

South
Australian
Heritage
Act
1978-80

HERITAGE SURVEY ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET

HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 8
Item Ref. No. 20

ITEM NAME: "Baldon" Homestead complex
Former or other

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

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.

LOCATION
Address

Town
Postcode
Section 125
Hundred Jellicoe
County
L.G.A. Truro
S.H.P. Region 8
A.M.G. Ref. 6729-III
54 33750 618800

SUBJECT

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PERIOD
State

Study Area
1837-54 to
1869-84

REFERENCES

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

Verbal Reg Munchenberg, 1982
Archival photographs

TYPE OF ITEM

LAND Natural feature ☐
Historical site ☐
Historical Gdn. ☐

BUILDING
STRUCTURE

☒
☐

PHYSICAL CONDITION

Excellent

PHOTOGRAPH

Film No. 278

Negative No. 9

Direction of view to NW

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 ☐

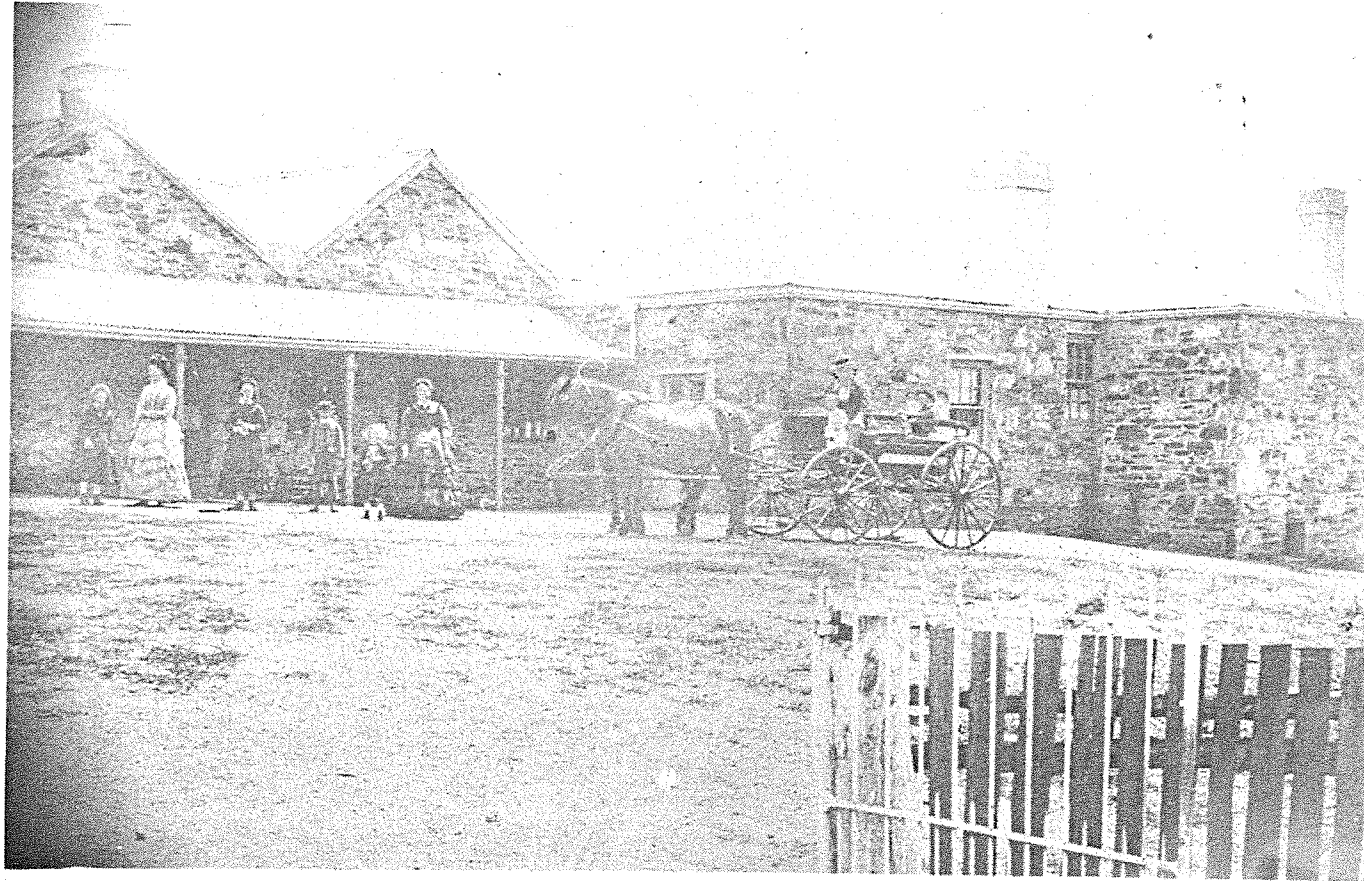
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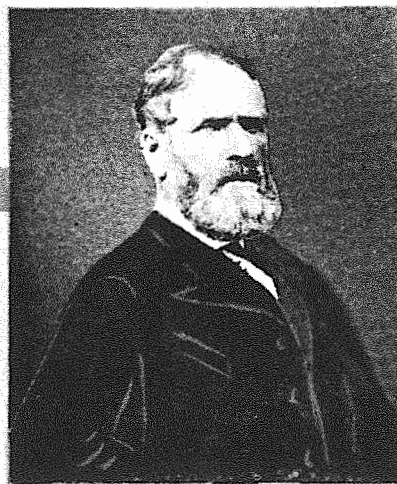
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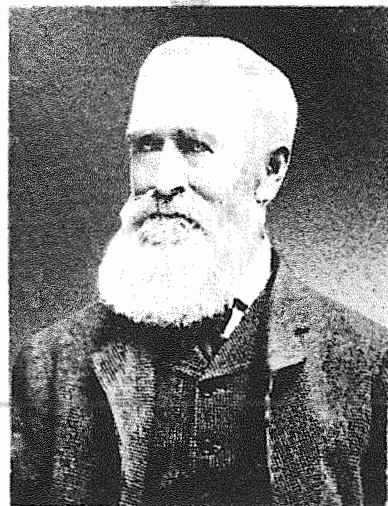




Baldon, the McBean homestead
A rearview of mushrooming grandeur.
The McBean family and its governess



MR. LACHLAN McBEAN, SR.



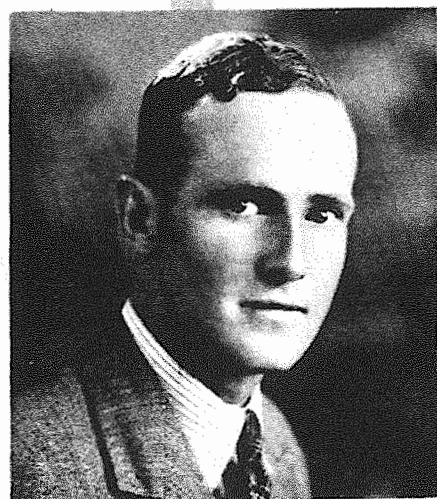
MR. ALEXANDER McBEAN
FATHER OF LACHLAN McBEAN, SR.



MRS. ALEXANDER McBEAN



MR. LACHLAN McBEAN, JR.

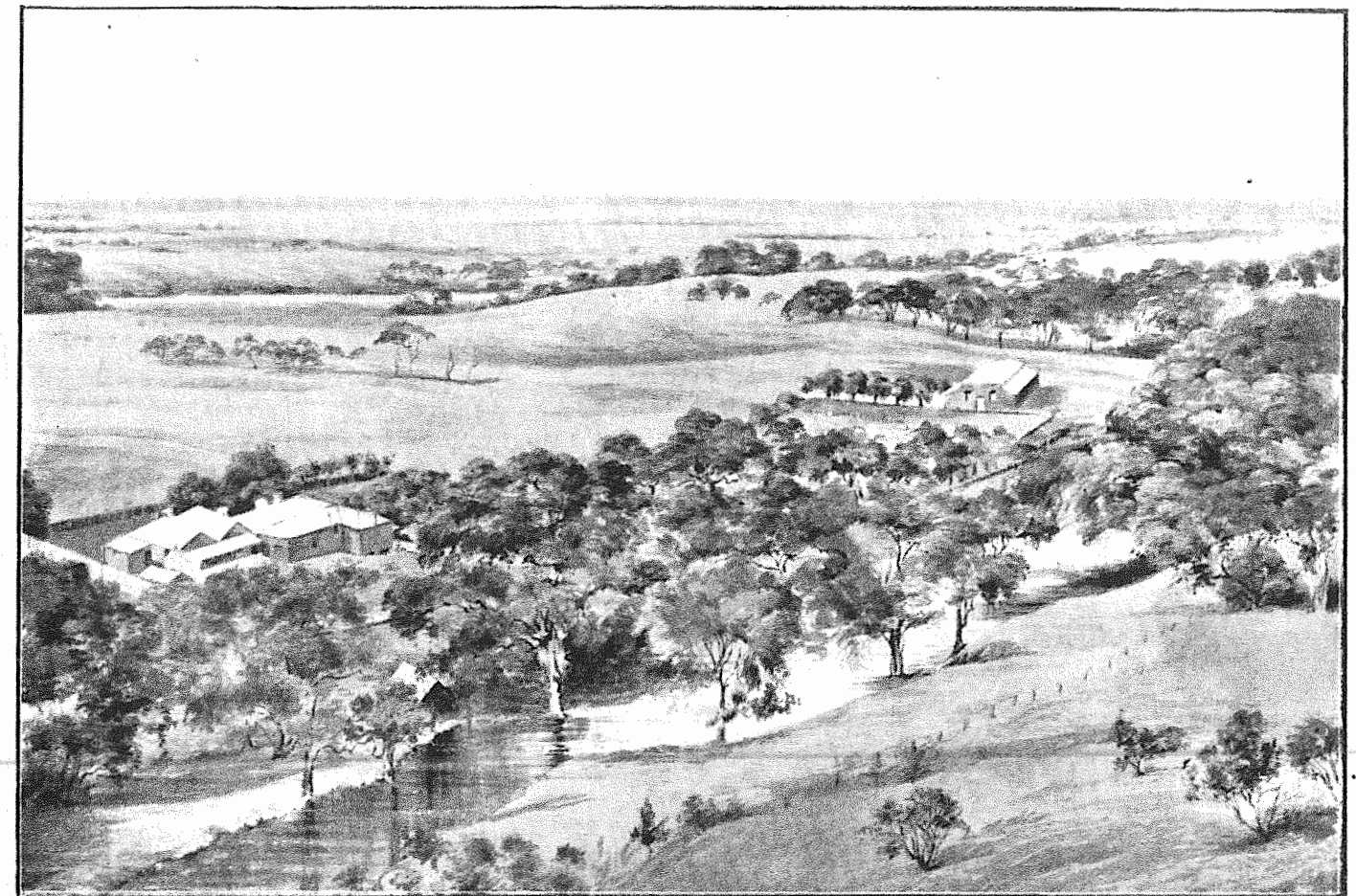


MR. COLIN LACHLAN McBEAN



MR. KEITH McBEAN

Kenyon, Alfred S.
The story of Australia: its discoverers and founders. Gelong, George A. List & Sons, 1941



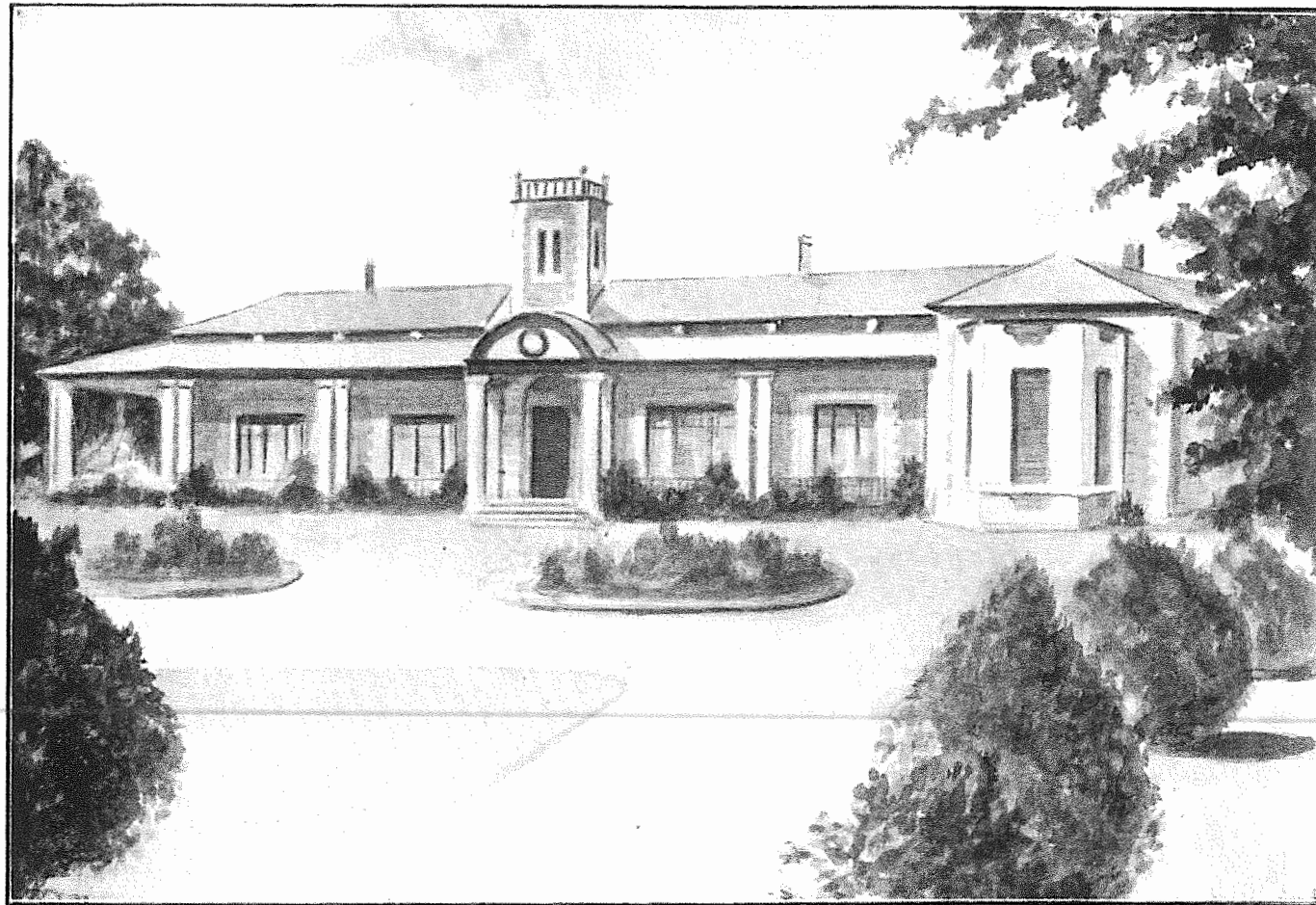
"BALDON ESTATE"

The original homestead of the McBean Family.

The McBeans of South Australia, New South Wales and Queensland.

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 droving 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 pur-

chased 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 Wooroona, in the Riverina district, in 1855, from the late William Degraives, 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



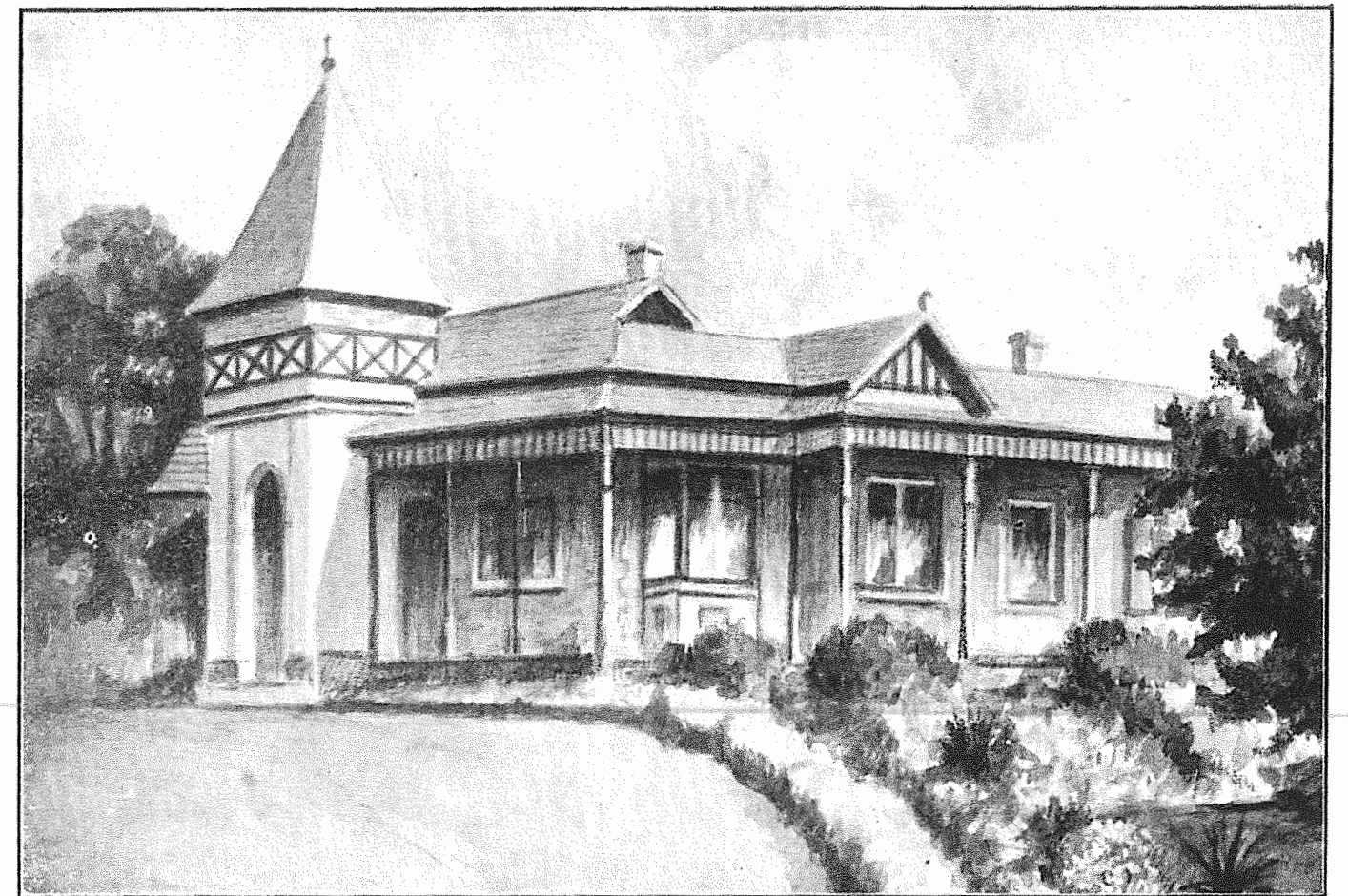
"CORRYTON PARK,"

the exchange. In 1863 he bought Windou-ran and joined it to Wooroona, and the two properties included about 130,000 acres of freehold land. In 1873 he bought Rانبelle, a large Queensland sheep and cattle station, which he sold in 1877 to Messrs. Shaw at a good profit. He also bought Caulpaulin 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



"GLEN DEVON,"

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 1846, 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



"BULLAWARRA"

The property of Mr. Lachlan McBean, "Glen Devon"

Mt. Pleasant, South Australia.

kindness to the blacks soon won their respect and she and her young children became great friends with the aboriginals.

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 Kincraig, Scotland, and as the Baldon homestead was gradually increased to accomodate 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,



Stud Ram bred by Mr. Lachlan McBean, "Glen Devon," Mt. Pleasant, South Australia.

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 Goldsbrough 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, I, 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 Angaston

Dwelling

21 Dean St, ANGASTON 5353

CT 1890/110 Lot BI Sec 425 Hd Moorooroo

Angaston Town Hall

2 Sturt St, ANGASTON 5353

CT 780/50 Pt Sec 679 Hd Moorooroo

War Memorial

Murray St, ANGASTON 5353

CT 728/106 Lot 761 Sec 1735 Hd Moorooroo

Rose Villa

84 Murray St, ANGASTON 5353

CT 3471/57 Pt Lot 748 Sec 1735 Hd Moorooroo

Old Union Chapel

Penrice Rd, ANGASTON 5353

CT 4338/890 Lot 50 Sec 679 Hd Moorooroo

Former Shop & Dwelling

107 Penrice Rd, ANGASTON 5353

CT 1943/37 Lot 87 Sec 1738 Hd Moorooroo

A & H Doddridge Smithy Blacksmith Shop

19 Murray St, ANGASTON 5353

CT 4388/179 Pt Sec 425 Hd Moorooroo

Yalumba Winery - Chateau Building Facade

Eden Valley Rd, ANGASTON 5353

CT 4211/78 Lot 1 Sec 429 Hd Moorooroo

District Council of Kapunda

Yatara Homestead Complex - Dwelling & Stone Woolshed

KAPUNDA 5373

CT 3914/187 & CT 1722/160 Sec 344 Hd Belvidere

Shop - Former Commercial Inn

81 Main St, KAPUNDA 5373

CT 1139/166 Lot 96 Sec 1400 Hd Kapunda

District Council of Light

Dwelling & Post Office

Sturt Highway, DAVEYSTON 5360

CT 4136/215-218 Lots 8-11 Pt Sec 128 Hd Nuriootpa

District Council of Mallala

Mallala & District Museum

1 Dublin Rd, MALLALA 5502

CT 1102/15 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 Talunga

Kiticoola Mine

Off Mine Rd, PALMER 5237

CT 4194/417 Lot 38 Sec 960 Hd Tungkillio

The District Council of Murat Bay

Former McKenzie Landing

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 5109/554 Lot 7 Pt Sec 11 Hd Noarlunga

Olive Farm

133 Main South Rd, HACKHAM WEST 5163

CT 4126/134 Lot 2 Sec 24 Hd Noarlunga

Hollys House

2 Gates Rd, HACKHAM 5163

CT 4047/70 Lot 11 Sec 25 Hd Noarlunga

Blackwell Funeral Parlor - 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

Kay Brothers Amery Winery
Kays Rd, MCLAREN VALE 5171
CT 4170/442 Pt Sec 514 Hd Willunga

The Corporation of the City of Peterborough
Former Bishop's Palace & Convent
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 5060/71-82 Pt Sec 115 Hd Port Adelaide

Navy Drill Hall
Lot 84 Fletcher Rd, BIRKENHEAD 5015
CT 4200/677 Lot 84 Sec 916 Hd Port Adelaide

The Corporation of the City of Port Pirie
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 322/18 Pt Lot 14 Sec 260 Hd Upper Wakefield

Quelltaler Winery
Main North Rd, WATERVALE 5452
CT 144/96-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
1 Terama Court, SALISBURY HEIGHTS 5109
CT 4228/100 Lot 2 Sec 2144 Hd Yatala

Dwelling - Sans Souci
17 Riversdale Drive, SALISBURY PARK 5109
CT 4229/684 Lot 83 Hd Yatala

Former Primary School
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 125 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 Out Of Hds (Renmark)

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

Wilkawillina Archaeocyanhae Site
BUNKERS RANGE
Crown 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 MAYES, Minister of Environment and
Land Management