

Prospect Heritage Survey—Item Identification Sheet**ITEM NAME:** Former Johns Rd Tram Depot**Description:**

A large, building, on a rectangular plan, constructed of random sandstone walling. The structure is topped by a gable roof, with large ventilators along the ridge. The North Rd facade has large double doors, with ornate barge-boards.

Historical Summary:

In the early 1880s the Prospect, Nailsworth and Enfield Tramway Company was formed, largely with local capital, in an endeavour to provide better quality transport services to Adelaide's near northern metropolitan area. The Company began business on 24 September 1883, with four double decker trams. This tram barn was built specifically for this line. The tram company was only short-lived, after a tragic accident, when in September 1884 a car ran off the rails. The service continued under a stream of owners. Eventually, all metropolitan tram services were subsumed by the Municipal Tramways Trust.

Heritage Significance:

The attempts to provide adequate transport links between Adelaide, its suburbs and the country, provides one of the great dramas of colonial society. Transport was an essential and vital element of community growth. New subdivisions needed good transport systems. The move by local residents in 1883 to establish this service eventually failed. However, the tram depot is a reminder of the colonial society's desire to grow and prosper. It is a significant State item, as a relic of nineteenth century transport systems.

References: Max Lamshed, Prospect 1872–1972: A Portrait of a City, pp. 23–8
Observer, 2, 9, 16, 23 September, 7 October 1882, 27 January, 5
May 1883, 5 July, 27 December 1884

Verbal:**Archival Photographs:**

PHOTOGRAPH—Film no. 1531

Negative no. 34A

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Office Item No.

Office Docket No.

Address: Main North Road

Town: Prospect

Postcode: 5082

Section: 352 pts 100–101

Hundred: Yatala

County: Adelaide

L.G.A.: Prospect

S.H.P. Region: 2

A.M.G. Ref.

Subject: 4.7

Use:

Period—State: 1884–1914

Period—Local: 1870–1900

LAND Natural Feature:

LAND Historical site:

LAND Historical Gdn.

BUILDING: X

STRUCTURE:

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

Reg. of State Her. Items:

National Estate:

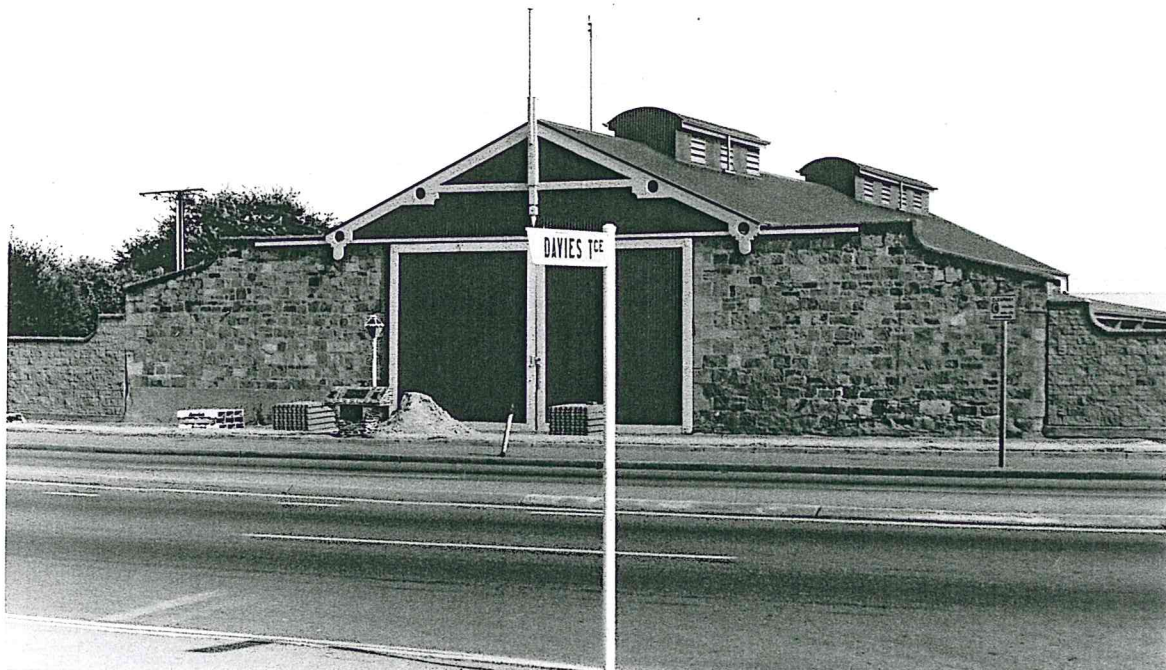
National Trust:

Other:

LAND TITLE: CT 3870/144 & 145

RECOMMENDATION— State: X

Local:



Prospect Heritage Survey—Item Site Plan

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