

Kadina Cemetery, Mortuary and Wall**CC:020****LOCATION**

Address Drain Road, Kadina SA 5554
Land Description Section 2179, Hundred of Wallaroo
Certificate of Title 106/6

Owners District Council of the Copper Coast, PO Box 6, Kadina SA 5554

State Heritage Status Registered, 28 November 1985 **SHR File No** 11165
Other Assessments

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Mortuary, Kadina cemetery

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DESCRIPTION

Cemetery surrounded by random rubble stone walls. Burial sites laid out in formal grid pattern with mortuary building in the centre. This building is constructed of stone with brick surrounds and quoins with a gabled corrugated iron roof. A central drive through shelter for hearses is flanked by two small rooms. Avenues of trees which once contributed character to the cemetery have been removed since the place was entered in the State Heritage Register.

STATEMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE

The mortuary is the significant feature of the Kadina Cemetery, not only in itself as a remarkable articulation of Victorian attitudes to death and the rituals of death, but for the way it emphasises the highly formal layout of the burial ground, which belongs to a genre of cemetery design fashionable in the mid-19th century. The Mortuary is an excellent and rare example of a cemetery shelter, sited to accentuate the axial layout. The surrounding stone walls are also typical features of Victorian cemetery design.

HISTORY

The most notable feature of the Kadina Cemetery is the mortuary which is situated in the middle of the central avenue leading from the gates of the Cemetery.

Dr James Kerr describes the layout of country town cemeteries set up in the mid-19th century as having a central avenue or parallel avenue to serve the separate denominational areas and he says the graves were laid out according to an internal rectilinear grid. This, Dr Kerr suggests, reflects the preoccupation with town planning in vogue at that time. Cemeteries established before that period developed in a much more ad hoc way: denominational sections were common in multi-denominational burial areas but grave layout and memorials were usually left to the discretion of plot owners. By the end of the 19th century, Picturesque and Gardenesque principles were becoming fashionable, especially in larger cemeteries, so Kadina Cemetery can be cited as a good example of a genre in cemetery design which predominated in the mid-19th century.

Small mortuaries and cemetery shelters are a typical feature of mid to late 19th century cemeteries, but hearse house structures like the one at Kadina are very rare in South Australia. The mortuary was built in 1876 with local sandstone, possibly by Mathew Ward, a local contractor who was responsible for building the stone wall surrounding the cemetery. Unfortunately this cannot be verified.

The cemetery was originally set up and administered by a Board of Trustees who were appointed as representatives of churches in the town. The personnel of the first Board were William Henry Beaglehole (builder), Edward McEntire (Crown Lands Ranger), David Brown (wheelwright), Edward Parnell (builder) and Thomas Petrie (bootmaker). They were responsible for having the burial ground declared a cemetery under the *Cemeteries Act* (1862).

The first interment at Kadina Cemetery was John Hall who was killed in the Home Shaft at Wallaroo Mines in 1861.

From 1861 until 1923 when the Wallaroo Mines closed, Kadina was both a mining town and the centre of a prosperous wheat growing district, and it is in some ways unfortunate that the superimposed order of the cemetery does not adequately represent the heterogeneity of the community it served.

The cemetery has obviously suffered the vicissitudes of fortune and many of the oldest graves and the mortuary were in a sad state of repair in 1984. Between 1930 and 1932 the Board of Trustees tried to persuade the Corporation of the Town of Kadina, and the Kadina District Council to take responsibility for the cemetery because they could not meet their financial obligations. Reluctantly, the Corporation took over control of the cemetery in May 1932, appointing F W Harris, the Town Clerk, as Curator.

References

Kadina 1872-1972, Corporation of the Town of Kadina, 1972, pp. 10-11
State Heritage Branch Files, File No. 11165

MORTUARY, KADINA CEMETERY
DRAIN ROAD
KADINA

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

Historically, the Mortuary is the significant feature of the Kadina Cemetery, not only in itself as a remarkable articulation of Victorian attitudes to death and the rituals of death, but for the way it emphasises the highly formal layout of the burial ground, which belongs to a genre of cemetery design fashionable in the mid-nineteenth century.

Architecturally, the Mortuary is the most notable feature of the Kadina Cemetery and is an excellent and rare example of a cemetery shelter, sited to accentuate the axial layout in vogue in the nineteenth century. The surrounding stone walls are also typical features of Victorian cemetery design.

Environmentally, the Mortuary is significant for its integral relationship with and visual dominance in the associated cemetery.

The Integrity of the Mortuary is high both in itself and as an element which reinforces the original cemetery layout.

NOMINATION SOURCE AND THREAT

This report has been prepared as part of an ongoing programme to assess items within the copper triangle. Both the Moonta and Kadina cemeteries were assessed. While the Moonta Cemetery as a whole is recommended as a significant burial site, it is the Mortuary which is considered to be the significant feature of the Kadina Cemetery. The curtilage will, however, include the cemetery site and surrounding walls which will provide for the future protection of the highly formalized layout.

HERITAGE CONSERVATION BRANCH RECOMMENDATION:

Bruce A. Keating
Manager

It is recommended that this item be included in the Register of State Heritage Items, and that it be categorized A2, A3, H3.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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Chairman

South Australian Heritage Act 1978-82	Register of State Heritage Items ITEM EVALUATION SHEET Buildings and Structures	Ref. No. 6430-11165
	Item MORTUARY, KADINA CEMETERY DRAIN ROAD, KADINA	Status -
Age 1876	Subject EVENTS OF SIGNIFICANCE: COMMEMORATION	Style VICTORIAN

History

Direct

	E	VG	AG	FP	NA
Context Kadina Cemetery is noteworthy for the visual accessibility of its establishment plan, illustrating mid-nineteenth century concepts of burial ground design. Its most outstanding feature is the Mortuary, extraordinary in South Australia and dramatically expressive of Victorian attitudes to death.		X			
Person/Group -					
Event -					
Architect/Builder -					X
Design The simple form of the building expresses its function, essentially a drive through shelter for hearses, with two small ancillary rooms.		X			
Construction Typical use of traditional materials and techniques, stone walls, rendered trim around windows and quoins, gabled corrugated iron roof.			X		
Interior Basic				X	
Representation An excellent example of a building type which was comparatively rare in this state.	X				
Continuity The mortuary is a dominant element within the surrounding highly formalised layout of the walled cemetery.		X			
Local Character The cemetery is compatible with the mixed rural/recreational character of the surrounding landscape, but has no visual relationship with the town.			X		
Landmark No					X
Alterations Cosmetic only.		X			
Condition Signs of structural and drainage defects.			X		
Compatibility Formerly used for horse drawn hearses.		X			

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Supplementary Information

Adaptation: Although the Kadina Cemetery is notable for its axial layout with defined areas for burial of Catholics, Jews, Methodists, etc., it is the mortuary building which is the most important feature, and retention of the exterior form and fabric would be a prime objective.

Interpretation: The mortuary building typifies the small shelters which were frequently an integral part of 19th century design. The cemetery is also important for the scope it gives for interpretation of formal planning.

History and Sources

The feature of Kadina Cemetery which makes it a potential State Heritage Item is the Mortuary which is situated in the middle of the central avenue leading from the gates of the Cemetery.

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The impact of the highly formalised layout is emphasised by the centrally sited mortuary which appears to have been designed as an appropriate setting for the sombre pageantry associated with the Victorians' celebration of death. The mortuary also reflects the Victorians' preoccupation with edifying monuments, erected for the benefit of posterity.

It is highly likely that the large collection of angels (most of which have a G.E. Morgan of Adelaide mason's mark) visually dominating the old sections of Kadina Cemetery were chosen for the same didactic purpose, but changes in attitude are such, that for the contemporary visitor they create an environment of whimsical decadence.

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Within the context of the Copper Triangle, Moonta Cemetery more adequately reflects the nature of the community it served, and I feel by comparison, the historical significance of Kadina Cemetery is relatively slight, however, the mortuary at Kadina should be considered for inclusion on the State Heritage Register because of the way it visually embodies many aspects of the Victorian era's attitude to death.

Sources

KADINA AND WALLAROO TIMES, 18 January, 1913.

Kerr, J.S.: Cemeteries - their value, abuse and conservation.
HERITAGE AUSTRALIAN, WINTER 1983.

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MORTUARY
KADINA CEMETERY



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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE ACT, 1978

Entry of Items on the Register of State Heritage Items

There has been an increased community awareness of the need to protect those buildings and features of our State which reflect our cultural heritage. The South Australian Government has recognised that awareness by passing the South Australian Heritage Act, 1978, for which the Minister for Environment and Planning is responsible. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Register of State Heritage Items is being compiled.

Where the Minister considers that an item (defined as any land, building or structure) that is not on the Register is part of the physical, social or cultural heritage of the State and that the item is of significant aesthetic, architectural, historical or cultural interest, then the Minister may enter that item on the Register.

Pursuant to the provisions of the South Australian Heritage Act, 1978, I, Don Hoggood, Minister for Environment and Planning and Minister for the time being administering the said Act, hereby give notice that I have entered on the Register of State Heritage Items and 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 and those within the area of the corporation of the city of Adelaide, 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. Items within the area of the corporation of the city of Adelaide are subject to the provisions of the City of Adelaide Development Control Act, 1976.

Dated at Adelaide, 18 November 1985.

D. J. HOPGOOD, Deputy Premier and Minister for Environment and Planning

THE SCHEDULE

Name	Address
Corporation of the City of Adelaide	
Thebarton Mounted Police Barracks	Port Road, Adelaide 5000. Section 1015, hundred of Adelaide.
Adelaide High School and Observatory Site	West Terrace, Adelaide 5000. LG. volume 1782, folio 40, section 543, hundred of Adelaide.
District Council of Barmera	
Humphrey Pumps	Trussell Terrace, Cobdogla 5346. Section 853, Cobdogla irrigation area.
District Council of Barossa	
Wilksch Cottage	Yettie Road, Williamstown 5351. CT. volume 4249, folios 701 and 702, allotments 20 and 21 of portion of section 34, hundred of Barossa.
Corporation of the city of Burnside	
Boundary Wall—Glenside Hospital	Glen Osmond Road, Eastwood 5063. Mental Hospital Reserve, <i>Government Gazette</i> 24.2.83, section 621, allotments 10, 12, 18, 22; CT's volume 4116, folio 12 and volume 2394, folio 97, part allotment 2; CT. volume 2219, folio 6, part allotment 82; CT. volume 2219, folio 11, part allotment 87; section 265, hundred of Adelaide.
District Council of Burra Burra	
Former Dugouts Sites	George Street, Burra 5417. CT. volume 985, folio 116, Allotments E and K, part section 1, hundred of Kooringa.
District Council of Central Yorke Peninsula	
Point Pearce Mission—Former	Point Pearce 5573. L.G. volume 3970, folio 106, sections 295, 298, hundred of Kilkerran.
District Council of East Torrens	
Dwelling 'Grove Hill'	120 Old Norton Summit Road, Norton Summit 5136. Memorial No. 105, book 539.
Corporation of the Town of Gawler	
Old Bushman Hotel	9 Cowan Street, Gawler 5118. CT. volume 3915 folio 51, portion of allotment 96, section 24, hundred of Mudla Wirra.
'Trevu' House	1 Deland Street, Gawler 5118. CT. volume 4195, folio 147, allotment 4, portion of section 3073, hundred of Barossa.
Railway Hotel	27 Eighteenth Street, Gawler 5118. CT. volume 3663, folio 91, allotment 22, subdivision of section 2, hundred of Mudla Wirra.
Office E. & W. S. Main Depot	Julian Terrace, Gawler 5118. <i>Government Gazette</i> 8.7.76, portion of part section 24, hundred of Mudla Wirra.
Old Spot Hotel	Murray Street, Gawler 5118. CT. volume 4137, folio 703, allotment 82, portion of section 4, hundred of Nuriootpa.
Pile's Building	Murray Street, Gawler 5118. CT. volume 3132, folios 91, 93 and 94, section 24, portion of allotment 93, hundred of Mudla Wirra.
McKinlay Memorial and Pioneer Park	Murray Street, Gawler 5118. Parklands, <i>Government Gazette</i> 9.7.36, and Indenture of Conveyance, No. 43, book 319, 26.12.1864.
Professional Offices	25 Murray Street, Gawler 5118. CT. volume 92, folio 44, part allotment 204, section 24 and part section 4, hundred of Nuriootpa.
Essex House	92-100 Murry Street, Gawler 5118. CT volume 4169, folio 801, allotment 2, section 24, CT volume 4169, folio 800, allotment 1, portion of section 24, hundred of Mudla Wirra.
House	11 Railway Terrace, Gawler 5118. CT volume 1643, folio 79, allotment 137, part section 8, CT volume 4089, folio 252, allotments 135 and 136, part section 8, hundred of Mudla Wirra.
Gasworks—Former	Seventh Street, Gawler 5118. CT volume 269, folio 244, allotment 105, section 3, hundred of Mudla Wirra.
Corporation of the City of Happy Valley	
'Mackereth' Cottage	Mathews Road, Dorset Vale. CT volume 2228, folio 74, part section 1427, hundred of Noarlunga.
Corporation of the Town of Hindmarsh	
Joiners Arms Hotel	9 Manton Street, Hindmarsh 5007. CT volume 871, folio 8, portion of allotment 80 of section 353, hundred of Yatala.
Corporation of the City of Kensington and Norwood	
Town Hall, Norwood	125 The Parade, Norwood 5067. CT volume 3131, folio 15, volume 391, folio 9, part block 2 of section 277, allotments 20 and 21 of section 277, hundred of Adelaide.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>
District Council of Lincoln	
Poonindie Brickworks	Poonindie. CT volume 1538, folio 129, portion of section 12, hundred of Louth.
Poonindie Mission—Superintendent's Residence ..	Poonindie. CT volume 4192, folio 699, allotment 12 of portion of section 127, hundred of Louth.
Poonindie Mission—Bakehouse Complex and Well	Poonindie. CT volume 4182, folio 651, allotment 3 of portion of section 127, hundred of Louth.
Poonindie Mission—Schoolhouse	Poonindie. CT volume 4182, folio 648, portion of section 127, hundred of Louth.
District Council of Mannum	
Shearer House and Observatory	Anna Street, Mannum 5238. CT volume 3683, folio 51, allotment 39 and part allotment 38, part section 114, hundred of Finnis.
Corporation of the City of Marion	
Dwelling Hamilton's Winery	Morphett Road, Glengowrie 5044. CT volume 3597, folio 25, portion of section 176, hundred of Noarlunga.
District Council of Meningie	
Point McLeay Mission—Former	Via Tailem Bend 5259. L.G. volume 4057, folio 870, sections 21, 290, 291, 469, 635, 636, 637 and 638, hundred of Baker.
District Council of Munno Para	
Adamson's Flour Mill—Former	Smiths Creek, Smithfield 5114. CT. volume 4161, folio 955, allotment 44, part section 4160; CT. volume 4161, folio 956, allotment 26, section 1679, hundred of Munno Para.
Corporation of the Town of Naracoorte	
Naracoorte Station Group	Stewart Terrace, Naracoorte 5271. CT. volume 4190, folio 171, allotment 71 of part section 1, hundred of Naracoorte.
District Council of Northern Yorke Peninsula	
Kadina Mortuary and Cemetery	Drain Road, Kadina 5554. L.G. volume 106, folio 6, section 2179, hundred of Wallaroo.
Moonta Cemetery	Petallick Road, Moonta 5558. L.G. volume 617, folio 107, section 2250. L.G. volume 149, folio 41, section 2232, hundred of Wallaroo.
District Council of Penola	
Office Shop: Former Butter and Cheese Factory	Riddoch Street, Penola 5277. CT. volume 4121, folio 768, portion of allotment 108 of portion of section 3, hundred of Penola.
Neilsons Cottage	Via Penola-Naracoorte Road, Penola 5277. CT. volume 3457, folio 169, hundred of Penola.
Corporation of the Town of Peterborough	
Railway Roundhouse	Railway Terrace, Peterborough 5422. CT. volume 3859, folio 129, part section 216, hundred of Yongala.
District Council of Robe	
Dwelling—'Attic House'	Victoria Street, Robe 5276. CT. volume 4040, folio 879, portion of allotment 9 of section 218, hundred of Waterhouse.
Corporation of the Town of St Peters	
Plumbers Shop	Payneham Road, College Park 5069. CT. volume 1726, folio 99, portion of allotment 2 of portion of section 257, hundred of Adelaide.
Bon Marche Building	1-13 Payneham Road, College Park 5069. CT. volume 3825, folio 167, portion of allotment 1, portion of section 257, hundred of Adelaide.
District Council of Strathalbyn	
Office	8 Albyn Terrace, Strathalbyn 5255. CT. volume 4166, folio 340, allotment 9 of part section 2600, hundred of Strathalbyn.
Arsenic Labyrinth	Wheal Ellen 5255. CT. volume 4104, folio 450, allotment 1, section 1198, hundred of Strathalbyn.
District Council of Victor Harbor	
Soldiers Memorial Gardens	Esplanade, Victor Harbor 5211, section 766, hundred of Encounter Bay, Recreation Reserve declared under Act of Parliament 1281/1917.
Station Master's Residence—Former	2 Flinders Parade, Victor Harbor 5211. CT. volume 2407, folio 81, part section 16, hundred of Encounter Bay.
Shop and dwelling	8 Railway Terrace, Victor Harbor. CT. volume 4028, folio 526, part allotments 66 and 81 of part section 16. CT. volume 4028, folio 527, allotment 66 of part section 16, hundred of Encounter Bay.
Shop and Dwelling	9 Railway Terrace, Victor Harbor 5211. CT. volume 99, folio 68, allotment 65, hundred of Encounter Bay.
Causeway and Jetty Historic Site	Victor Harbor 5211, Marine and Harbours Reserve, section 666, <i>Government Gazette</i> 29.4.65, hundred of Encounter Bay.
Former Post Office	Yankalilla Road, Victor Harbor 5211. CT. volume 2407, folio 80, section 714, hundred of Encounter Bay.
District Council of Willunga	
Former Temperance Hotel	Aldinga 5173. CT. volume 4237, folio 21, part section 400, hundred of Willunga.
'Delabole'—Mining Village Ruins and Slate Quarry	Delabole Road, Willunga 5172. CT. volume 4163, folio 333; CT. volume 4032, folio 462, part lot 102, portion of section 758 and other land, part sections 753, 757, hundred of Willunga.
District Council of Yorketown	
Lime Kiln and Jetty	Wool Bay 5576. <i>Government Gazette</i> 5.10.22, section 393, hundred of Dalrymple.