Rd, NOARLUNGA DOWNS 5168
CT 5109/654 Lot 7 Pt Sec 11 Hd Noarlunga

Olive Farm
133 Main South Rd, HACKHAM WEST 5163
CT 4120/134 Lot 2 Sec 24 Hd Noarlunga

Hollys House
2 Gates Rd, HACKHAM 5163
CT 4047/70 Lot 11 Sec 25 Hd Noarlunga

Blackwell Funeral Parlour - Former Morphett Vale Primary School
424 Beach Rd, HACKHAM WEST 5163
CT 4217/763 & CT 5111/9 Lots 11 & 12 Sec 6 Hd Noarlunga

Former Baptist Church
214-216 Main South Rd. MORPHETT VALE 5162
CT 4336/595 Pt Sec 625 Hd Noarlunga

Underground Tank & Barn
15 Liston Rd, LONSDALE 5160
CT 4203/600 Lot 1 Sec 580 Hd Noarlunga
The Corporation of the City of Peterborough

Former Bishop's Palace & Covent
2 Callary St, PETERBOROUGH 5422
CT 2001/93 Lot 142 Sec 216 Hd Yongala

The Corporation of the City of Port Adelaide

Bute Terrace Dwellings
176-186 Military Rd, SEMAPHORE 5019
CT 5000/71-82 Pt Sec 115 Hd Port Adelaide

Apollo Hall
Lot 84 Flexner Rd, BIRKENHEAD 5015
CT 4200/677 Lot 84 Sec 916 Hd Port Adelaide

The Corporation of the City of Pon Adelaide

Sample Rooms (Rear Jubilee Hotel)
94 Ellen St, PORT PIRIE 5540
CT 4302/492 Pt Lot 45 & 46 Hd Pirie

The District Council of Robertstown

Apoinga Smelter Site
APOINGA 5381
CT 1964/154 Sec 1594 Hd Apoinga

The District Council of Saddleworth and Auburn

Upper Skilly Cemetery
Government Rd, SADDLEWORTH 5413
CT 2377/134 Pt Sec 493 Hd Upper Wakefield

Former Shoe Factory
Main North Rd, AUBURN 5451
CT 3921/196 Pt Lot 13 Sec 260 Hd Upper Wakefield

Former Pfizner Stable Building
Near, TARNMA 5413
CT 1856/86 Sec 42 Hd Waterloo

Auburn Institute
Main North Rd, AUBURN 5451
CT 3222/18 Pt Lot 14 Sec 260 Hd Upper Wakefield

Quelltaler Winery
Main North Rd, WATERVALE 5452
CT 1449/96 Piece 57 Sec 22 Hd Upper Wakefield

Riverview Pottery Workshop
Main Rd, AUBURN 5451
CT 2403/137 Pt Lot 18 Sec 261 Hd Upper Wakefield

City of Salisbury

Dwelling
Settlers Court, PARALOWIE 5108
CT 4213/794 Lot 1 Sec 3228 Hd Munno Para

Douglas Park Farm
47 Burton Rd, SALISBURY 5108
CT 4299/372 Lot 101 Section 2188 Hd Munno Para

Shirley Hall - Dwelling, Kitchen, Outhouse & Fences
7 Robert St, SALISBURY 5108
CT 5089/257 CT 5089/258 Lot 11 Sec 2190 Hd Yatala

Dwelling - Fendon Grove
2 Saints Rd, SALISBURY PARK 5109
CT 4266/695 Lot 12 Sec 2220 Hd Yatala

Dwelling - Grove Crescent
27 Prunus Avenue, ELIZABETH VALE 5112
CT 5084/364 Lot 5 Sec 2230 Hd Munno Para

Dwelling - Portview
17 Riverview Drive, SALISBURY PARK 5109
CT 4229/684 Lot 83 Hd Yatala

Dwelling - Sans Souci
Mary St, SALISBURY 5108
CT 4324/1 Lot 101 Sec 2191 Hd Yatala

Old Spot Hotel
1955 Main South Rd, SALISBURY HEIGHTS 5109
CT 3475/63 Pt Sec 2021 Hd Yatala

The District Council of Truro

Baldon Homestead Complex - Homestead, Chaff & Shearing Sheds, Workmen's & Shearers' Quarters, Stables & Room
Baldon Rd, TRURO 5356
CT 4241/358 Sec 129 Hd Jellicoe

Accommodation Spring & Pipeline Relics
Off Sturt Highway, TRURO 5356
12 1100/0582 Sec 582 Hd Jellicoe

Unincorporated
Calperum Homestead
Via, BERRI 5343
CL 1641/81 Sec 1256 North Of Hds (Renmark)

Stromatolites in the Precambrian Trezoana Formation
FLINDERS RANGES 5434
83 4700/0106 Pt Sec 473
North Out Of Hds Flinders Ranges National Park

Wilkawillina Archaeocyathae Site
BUNKERS RANGE
Crowd Land Pt Sec 480 and Pt Pastoral Lease 2317 Bk 1135

The District Council of Wakefield Plains

Attached Houses
Gilbert St, HAMLEY BRIDGE 5401
CT 4246/386 Lot 104 Sec 224 Hd Alma

National Trust Centenary Hall Museum
May Terrace, BALAKLAVA 5461
CT 810/26 & CT 794/72 Portion Lot 55 Hd Balaklava

Brickyard (ruin)
HAMLEY BRIDGE 5401
CT 2023/164 Sec 332 Hd Alma

The District Council of Willunga

Dwelling - Former Sisters of St Joseph
16 St Georges St, WILLUNGA 5172
CT 3963/168 Lot 143 Sec 268 Hd Willunga

Dated at Adelaide 20 July 1993.

KYM MAVES, Minister of Environment and Land Management