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
Site Name  Mitcham Railway Station and Signal Cabin

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
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
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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  15722
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

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#### State Heritage Status
- Registered, 21 October 1993

#### Other Assessments
- National Trust of SA, Recorded, File No. 2568
- Mitcham Heritage Survey, Classification A

| Film/Neg No | D/18 | SHR No | 6628-11519 |
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 paneled 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 Naime 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 Naime. 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 Naime 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**


Notice of Application for Grant of Gaming Machine Licence

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to section 29 of the Gaming Machines Act, 1992, that Matata 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 Liquor Licensing Commissioner, and serving a copy of the notice on the applicants at their 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

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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

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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 Ferrers 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
THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT GAZETTE [21 October 1993

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 3787/641 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 Rudunga
Former Appelles Store, Rudunga Roadhouse
6 South Terrace, RUDUNDA 5274
CT 5145/138 Pt Lot 4 Sec 128 Hd Neal's

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

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 Kingcote
Former Reserve Cottage & Sea View Farm, The Bluff
Off Cordes Rd, KINGCOTE 5223
CT 4275/101 Lot 3 Sec 53 & 54 Hd Memmics

Whaling Rse - 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 Halms

District Council of Loxton
Vine Comage
67 Cooke St, KINGSTON SE 5275
CT 4547/007 Lot 1 Hd Loxton

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

Suspension Bridge
LOWER LIGHT 5501
Sec 534 Hd Port Gawler

Mallala Station - Dwelling, Store & Comage
MALLALA 5502
CT 4959/388 Sec 61 Hd Grace

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

Implement Shed
POMPOOTA 5238
CL 1492/20 Sec 261 Hd Burdett

Milelunlla Creek Railway Bridge
Milelunlla Rd, MANNUM 5238
CT 1184/18 Pt Sec 49 Hd Finlays

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 3138
Sec 509 Hd Norihunga

Original Cottage & Store Outbuilding
52-107 Elmdale Rd, DOVER GARDENS 5048
CT 2410/73 Pt Sec 183 Hd Norihunga

District Council of Meningie
Campbell Park Homestead - Dwelling, Outbuildings & Shearing Shed Ruins
Campbell Park Rd, RUMPLOY POINT 5264
CT 5065/9/17 Lot 2 Sec 617 Hd Baker

Passenger Terminal
Railway Terrace, TAILLEM BEND 5260
72 0700/0139 Pt Sec 137 Hd Basset
Railway Res Gzt 28.07.1877, 25.05.1911 & 04.10.1984

Corporation of the City of Mitcham
Mitcham Railway Station Building & Signal Box
Belair Rd, MITCHAM 5062
CT 4350/629 Lot 202 Sec 253 Hd Adelaide

Sleep's Hill Tunnel & Viaduct Foundations
Waitebridge 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
Malinyra Ford Rd, NR DAVESLEY 5252
Adjacent Sec 15 Water Res Hd Kaurna

District Council of Mount Pleasant
Reedy Creek Railway Bridge
Milelunlla Rd, MOUNT PLEASANT 5235
17 1000/0018 Within Sec 516 Railway Res Hd Tungkillo

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

District Council of Murray Bridge
Former Perry Rd & Snake Wall
WELLINGTON WEST 5259
Road Res Hd Brakelby

Murray Bridge Hotel
Firth St & Sixth St, MURRAY BRIDGE 5253
CT 5140/922 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 3422
CT 3942/44 Lot 11 Sec 218 Hd Yankal
Corporation of the Town of Renmark
Renmark Distillery Bridge
RENMARK 5341
Sec 277 Road Res Renmark I A
Renmark Hotel
Murray Ave., RENMARK 5341
CT 4072/578 Lot 19 Pt Bulk A Hd Renmark
District Council of Saddellworth 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
Cieland Conservation Park
MOUNT LOFTY 5152
Secs 500 637 641 642 729 741 920 6034 Hd Adelaide
Secs 424 568 579 Hd Onkaparinga
10 5100/0500 10 5600/0424

Former Wirrega District Council Chambers
Jewell St, MUNDULLA 5270
CT 486/166 Lot 30 Hd Wirrega
Bordertown Railway Station
BORDER TOWN 5268
40 0600/1003 Pt Sec 1005 Hd Tatiara
Railway Res Gazette 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 Wirrega

Dated 12 September 1993.
M. K. MAYES, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources