

RAILWAY HERITAGE of SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Site Name Mitcham Railway Station and Signal Cabin

STATEMENT OF CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

This item is of interest primarily because of its historical associations. It is one of the oldest and most complete stations on this line, which is itself of considerable significance because it was built in the 1880s to link Adelaide with Melbourne. The railway station and signal box are simple functional buildings and of little particular architectural merit except as good examples of their type.

Significant Interest

- **Historical** This item was completed in 1883 when the Hills line was opened. It is one of the earliest and most complete of the stations identified with this important line.
- **Architectural** The design of the station is a very common one which was reproduced in many parts of the SAR network, so this one is of little particular distinction, except for its integrity and the fact that it maintains most of its early features.
- **Environmental** The complex is not a dominant one and is set back from Belair Road, although it is located close to the Mitcham Shopping Centre and Council Chambers. An important feature is the small parkland area between the station and Belair Road.

RECOMMENDATION

This item should be included on the Register of State Heritage Items.

We also recommend that the item should be included on the Register of the National Estate.

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ANALYSIS OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST

HISTORICAL

Date 1883

Additions Signal Cabin 1919

When this line opened in 1883, it formed part of the through line to Nairne but by 1898 a suburban train service had been inaugurated to Mitcham. This line helped to promote easy communication between Adelaide and the communities in the Hills, and did a great deal to promote residential development in the area about Blackwood and Belair. Even though the service to Mitcham was not a profitable one, it was considered to be an important one so much so that the line to Mitcham was doubled and the suburban service continued to Belair.

Mitcham passenger station was constructed by J. Chapman for £1323.15.11d. In 1884 a signal cabin was constructed by J. Fitzpatrick, with others also at Blackwood, Mount Lofty and Aldgate. In 1887 all the station yards between Mitcham and Nairne were remodelled. The extra platform was built in July 1907.

ARCHITECTURAL

Railway Station

Size Single storey

Wall Materials Sandstone with rendered quoins and surrounds, all painted

Roof Form Gabled

Roof Material Corrugated galvanised iron

Window type Timber framed, double-hung sash

Other features Carved barge boards, verandah to both sides

Signal Box

Size Single storey

Wall Materials Sandstone with rendered quoins and surrounds, all painted

Roof Form Gabled

Roof Material Corrugated galvanised iron

Window type Windows have been sealed for protection

Other features Carved barge boards

REFERENCES

Register, 18 July 1907

SAPP 29-1884; 2-1887; 4-1898

State Heritage Branch 6628-11519

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CIRCUMSTANCES

The item was nominated for inclusion on the Register of State Heritage Items on 16 June 1982, but no further action has been taken. The station is now unmanned.

INTEGRITY

The integrity of the items appear high, though the yard has been simplified.

ENVIRONMENT / PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

The items are on a busy metropolitan line and are close to the local shopping and civic centre. Part of the large railway yard has been cleared. The line also carries freight to Melbourne.

Site Name Mitcham Railway Station and Signal Cabin

Address Belair Road, Mitcham - on the Nairne line

Section

Hundred Adelaide

AMG Reference 1:50,000 Ser, 6628-111, Adelaide, 281500 (E), 6126700 (N)

CT No NUA

Local Government Area Mitcham

Owner(s) State Transport Authority

State Heritage Status Nil

Other Assessments Nil

Current Use Picking up and setting down passengers

Condition Good **Exterior** Good

Known Threats None

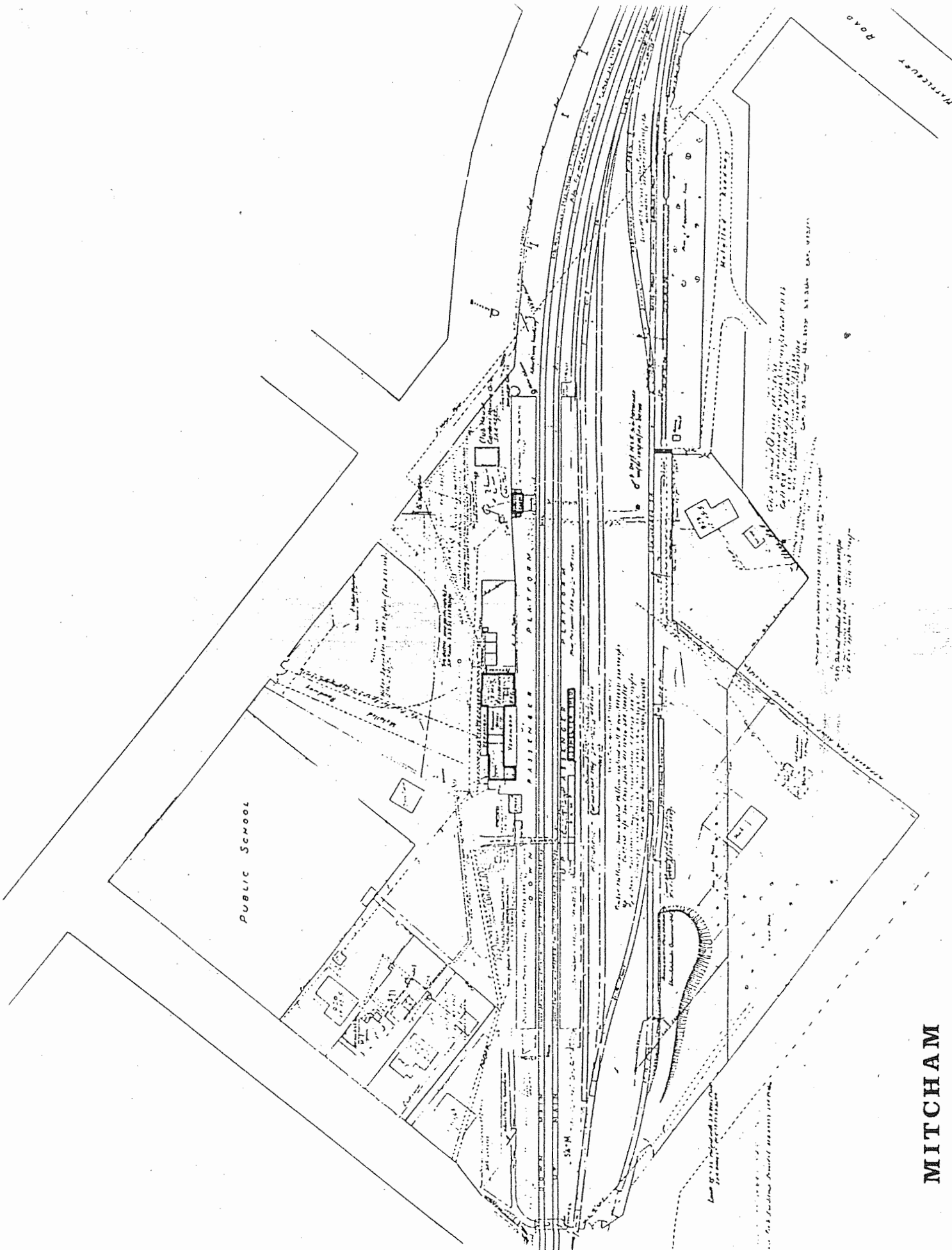
Conservation action identified Find an appropriate new use

Associated item(s) Island platform with corrugated galvanised iron shelter

Comments This item is to the Hills line what Bowden and Ethelton stations are to the Port line.

The large area on the western side of the yard has been cleared and appears suitable for subdivision and redevelopment. The future of the station could be safeguarded if it could be included in an appropriate redevelopment of the area, particularly because it is close to the main Mitcham shopping centre and civic centre.

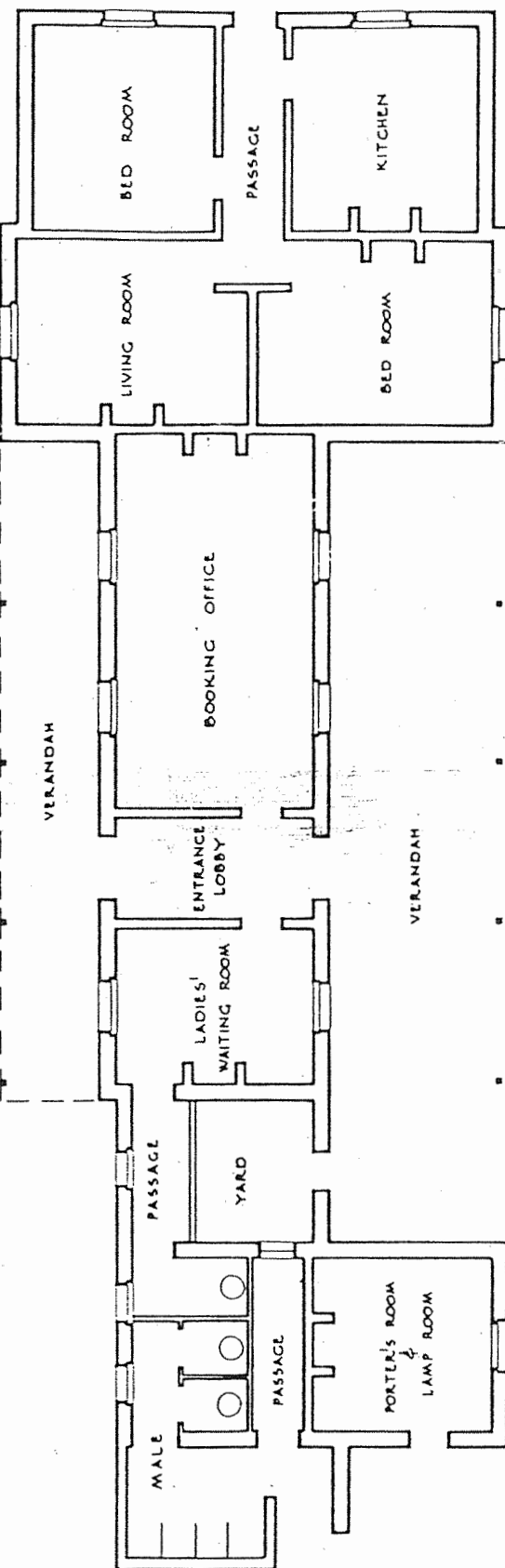
Site Surveyor Peter Donovan **Date(s) of Survey** 15 December 1991



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PLATFORM

MAIN LINE

MITCHAM

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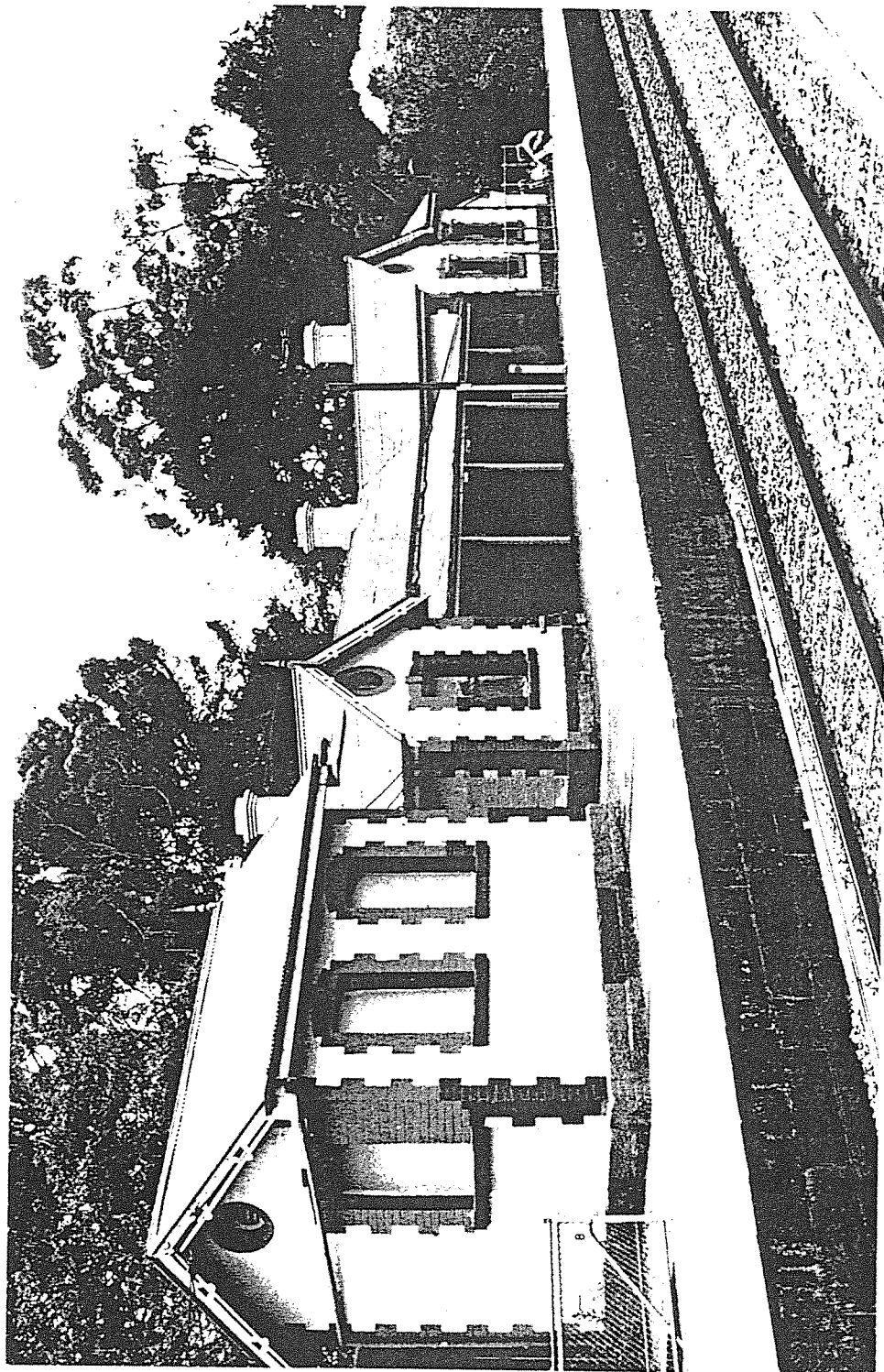


Site Name Mitcham Railway Station and Signal Cabin

Film/Neg Number 15/20

Photographer Peter Donovan

Subject Name View of the signal box and railway station

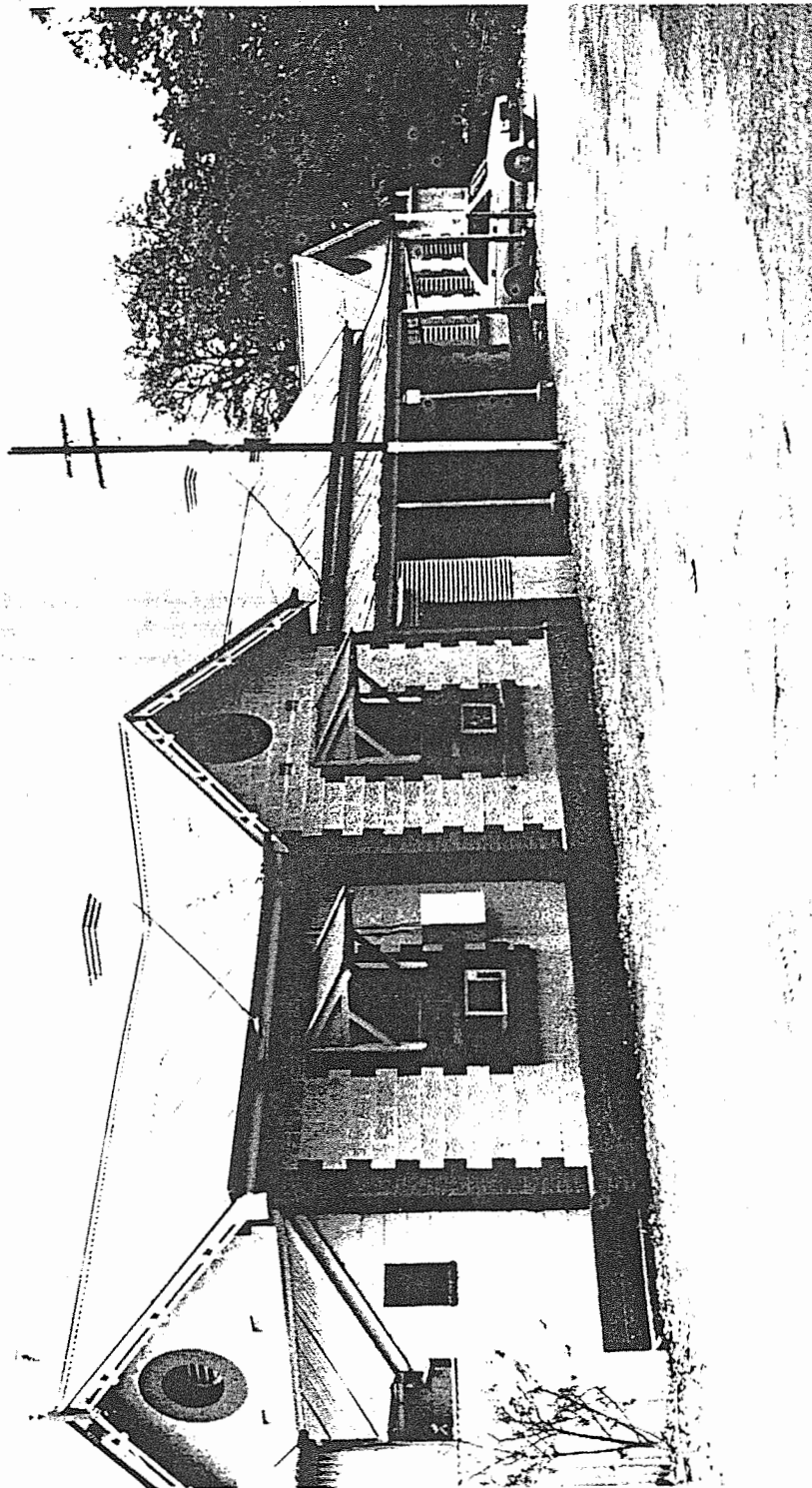


Site Name Mitcham Railway Station and Signal Cabin

Film/Neg Number 15/21

Photographer Peter Donovan

Subject Name Rear view of the railway station

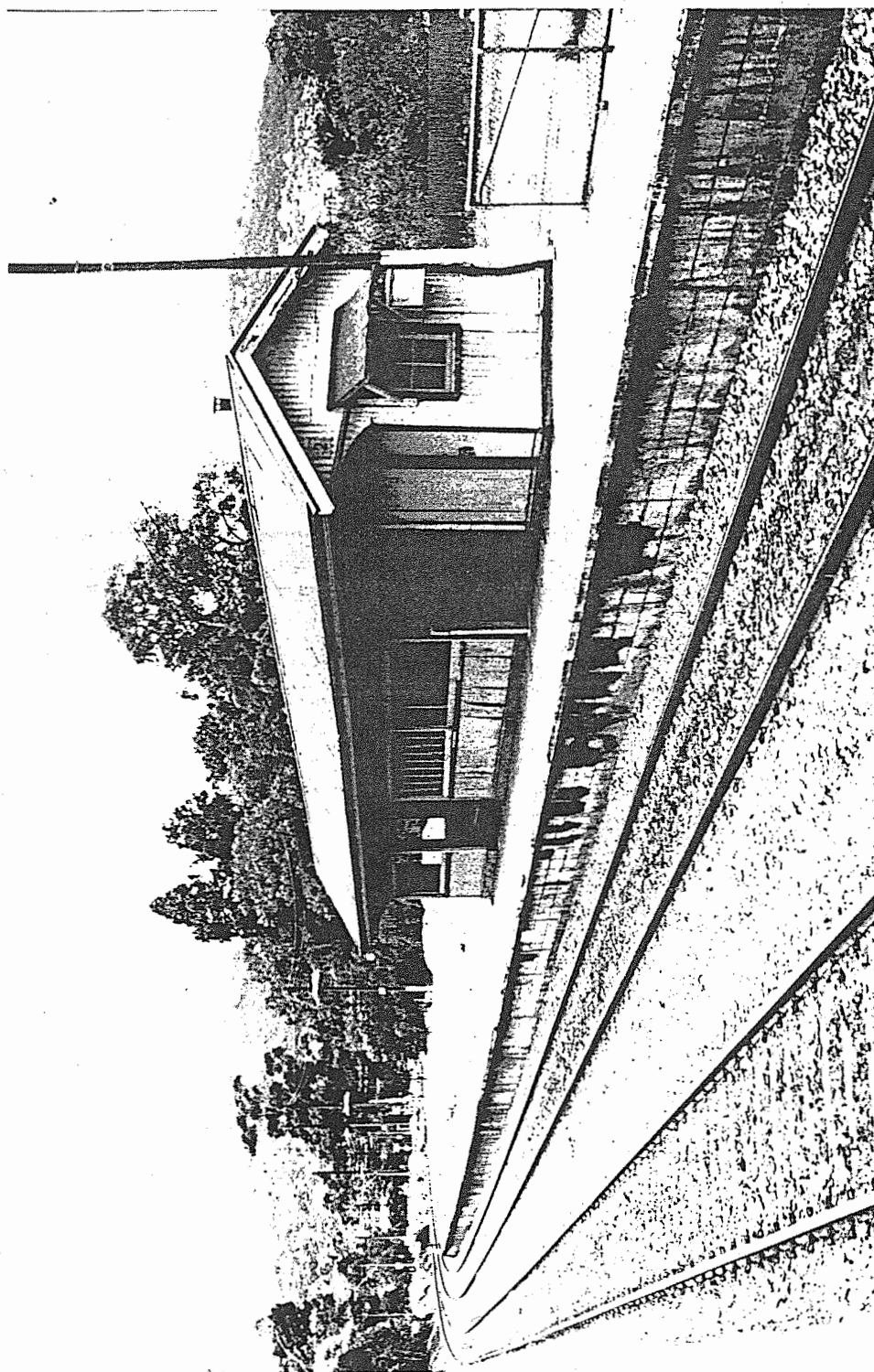


Site Name Mitcham Railway Station and Signal Cabin

Film/Neg Number 15/22

Photographer Peter Donovan

Subject Name View of the shelter shed on the island platform

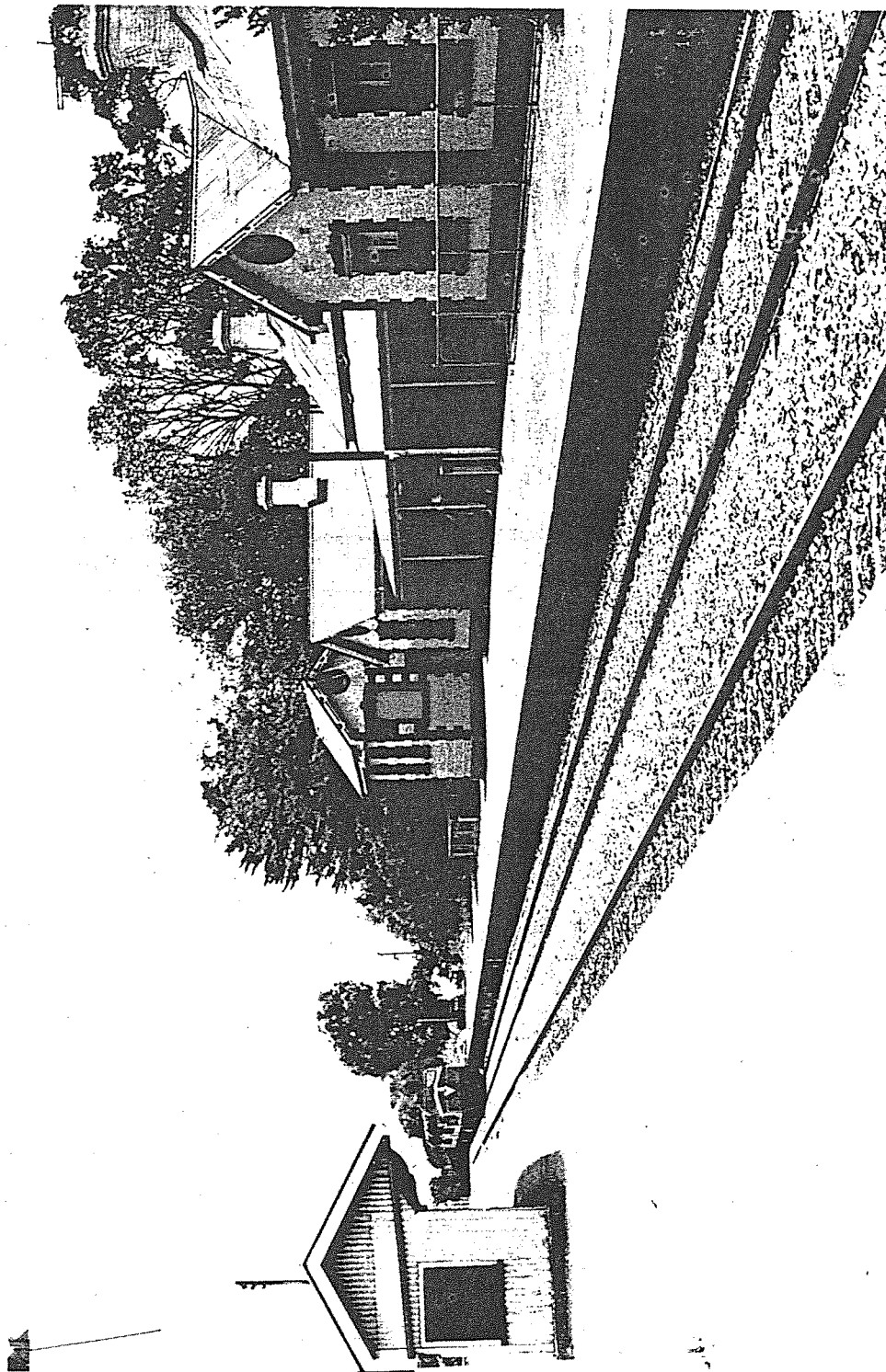


Site Name Mitcham Railway Station and Signal Cabin

Film/Neg Number 15/23

Photographer Peter Donovan

Subject Name View of the railway station with the signal box in the background



Mitcham Railway Station and Signal Box

LWM:002**LOCATION**

Address Belair Road
Suburb LOWER MITCHAM 5062
Owners State Transport Authority, GPO Box 2351, Adelaide SA 5001
Allotment No 202
Section 233
CT 4390/629
Hundred Adelaide

State Heritage Status Registered, 21 October 1993 **SHR No** 6628-11519
Other Assessments National Trust of SA, Recorded, File No. 2568
Mitcham Heritage Survey, Classification A

Film/Neg No D/18



Mitcham Railway Station and Signal Box

DESCRIPTION

Dressed coursed stone building, painted, with brick quoins and surrounds. Gabled corrugated iron roof with decorative timber bargeboards to gable ends. Circular vents to gables. Brick chimneys. Concave verandah on simple timber posts. Raked verandah to platform. Window hoods. Double hung sash four paned windows. Corrugated iron platform shed across railway line with gabled roof (dilapidated). Slate edge to platform. The signal box is of the same construction as the railway station, with a gabled roof and approximately 1.5 storeys in height.

HISTORY

Belair Station is one of a number of stops along the 22 mile railway between Adelaide and Mount Lofty completed in 1883. Built in two sections by separate contractors, the Adelaide to Nairne Railway was hailed as opening a 'new era in South Australian history' by the Editor of the *Register* (14 March 1883). Its construction was the most difficult and ambitious undertaken by the State at the time.

Construction of the last section to Mount Lofty was started in May 1879 by Messrs Walker and Swan. Another firm, Messrs Bailey, Davis and Wishart successfully tendered £120 000 for the second section from Mount Lofty to Nairne. Parliamentary estimates costed the average expense of the line's construction at £20 500 per mile. As the gradient was not to exceed 1 in 30, it was necessary for the contractors to extensively excavate and embank to overcome the steep ascent up the Adelaide Hills escarpment. The project also involved the provision of eight tunnels and two viaducts and employed a maximum of 700 to 800 men at the rate of 7/- per day. In 1881, the year the viaducts were completed, the workers struck for high wages and succeeded in winning an increase of 4½d per week. Walker and Swan's original tender for the first section of the line was for £182 159, the work to be completed in two years. Owing to delays and strikes the work took longer than the specified time.

The official opening of the line took place at Aldgate, and was joined by the remainder of the party by 4 p.m. in time for the official banquet. Substantially built stations along the line were established at Mitcham, Blackwood, Belair, Mount Lofty and Aldgate.

The Mitcham Railway station was completed in 1883. Construction had been undertaken by J Chapman at a cost of £1 325.15.11. A signal cabin was built in 1884 by J Fitzpatrick, who also built others at Blackwood, Mount Lofty and Aldgate. In 1887 all the station yards between Mitcham and Nairne were remodelled and an extra platform was built at Mitcham in July 1907.

By 1898 a suburban service had been commenced to Mitcham Railway Station. The line itself helped to promote easy communication between Adelaide and the hills communities and promotion of residential development in Blackwood, Eden Hills and Belair. Although the service to Mitcham was not profitable it was considered to be important to the extent that the line to Mitcham was doubled and the suburban service was continued to Belair.

STATEMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE

The Mitcham Railway Station is of interest primarily because of its historical associations. It is one of the oldest and most complete stations on the line, which is itself of considerable significance because it was built in the 1880s to link Adelaide with Melbourne. The railway station and signal box are simple functional buildings and of little particular architectural merit except as good examples of their type.

References

- Donovan & Associates, 1992, *Railway Heritage of South Australia*, National Trust of South Australia, p. 2-269 - 70
 Marsden, A. & Brasse, L. 1979, *City of Mitcham Heritage Survey*, National Estate, Adelaide
 State Heritage Branch Files, File No. 11519

GAMING MACHINES ACT, 1992

Notice of Application for Grant of Gaming Machine Licence

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to section 29 of the Gaming Machines Act, 1992, that Matala Nominees Pty Ltd and Raphael Thomas & Co., 13 Brighton Road, Glenelg, have applied to the Liquor Licensing Commissioner for the grant of a Gaming Machine Licence in respect of premises situated at 110 Tapleys Hill Road, Royal Park and known as Hendon Hotel.

The application has been set down for hearing on 19 November 1993 at 10 a.m.

Any person may object to the application by lodging a notice of objection in the prescribed form with the Licensing Authority, and serving a copy of the notice on the applicants at the applicants' address given above, at least seven days before the hearing date.

Plans in respect of the premises the subject of the application are open to public inspection without fee at the Office of the Liquor Licensing Commissioner, 2nd Floor, East Wing, G.R.E. Building, 50 Grenfell Street, Adelaide 5000.

Dated 6 September 1993.

Applicants

GAMING MACHINES ACT, 1992

Notice of Application for Grant of Gaming Machine Licence

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to section 29 of the Gaming Machines Act, 1992, that J. R. J. Hotels Pty Ltd, 68 Greenhill Road, Wayville has applied to the Liquor Licensing Commissioner for the grant of a Gaming Machine Licence in respect of premises situated at 1017 Lower North East Road, Highbury and known as Highbury Hotel.

The application has been set down for hearing on 19 November 1993.

Any person may object to the application by lodging a notice of objection in the prescribed form with the Liquor Licensing Commissioner, and serving a copy of the notice on the applicant at the applicant's address given above, at least seven days before the hearing date.

Plans in respect of the premises the subject of the application are open to public inspection without fee at the Office of the Liquor Licensing Commissioner, 2nd Floor, East Wing, G.R.E. Building, 50 Grenfell Street, Adelaide 5000.

Dated 1 October 1993.

Applicant

GAMING MACHINES ACT, 1992

Notice of Application for Grant of Gaming Machine Licence

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to section 29 of the Gaming Machines Act, 1992, that Tymblend Pty Ltd, c/o Kelly & Co., Level 17, 91 King William Street, Adelaide, S.A. 5000 has applied to the Liquor Licensing Commissioner for the grant of a Gaming Machine Licence in respect of premises situated at 6 Fencers Street, Mount Gambier, S.A. 5290 and known as Globe Hotel.

The application has been set down for hearing on 19 November 1993.

Any person may object to the application by lodging a notice of objection in the prescribed form with the Liquor Licensing Commissioner, and serving a copy of the notice on the applicant at the applicant's address given above, at least seven days before the hearing date.

Plans in respect of the premises the subject of the application are open to public inspection without fee at the Office of the Liquor Licensing Commissioner, 2nd Floor, East Wing, G.R.E. Building, 50 Grenfell Street, Adelaide 5000.

Dated 18 October 1993.

Applicant

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 Natural Resources, and Minister for the time being administering the said Act, hereby give notice that I have entered on the Register of State Heritage 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
Angaston Railway Station & Goods Shed
Kent St, ANGASTON 5353
Closed Rd Pt CT 4399/500 Lot K
CT 2336/61 & 60 Lots 63 & 62
Pt CT 218/179 Hd Moorooroo

District Council of Barmera
Bonney Theatre
24A Barwell Ave, BARMERA 5345
CL 688/78 CL 768/31 Lots 60 & 61 Hd Cobdogla

District Council of Barossa
Riverside Complex - Dwelling, Stable, Coach-House & Men's Quarters
Barritt Rd, LYNDONCH 5351
CT 3772/182 Sec 557 Pt Sec 24 Hd Barossa

Dwelling
50 Gilbert Street, LYNDONCH 5351
CT 3758/81 Pt Lot 25
Sec 3250 Hd Barossa

Dwelling - Forbes' Folly
WILLIAMSTOWN 5351
CT 4074/588 Sec 950 Hd Barossa

Schusters' House
ROSEDALE 5350
CT 3338/146 Sec 1715 Hd Barossa

Cellar & 2 Cottages
Goldfields Rd, LYNDONCH 5351
CT 4398/51 Sec 188 Hd Barossa

Williamstown District Soldiers Memorial Institute
Queen St, WILLIAMSTOWN 5351
CT 4265/92 Lot 2 Sec 984 Hd Barossa

Enterprise Coppermine & Managers Residence
Fromm Square, WILLIAMSTOWN 5351
CT 3944/134 Sec 2502 Hd Barossa

District Council of Blyth - Snowtown
Uplands Homestead Complex
SNOWTOWN 5520
CT 4036/315 Sec 10 Hd Cameron

District Council of Burra Burra
Former Council Chambers
Main Rd, BOOBOROWIE 5417
CT 1198/105 Sec 866 Hd Ayers

Corporation of the City of Campbelltown
Woodforde House
10 Melory Crescent, MAGILL 5072
CT 3030/51 Lot 14 Sec 342 Hd Adelaide

District Council of Clare
ANZ Bank
Main North Rd, CLARE 5453
CT 220/190 CT 355/6 Pt Lots 6 & 7 Sec 39 Hd Clare

Former Town Hall
203 Main North Rd, CLARE 5453
CT 4067/330 Lot 5 Sec 39 Hd Clare

Leasingham Winery - Cellar Door & Board Room
7 Dominic St, CLARE 5453
CT 3787/41 Lots 207 & 208 Sec 38 Hd Clare

Corporation of the City of Elizabeth
Judd House
7 Judd St, ELIZABETH 5112
D1 3869/103 Lot 103 Sec 3129 Hd Munno Para

Corporation of the City of Enfield
Islington Railway Electrical Shop
Churchill Rd, KILBURN 5084
CT 3124/114 Pt Sec 380 & Pt Sec 381 Conveyance No. 92
Book 444 Hd Yatala

District Council of Eudunda
Former Appelts Store, Eudunda Roadhouse
6 South Terrace, EUDUNDA 5374
CT 5145/138 Pm Lot 4 Sec 128 Hd Neales

District Council of Kanyaka - Quorn
Woolshed Flar Railway Bridge
QUORN 5433
Miscellaneous lease CL 18261 Pt Sec 227 Hd Woolundunga

District Council of Kapunda
Road Bridge
River Light Rd, KAPUNDA 5373
Sec 1456 Hd Kapunda

Dwelling - Anlaby Homestead Group
KAPUNDA 5373
CT 4158/735 Lot 5 Sec 151 Hd Waterloo

District Council of Kingscote
Former Reeves Cottage & Sea View Farm, The Bluff
Off Cordes Rd, KINGSCOTE 5223
CT 4275/101 Lot 3 Sec 53 & 54 Hd Menzies

Whaling Site - D'Estrees Bay
D'ESTREES BAY
Coastal Res Sec 395 & 415
11 0500/0415 11 0500/0258 11 0500/0395 11 0500/0396
and Pt Cape Gantheaume Conservation Park Sec 414 Hd Haines

District Council of Lacedupe
Vine Cottage
67 Cooke St, KINGSTON SE 5275
CT 4347/307 Lot 1 Hd Lacedupe

District Council of Mallala
Redbanks Road Bridge
REDBANKS 5502
Adjacent Sec 4 Hd Grace

Suspension Bridge
LOWER LIGHT 5501
Sec 534 Hd Port Gawler

Mallala Station - Dwelling, Store & Cottage
MALLALA 5502
CT 4395/358 Sec 61 Hd Grace

District Council of Mannum
Bleak House
Cliff St, MANNUM 5238
CT 4352/675 Lot 1 Sec 114 Hd Finniss

Implement Shed
POMPOOTA 5238
CL 1432/20 Sec 261 Hd Burdett

Milendella Creek Railway Bridge
Milendella Rd, MANNUM 5238
CT 1184/18 Pt Sec 49 Hd Finniss

Former Post Office, General Store & Butcher
POMPOOTA 5238
CL 749/17 Hd Burdett

Corporation of the City of Marion
Hallett Bridge
Main South Rd, O'HALLORAN HILL 5158
Sec 509 Hd Noarlunga

Original Cottage & Stone Outbuilding
95-107 Surf Rd, DOVER GARDENS 5048
CT 2410/73 Pt Sec 183 Hd Noarlunga

District Council of Meningie
Campbell Park Homestead - Dwelling, Outbuildings & Shearing
Shed Ruins
Campbell Park Rd, RUMPLY POINT 5264
CT 5063/917 Lot 2 Sec 617 Hd Baker

Passenger Terminal
Railway Terrace, TALEM BEND 5260
75 0700/0137 Pt Sec 137 Hd Seymour
Railway Res, Gaz 28.07.1887, 25.05.1911 & 04.10.1984

Corporation of the City of Mitcham
Mitcham Railway Station Building & Signal Box
Belair Rd, MITCHAM 5062
CT 4390/629 Lot 202 Sec 233 Hd Adelaide

Sleep's Hill Tunnel & Viaduct Foundations
Wampananga Res, MITCHAM 5062
CT 3785/138 Tunnel No.1 Pt Sec 1074 Railway Res
Tunnel No.2 Pt Sec 1080 Railway Res Pt Sec 1046
Viaduct CT 3785/138 Pt Sec 1046 Hd Adelaide

District Council of Mount Barker
Dawes Bridge
McIntyre Ford Rd, Nr DAWESLEY 5252
Adjacent Sec 15 Water Res Hd Kammanloo

District Council of Mount Pleasant
Reedy Creek Railway Bridge
Milendella Rd, MOUNT PLEASANT 5235
17 1000/0518 Within Sec 516 Railway Res Hd Tungkillo

The Friedensberg Lutheran Church & School
Waldewel Rd, South of, SPRINGTON 5235
CT 2480/107 Pt Sec 620 Hd Jutland

District Council of Murray Bridge
Former Ferry Rd & Stone Wall
WELLINGTON WEST 5259
Road Res Hd Brinkley

Murray Bridge Hotel
Fifth St & Sixth St, MURRAY BRIDGE 5253
CT 5140/752 Lot 77 Hd Mobilong

Salt Creek Railway Bridge
2km NE of Pallamanna, MONARTO 5254
Pt CT 1181/171
Pt of Closed Rd G Pt Land CT 1242/56
Pt Sec 160 Hd Mobilong

Corporation of the Town of Peterborough
Capitol Theatre
227-231 Main St, PETERBOROUGH 5422
CT 3942/44 Lot 11 Sec 218 Hd Yongala

Koch House
14 Bourke St, PETERBOROUGH 5422
CT 1817/82 Lot 292 Sec 216 Hd Yongala

Town Hall
Main St, PETERBOROUGH 5422
CT 1064/28 Pt Sec 216 Hd Yongala

Peterborough Hotel
193-195 Main St, PETERBOROUGH 5422
CT 4349/144 Pt Lot 55 Sec 218 Hd Yongala

Police Station, Gaol & Court House
2 Jervois St, PETERBOROUGH 5422
CT 570/10 Lots 48 & 49 Sec 218 Hd Yongala

Gold Battery & Office
Tripney Ave, PETERBOROUGH 5422
31 1200/0440 Public Battery Res Gaz 13.01.1977
Sec 440 Hd Yongala

Rotunda
Main St, PETERBOROUGH 5422
Pt Sec 216 Hd Yongala

General Store
105-107 Main St, PETERBOROUGH 5422
CT 3562/153 Lot 33 Sec 218 Hd Yongala

District Council of Pinnaroo
Tree Planted to Commemorate the Japanese Surrender of WW2
Neptune, PARILLA 5303
CT 3147/114 Pt Sec 11 Hd Parilla

Corporation of the City of Port Adelaide
Former Dr Bollen's Surgery, Warrinilla
43 Semaphore Rd, SEMAPHORE 5019
CT 2327/70 Lot 17 Sec 1054 Hd Port Adelaide

Former Pilot Station
Lady Ruthven Drive, OUTER HARBOUR 5018
CT 4086/253 Pt Blk 30 Hd Port Adelaide

Corporation of the City of Port Augusta
Early Port Augusta Railway Station
Stirling Rd, PORT AUGUSTA 5700
CT 5088/921 Lot 405 Hd Davenport

Later Port Augusta Railway Station
Stirling Rd, PORT AUGUSTA 5700
CT 5088/921 Lot 405 Hd Davenport

Corporation of the City of Port Lincoln
Port Lincoln Railway Station
Railway Tce, PORT LINCOLN 5606
CT 2591/200 Ptn lot 349 Hd Lincoln

Corporation of the City of Prospect
Fitzroy House
20 Fitzroy Terrace, FITZROY 5082
CT 2052/62 Pt Sec 2065 Hd Yatala

Former Johns Rd Tram Depot
Main North Rd, PROSPECT 5082
CT 3870/144, 145 & 146 Lots 100, 101 & 102 Hd Yatala

Corporation of the Town of Renmark
Renmark Distillery Bridge
REMARK 5341
Sec 277 Road Res Renmark I A

Renmark Hotel
Murray Ave, REMARK 5341
CT 4072/578 Lot 19 Pt Bulk A Hd Renmark

District Council of Saddleworth and Auburn
Hughes Park Homestead Complex
WATERVALE 5452
CT 1051/36 CT 1552/115 Sec 17 Hd Upper Wakefield

District Council of Spalding
Spalding Railway Bridge
South East of Spalding, SPALDING 5454
CT 1192/155 Pt Blk H Hd Andrews

District Council of Stirling
Cleland Conservation Park
MOUNT LOFTY 5152
Secs 500 608 637 641 642 729 741 920 6034 Hd Adelaide
Secs 424 568 579 Hd Onkaparinga
10 5100/0500 10 5600/0424

District Council of Tatiara
Mundulla Hotel Kitchen
Nalang Rd, MUNDULLA 5270
CT 4044/662 Pt Lot 39 Hd Wirrega

Former Wirrega District Council Chambers
Jewell St, MUNDULLA 5270
CT 486/166 Lot 30 Hd Wirrega

Bordertown Railway Station
BORDERTOWN 5268
40 0600/1005 Pt Sec 1005 Hd Tatiara
Railway Res *Gazetted* 04.05.1911

Unincorporated
Torrens Island Quarantine Station Complex, including Jetty,
Cemetery & Mortuary
TORRENS ISLAND
CT 4331/286 Sec 1029, 1030 & 1031 Hd Port Adelaide

Mannahill Railway Station
Barrier Highway, MANNAHILL 5440
83 5400/1590 Pt Sec 1590 Out of Hds
Olary Railway Res

District Council of Wakefield Plains
Sichem Cemetery
DALKEY
CT 716/73 Pt Sec 171 Hd Dalkey

District Council of Warooka
Orrie Cowie Homestead
WAROOKA 5577
CT 2220/170 Sec 56 Hd Para Wurlie

Dated 12 September 1993.

M. K. MAYES, Minister of Environment and
Natural Resources