District Council of Pt. Elliot and Goolwa

HERITAGE SURVEY OF THE FLEURIEU PENINSULA

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HERITAGE SURVEY OF THE FLEURIEU PENINSULA
(REGION 4 - SOUTH AUSTRALIA)

PART TWO
1. D.C. PORT ELLIOT AND GOOLWA
ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEETS


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**HERITAGE SURVEY**  
**ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET**

**ITEM NAME:**  
Former or other: "The Roadman's House"

**DESCRIPTION:** The front two rooms of this cottage are constructed of lathe and daub, originally plastered and whitewashed. The lean-to section at the rear is built of sawn red gum slabs. Two massive stone chimneys form most of the eastern wall of the building. Matchboard ceilings are original and some matchboard wall linings are still covered with newspapers of the period of construction. Most fittings doors and windows are complete and original. The current owner is restoring the internal walls.

**HISTORICAL SUMMARY:** George and Mary Waye came to Mt. Compass in 1870 and George replaced Mr. O'Callaghan two years later as the Government roadman. He built this dwelling at that time, as evidenced by the date of 1872 on some of the newspapers lining the walls. George Waye was the roadman from 1872 to 1888 during which time he was involved in the construction of the Adelaide to Victor Harbor road. Nine children were brought up in the cottage, which was enlarged in stages (other newspaper linings date from the 1890s), and two rooms of tin were added on the western side.

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:** This structure contains scarce surviving examples of vernacular building technique, in particular the intact lathe and daub walls. It is also the oldest surviving building in Mount Compass.

**REFERENCES**

Ann Riddle, Chronology of Mt. Compass and Environs 1820-1984 (typescript 1984)


Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Film No. 1212 Negative No. 12

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**LOCATION**

Address: Victor Harbor Rd.

**USE**

Study Area

**PERIOD**

State

**TYPE OF ITEM**

Natural feature

**STATUS**

Reg. of State Her. Items

Reg. Interim L

Nominated

National Estate

Reg. Proposed L

National Trust

CL RL File

Other

**LAND TITLE**

C.L. 1044/33

**RECOMMENDATION**

(A) State [X] (B) Local [ ]

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**HERITAGE SURVEY**
**ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET**

**ITEM NAME:** Nangkita Main Drain and Former or other "The Waterfall"

**DESCRIPTION:** The diverted channel of the Main Drain runs for about four kilometres and culminates in a spectacular narrow chasm cut by the action of the water into the sandstone of the hillside. At the end of the chasm a small waterfall splashes into a pool and the overflow continues on into the floodplain of the natural creek.

**HISTORICAL SUMMARY:** During the depression of the early 1890s, the South Australian Parliament passed legislation to establish Village Settlements for unemployed people. In 1893 land in the Mt. Compass district was resurveyed into Workingmen's Blocks and the first village settlers moved to Nangkita in 1894. The urgent priority was to drain the swamps as the land was too wet for agriculture, and so, unable to afford professional advice, the former city folk dug the Main Drain by hand, scooping out water with kerosene tins. This northern drain doubled as a primitive irrigation channel. The Main Drain stopped at its present position due to passionate disagreements (apparently an endemic problem amongst these settlements), and in fact the Nangkita settlement was dissolved in 1900 along with five others. In 1920 the Kingsland Scheme was a syndicate formed to use the channel and continue the draining, planning to create a reservoir in the next gully. Nothing eventuated however, because Kingsland himself drowned when his ship sank on a trip to England to raise the finance!

**REFERENCES**
R. Bourman, "A Study in Social and Industrial Archaeology in the Environ of Nangkita, South Australia" in South Coast and District Papers (n.d.)
Verbal Dorothy Jacobs and Ann Riddle 12.6.85

**PHOTOGRAPH**
Film No. 1213 Negative No. 8
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Nangkita was one of the only two village settlements not located along the Upper River Murray, and the Main Drain and waterfall are the most significant and enduring relics of a fascinating social experiment.

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**Heritage Survey**

**Item Identification Sheet**

| **ITEM NAME:** | Slab Hut
| Former or other |

**Description:** This single room hut is constructed of split red gum vertical slabs with the NW wall formed almost entirely of a massive stone and pug chimney. The roof is of galvanized iron and the building is in poor condition but all the original materials appear to be on site.

**Historical Summary:** Thomas Attrill was the original owner and possibly the builder of this early cottage, which he used as a residence. The building may date from the earliest years of farming settlement in the district. Farming settlers selected land in the foothills behind Port Elliot from the 1840s. The first main road from Adelaide to Port Elliot was formed by way of the Crow's Nest in 1847, and this residence is located on that road.

**Heritage Significance:** This unusual early cottage reflects one of the earliest forms of residential construction used by the farming pioneers of the district. It is also a good representative example of the use of native red gum as constructional material.

**References**


J.C. Tolley, *South Coast Story* (1968) p.26

Verbal

Archival photographs

**Photograph**

Film No. 1206 Negative No. 1

**Location**

Address: Crows Nest Rd.

**Subject**

4.10

**Use**

Study Area

1836-61

**Type of Item**

- Land Natural Feature
- Historical Site
- Historical Garden
- Building

**Physical Condition**

**Status**

Reg. of State Her. Items

- Reg. Interim
- Nomination

National Estate

- Reg. Proposed

National Trust

- CL
- RL
- File
- Other

**Land Title**

C.T. 1825/102

**Recommendation**

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**Item Identification Sheet**

**Item Name:** Grave

**Former or Other**

**Description:** Located in an isolated area known as Silver Hill, the rectangular slate tombstone and relics of the original slip-rail fence are now protected by a modern wooden rail enclosure. The tombstone is inscribed: "In memory of Milicent The beloved wife of George Bell Died January 19th 1864, Aged 30 years."

**Historical Summary:** The grave is the sole surviving relic from the Bible Christian Church at Silver Hill, part of the settlement of Castle Range which grew up in the early 1850s and was largely abandoned in the following decade due to the lack of water and generally bleak conditions.

The story of Milicent Bell’s death is a tragic one. “On a hot day in January, 1864, George Knight was driving his bullock team from the hills north of Middleton into Goolwa with a load of wood for the paddle steamers, when he came across a young lady also on her way to Goolwa. Being kind-hearted, he offered her a ride as she was probably carrying produce to sell for groceries... A short time after, something startled the bullocks and they broke into a trot, taking the waggon over some stones and Mrs. Bell was thrown off and killed."  

The slate gravestone was carved by George Sara, the prominent Willunga builder, and marks the only identified grave site amongst some ten or fifteen believed to have been buried there, who were mostly children who died of diptheria.

**References:**
1. The Chronicle 12/11/1971  
   Noack et al. p.82

**Photograph**

Film No. 1215 Negative No. 2

**Prepared by Heritage Investigations and Historical Consultant Pty Ltd 198**
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: A romantic and well-cared for site, Milicent Bell's grave represents one amongst hundreds of accidental deaths on the road in the hazardous, pioneering, years of settlement, and also memorializes the common story of the rapid growth and decline of an early community.
**HERITAGE SURVEY**

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET**

**ITEM NAME:** "Southcote" Farm Complex  
Former or other

**DESCRIPTION:** In a spectacular hillside position this extensive farm complex is constructed of local bluestone and local (Batson's) red bricks. Parts of the Willunga slate roof survive on the house, and some scarce early large fluted galvanized iron remains on the roof of the barn. A slate wine tank and relics of a wine press remain as does a domed underground water tank. The property has been extensively restored by the current owners.

**HISTORICAL SUMMARY:** The first house ("Rosebanks") on the property was built about 1854 and was occupied by Buxton Forbes Laurie and his family until the present larger house was completed in January 1858. The first house was burnt out in the bushfires of 1945 and is now in ruins. However, the second house has been carefully restored. It was built by Mr. Gault who purchased the pit-sawn blue gum roof timbers and Nangawooka Corner on the present Victor Harbor to Adelaide main road. Laurie planted a vineyard on the slope north of the present house in 1853 and later produced several good vintages. For many years the Crow's Nest Road was the main road between Adelaide and Encounter Bay and it was near "Southcote" in 1864 that the Rev. Ridgway Newland was thrown from the mail coach. He died shortly afterwards at "Southcote".

**REFERENCES**

Noack et al., p.80

Verbal Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Film No. 1207 Negative No. 1
Buxton Forbes Laurie was the Stipendiary Magistrate for Port Elliot and Goolwa from 1854 and it is said that many improvements at "Southcote" were completed by men under the employ of "hard labour". "Southcote" remained in the Laurie family until 1896.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: This large and handsome house, constructed of the best locally available materials of bluestone and Batson bricks, stands as a fitting residence of a family of note. Its historical associations are increased to the death there of Rev. Ridgway Newland, founder of "Yilki".

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**ITEM NAME:** "Brooklands" Complex
Former or other

**DESCRIPTION:** This main homestead is an attractive Georgian style, two storey bluestone homestead, which overlooks Port Elliot. The bluestone was quarried on the property and the house displays a very good standard of stone masonry. Stone is used throughout and fine craftsmanship is evident in the cornerstones, window and door arches and lintels. The roof timbers for the original slate roof (replaced by iron) remain. A short distance away the original cottage is a low rubble stone building, constructed in two distinct stages.

**HISTORICAL SUMMARY:** Thomas and Rebecca Mayfield arrived in South Australia in 1839 and immediately took up occupational leases at Currency Creek and in County Robe. The original cottage of the Brooklands complex was built in 1839 and lived in by the Mayfields while the first section of the nearby homestead was constructed. This was completed in 1849 and further sections added later. Title was granted in 1850. Thomas Mayfield was very active in local affairs such as petitioning to form the Encounter Bay Council. A.W. Williamson bought the property in 1898 and it was retained by his family for the next 60 years.

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:** The original cottage is outstanding as an intact survivor from the earliest period of settlement in the State. Historical interest also arises from its association with one of the most prominent of the first settlers in the region.

**REFERENCES**
Noack et al., p.79

Verbal Mr. Stefan Heysen, 30.5.85
Archival photographs
DESCRIPTION: This small cottage built of local bricks from the adjacent brickyard (now demolished) is of characteristic early design. It is now roofed in galvanized iron and the walls are painted white. Original small paneled sash windows have survived.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY: The original brickyard was opened by Messrs Archer and Chantrill in the early 1850s or possibly earlier. By 1854 they had sold the yard to Edward and Gerard Wood who supplied a dense, bright coloured brick for St. Jude's Church, Port Elliot and many other buildings in the district. The brickworks, later known as Messrs. Wood and Rowland, amalgamated with the Green Bros. in about 1920 to form the Arcadian Brick Company Ltd. which continued "essentially manual" production of bricks here until the 1950s.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: The house is the last surviving relic of what has been described as one of the earliest brick works established in the State. It is also a good example of vernacular building.

REFERENCES
Noack et al., p.86
Verbal
Archival photographs

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Film No. 1208 Negative No. 1
ITEM NAME: Former Arcadian Brickworks

DESCRIPTION: This recently closed down brickworks remains largely intact and includes arched kilns, two square chimney stacks, galvanized iron roofed drying sheds and a large pug hole.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY: The works were started in about 1900 by Green Bros., who amalgamated with Wood and Rowland to form the Arcadian Brick Company Ltd. in about 1920. The works were sited on extensive deposits of alluvial clay which was mined to a depth of 18 feet. (Clay deposits were over 60 feet deep) The principal plant of the Company was located at this site. In 1926 it was described as including machinery for the production of wire-cut and sandstock bricks and three arched kilns.

The Company served the district from Port Victor eastward and northward until it met with the competition of the more northerly works. Samco Brickworks acquired the brickmaking plant in the 1950s.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: The brickworks is the most substantial surviving industrial relic of this highly important early industry in Waterport.

REFERENCES
Noack et al., p. 86

Archival photographs

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**ITEM NAME:** Barn
Former or other "Stansfield"

**DESCRIPTION:** This finely constructed stone building has survived in sound original condition. Of particular note are the stone window and door arches.

**HISTORICAL SUMMARY:** William Metcalf and his family first took up the land in 1850 and built the barn shortly afterwards. The bricks in the chimney bear the frogmark 'A & C' and would have been produced at Archer and Chantrill's Brickyard (see Item 36) in the early 1850s. The barn has two small rooms, a storeroom and a large room, and was run as a shop in the 1860s by Miss Selina Metcalf. In 1867, she married William Harding and for a year they used the barn as their home. Prior to this, the barn had also been used as a school room by Mr. McClintock. The old house on the property is now in ruins.

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:** The building is a remarkably well preserved and outstanding example of local stone work dating from the earliest period of settlement in the region.

**REFERENCES**
Noack et al., p.86
E. Morison, Recollections of the South Coast area (1978), p.46

Verbal
Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**
Film No. 1207 Negative No. 10
ITEM NAME: Railway Bridge
Former or other Watson Gap

DESCRIPTION: This is a single span reinforced concrete arch 10 metre span single track bridge. The total length of the structure is 37 metres. The bridge is of stark, unadorned design.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY: The original bridge carrying the tramway and later the railway across Watson's Gap was built of hardwood timber. The Art Gallery of South Australia holds a water-colour of the bridge by Robert E. Minchin, c. 1860. This original bridge was completely dismantled and replaced with a concrete arch structure in 1905. It was designed by Moncreiff for the South Australian Railways.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: The site has long associations with the original tramway and railway transport in the district. In addition, the 1905 concrete bridge was the first of its kind in Australia and is, therefore, of national significance in engineering heritage.

REFERENCES
Noack et al., p.91
Institution of Engineers Australia, Register of Heritage Items 24/1/85

Verbal
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH
Film No. 1209 Negative No. 4

LOCATION
Address
Town Port Elliot
Postcode 20
Section 20 Hundred Goolwa
County L.G.A. Pt.Elliot & Goolwa
S.H.P. Region 4
A.M.G. Ref. 6626-IV
54 28800 606490

SUBJECT
4.7

PERIOD
State
Study Area
1881-1919

TYPE OF ITEM
LAND Natural feature
Historical site
Historical Gdn.
BUILDING
STRUCTURE
PHYSICAL CONDITION

STATUS
Reg. of State Her. Items
Reg. Interim L X
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National Estate
Reg. Proposed L
National Trust
CL RL X File
Other
Institution of Engineers Australia (SA)

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RECOMMENDATION
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ITEM NAME: Saw Mill Site
Former or other

DESCRIPTION: Overgrown by brambles and creekside vegetation, this early site comprises the relics of a mill race and dam, engine mounting block and raised earthen floor platforms, and a rubble causeway leading across the swamp.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY: The first Currency Creek Special Survey of the 1840s noted a saw mill located next to "Strathrannoch", the original farmhouse in this area.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: This early industrial site has high archaeological value as a scarce example of a water powered saw mill.

REFERENCES
Verbal Ann Riddle 12.6.85
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH
Film No. 1214 Negative No. 2

STATUS
Reg. of State Her. Items Reg. Interim L Nominated
National Estate Reg. Proposed L
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Other

LAND TITLE
C.T. 4182/813

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**HERITAGE SURVEY**  
**ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET**

**ITEM NAME:** House Complex  
Former or other "Higginsbrook"

**DESCRIPTION:** The original stone homestead was built in five sections with one section having a slate roof and the others corrugated iron. It is now derelict. The ruins of a large stable at the rear are also of interest.

**HISTORICAL SUMMARY:** The Higgins family was one of the earliest to settle in the district and first came to the Currency Creek district in 1840 when they built the first section of the old "Higgins Brook" Homestead. It was situated on a large tract of land taken up by Higgins, who also owned the land upon which he later established the township of Middleton. In about 1868, the family moved to a new house, "Burnt Oaks", elsewhere on the property and still later erected the present "Higgins Brook" homestead.  
Colonel Thomas Walker Higgins was well known as Colonel of the Southern Regiment, a Mounted Cavalry Unit. The Unit undertook guard duties at Vice-Regal occasions. On his farm, he bred Devon cattle and working bullocks, ran crossbreed sheep and supplied the whaling stations at Encounter Bay in the early 1840s.

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:** Higgins was a major figure in the original European settlement of the district and instrumental in its further pastoral, agricultural, urban and social growth. The house illustrates a fascinating linear development in the characteristic vernacular style of the earliest settlement period of the State.

**REFERENCES**  
Noack et al., pp. 4, 97

Verbal Lynette Higgins 21.6.85  
Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**  
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ITEM NAME: House Ruin and Barn
Former or other

DESCRIPTION: This picturesque small farm complex comprises an intact stone barn with underground creamery and the ruins of a small stone and pug house. The massive chimney with arched red gum fire place lintel remains intact. An old pepper tree and apple tree grow close beside the buildings.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY: This complex is associated with the Dent family, who first settled at Port Elliot in 1852. T. Agin Dent, a founder of the Port Elliot life saving and rescue club (who swam out and rescued ten crew of the wrecked "Flying Fish" in 1861) married Margaret Burgar from a local and very strict Scottish family in about 1862 and they moved to Currency Creek, erecting the buildings at about this time. Agin, followed by his son Stewart, developed an orchard and commercial vegetable garden as well as running sheep and dairy cattle. The property remained in the family until 1926 when they sold out to the Scotts, a wealthy local pioneering family. Only several months later, much of the complex was burnt out in the fire which raged across much of the region and which also destroyed sections of the nearby Stewart's Bridge.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: The attractive group well illustrates the humble vernacular tradition of small farm building, contrasting in scale to the region's many grand farm complexes of the period. It also has high landscape value in the historic Currency Creek area.

REFERENCES

Verbal  Ron Dent and Christine Foale, 25.9.85
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH

Film No. 1214 Negative No. 9

PROJECT

HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 4
Item Ref. No. 48

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

LOCATION
Address
Town  Currency Creek
Postcode  2078
Section  2078
Hundred Goolwa
County  L.G.A. Pt. Elliot & Goolwa
S.H.P.  R. 4
A.M.G. Ref. 6627-111
54 29300 607570

SUBJECT

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USE

PERIOD

State

Study Area
1862-80

TYPE OF ITEM

LAND Natural feature [ ]
Historical sites [ X]
Historical Gdn. [ ]

BUILDING STRUCTURE

PHYSICAL CONDITION

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LAND TITLE
C.T. 3394/67

RECOMMENDATION

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**HERITAGE SURVEY**

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET**

**ITEM NAME:** Barn
Former or other

**LOCATION**
Address Glenford Gully Road, Middleton

**DESCRIPTION:** This fine early building, constructed entirely of bluestone in the local vernacular style, has a slate roof, mostly intact. The internal beams and lintels are hand hewn logs.

**HISTORICAL SUMMARY:** The barn is believed to have been built about 1851 and is thought to have been used also for church services in its early years.

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:** An excellent example of a vernacular farm outbuilding with a typical varied usage, the barn also has high aesthetic value.

**REFERENCES**
Noack et al., p.83

**PHOTOGRAPH**
Film No. 1215 Negative No. 8

**PROJECT**
HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 4
Item Ref. No. 50

**OFFICE USE**
ITEM NO.
DOCKET No.

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**PERIOD**
State
Study Area
1836-61

**TYPE OF ITEM**
- LAND Natural feature
- Historical site
- Historical Gdn.
- BUILDING
- STRUCTURE
- PHYSICAL CONDITION

**STATUS**
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National Estate Reg. Proposed L
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**LAND TITLE**
C.T. 4165/734

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ITEM NAME: "Pleasant Banks"

DESCRIPTION: This group of solidly built buildings comprising a bluestone homestead, limestone outbuildings and stone fences is located in an attractive setting overlooking the Southern Ocean.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY: The original house of four rooms was built in 1857 for Charles Abraham Basham by the builder, Mr. Ellis. The house was enlarged in 1914. Basham was an important commercial entrepreneur, building a large flour mill (since demolished) on section 2284 in about 1852-3 which operated until 1876. The Basham Brothers also established a dairy factory behind the old Port Elliot Hotel in 1890. The house has continued in the ownership of the Basham family.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: A highly aesthetic complex, "Pleasant Banks" well exemplifies the vernacular development of the property of a prosperous and influential local family.

REFERENCES
Noack et al., p.79
National Trust 2279

Verbal
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH
Film No. 1216 Negative No. 1

PROJECT
HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 4
Item Ref. No. 55

LOCATION
Address Basham Beach Road,
Town Middleton
Postcode
Section 2303
Hundred Goolwa
County
L.G.A. Pt.Elliot & Goolwa
S.H.P. Region 4
A.M.G. Ref. 6626-IV
54 29110 606700

SUBJECT
4.1

USE

PERIOD
State
Study Area 1836-61
1862-80
1881-1919

TYPE OF ITEM
LAND Natural feature
Historical site
Historical Gdn.
BUILDING
STRUCTURE
PHYSICAL CONDITION

STATUS
Reg. of State Her. Items
Reg. Interim L
Nominated
National Estate
Reg. Proposed L
National Trust
CL RL File
Other

LAND TITLE
C.T. 3964/12

RECOMMENDATION
(A) State (B) Local

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FILE
**HERITAGE SURVEY**

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET**

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**DESCRIPTION:** This small schoolroom with basement is constructed of finely laid coursed bluestone with local red brick quoins, window and door surrounds. The original slate roof is largely intact. Although in disrepair, remnants of unusual multi-paned casement windows survive.

**HISTORICAL SUMMARY:** The schoolroom is believed to have been built between 1850 and 1860 for C.J. Anstey, who conducted a private school for boys. His house, "Waverley", stands on the adjoining block.

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:** Of the many schools that once flourished in the region, this schoolroom is one of the oldest and most interesting examples, and illustrates the early individual social development of Waterport.

**REFERENCES**

Noack et al., p. 89
Morison, *Recollections of the South Coast Area* (1978), p.46

Verbal
Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Film No. 1208 Negative No. 6

**PROJECT**

HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 4
Item Ref. No. 64

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

**LOCATION**

Address Waterport Rd.
Town Port Elliot
Postcode
Section Part 2289
Hundred Goolwa
County L.G.A. Pt.Elliot & Goolwa
S.H.P. Region 4
A.M.G. Ref. 6626-1V

**SUBJECT**

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2.6

**USE**

**PERIOD**

Study Area
1836-61

**TYPE OF ITEM**

LAND Natural feature
Historical site
Historical Gdn.

BUILDING

STRUCTURE

PHYSICAL CONDITION

**STATUS**

Reg. of State Her. Items
Reg. Interim L - Nominated
National Estate
Reg. Proposed L
National Trust
CL RL File Other

**LAND TITLE**

C.T. 4060/397

**RECOMMENDATION**

(A) State X (B) Local

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198
**ITEM NAME:** "Heathfield" House and Outbuildings

**DESCRIPTION:** This imposing two storied bluestone house with rendered brick quoins and window surrounds was built in a Georgian style and originally comprised nine rooms. The house doubled in size with the later brick additions at the rear, when a large arched portico and balcony was added on to the front. The extensive verandahs have curved iron roofing and slate paving. Internal fittings include cedar cupboards and mantelpieces, a ballroom with marble mantelpiece and three ceilings with ornate centres. Among the outbuildings of particular interest is the underground coolroom and storehouse with timber pegged window louvres.

**HISTORICAL SUMMARY:** Originally known as "Bow Lodge", the house was built in 1864 by Mr. Gault for Port Elliot storekeeper, P.C. Greayer, who lived in the house until 1872. During the later 1870s the house was owned and renamed "Heathfield" by Alfred Hallett. It was used as a summer residence for several years by the Governor, Sir William Jervois.

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:** One of the more impressive early residences of the area, the house and outbuildings have much architectural and aesthetic value, with the association of the Governor increasing the historical interest.

**REFERENCES**
Noack et al., p. 90
National Trust 1266
Verbal Mrs. Langham (owner) 30/5/85
Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**
Film No. 1208 Negative No. 10

**LOCATION**
Address Waterport Rd.,
Town Port Elliot
Postcode 5215
Section Part 2289
Hundred Goolwa
County L.G.A. Pt. Elliot & Goolwa
S.H.P. Region 4
A.M.G. Ref. 6626-IV

**SUBJECT**
1.4
2.1
3.2

**USE**
State
Study Area
1862-80

**TYPE OF ITEM**
LAND Natural feature
Historical site
Historical Gdn.
BUILDING
STRUCTURE

**PHYSICAL CONDITION**

**STATUS**
Reg. of State Her. Items
Reg. Interim L
Nominated
National Estate
Reg. Proposed L
National Trust
CL RL File X
Other

**LAND TITLE**
C.T. 1833/32

**RECOMMENDATION**
(A) State X (B) Local

**PREPARED BY**
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ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET

ITEM NAME: Royal Family Hotel
Former or other

DESCRIPTION: A rendered two storey stone building, the hotel was constructed in several stages. Along the main road frontage is a fine early twentieth century decorative timber verandah and balcony.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY: The hotel is on the site of a store built in the 1860s for P.C. Greayer. Part of the walls of the store are incorporated into the hotel dining room. The hotel was built about 1885 for the Basham Brothers, who took over and transferred the licence of the nearby Port Elliot Hotel.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Associations with the early commercial history of the town and with a leading entrepreneurial family increase the value of this well known landmark.

REFERENCES
Noack et al. p. 49
Verbal
Archival photographs

LOCATION
Address Lot 114
Town Port Elliot
Postcode
Section Part 107
Hundred Goolwa
County
L.G.A. Pt.Elliot & Goolwa
S.H.P. Region 4
A.M.G. Ref. 6626-IV

SUBJECT
4.6

USE

PERIOD
State
Study Area
1881-1919

TYPE OF ITEM
LAND Natural feature
Historical site
Historical Gdn.
BUILDING
STRUCTURE
X
PHYSICAL CONDITION

STATUS
Reg. of State Her. Items
Reg. Interim L
Nominated
National Estate
Reg. Proposed L
National Trust
CL RL File
Other

LAND TITLE
C.T. 4175/781

RECOMMENDATION
(A) State
(B) Local

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**HERITAGE SURVEY**
**ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET**

**ITEM NAME:** Former Port Elliot Hotel
Former or other "Arnella"

**DESCRIPTION:** A prominently sited characteristic early hotel, the building is constructed of stone and local brick. A timber balcony and verandah has been added to the early parapet facade.

**HISTORICAL SUMMARY:** In 1850, Thomas Dodd, the sole inhabitant of Freeman's Nob, planned construction of a hotel in anticipation of the creation of a port, subsequently Port Elliot. The Port Elliot Hotel, completed in 1852, is the year Port Elliot was surveyed was thus the town's very first building as well as its first licensed premises. The licencee was Henry Barton. Included with the hotel were a large assembly room, stables and bullock yards. The assembly room was the venue for many local celebrations such as the dinner in March 1855 held in honour of Thomas Jones, Superintendent of the Line and to celebrate completion of the Tramway. In 1880, the formal opening of the Institute Library was celebrated in the assembly room.

About 1884 the licence ceased and the property was purchased by Mr. Basham. He transferred the licence to his new Royal Family Hotel and converted the former hotel into a coffee house known as "Anglesea House" and the stables for use as a dairy factory (now demolished). Mr. Basham leased the property to the Shipard family who ran a Coffee Palace, "Bayswater House". The name was changed to "Arnella" in 1925 and it is now a guest house. The assembly has been demolished.

**REFERENCES**
Noack et al., pp. 7, 50

Verbal
Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**
Film No. 1210 Negative No. 4

**LOCATION**
Address North Terrace
Town Port Elliot
Postcode
Section Part 107
Hundred Goolwa
County
L.G.A. Pt.Elliot & Goolwa
S.H.P. Region 4
A.M.G. Ref. 6626-IV

**SUBJECT**
2.1
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**USE**

**PERIOD**
State
Study Area
1836-61

**TYPE OF ITEM**
LAND Natural feature
Historical site
Historical Gdn.

BUILDING
STRUCTURE
PHYSICAL CONDITION

**STATUS**
Reg. of State Her. Items
Reg. Interim L
Nominated
National Estate
Reg. Proposed L
National Trust
CL RL File
Other

**LAND TITLE**
C.T. 799/65
(D.P. 2797)

**RECOMMENDATION**
(A) State
(B) Local

**PREPARED BY**
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HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Apart from its considerable local significance as the town's earliest surviving building, its original hotel and one of its main guest-houses, the former Port Elliot Hotel is a classic example of the intimate relationship between private speculators and Government activity in the development of South Australian towns. It is all the more remarkable in that the hotel was started even before Port Elliot itself came into existence.
**HERITAGE SURVEY**

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET**

| ITEM NAME: | Attached Houses  
Former or other "Granite Villa" |

**DESCRIPTION:** These two attached houses, each of substantial size, overlook Augusta Square. They are built of dressed granite and each has a prominent villa front with gable roof. Original scalloped bargeboards are attractive features.

**HISTORICAL SUMMARY:** The attached dwellings were built in about 1870.

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:** This building pair best illustrates the rare use of local Port Elliot granite. Of an unusual, imposing size for the town, the maisonettes are of notably fine construction and in original condition.

**REFERENCES**
Noack et al., p.58
Verbal
Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**
Film No. 1211 Negative No. 3

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**PROJECT**
HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 4
Item Ref. No. 90

**LOCATION**
Address 7 and 9 Mason St
Town Port Elliot
Postcode
Section
Hundred Goolwa
County
L.G.A.Pt.Elliot & Goolwa
S.H.P. Region 4
A.M.G. Ref. 6626-IV

**SUBJECT**
2.2
4.10

**USE**

**PERIOD**
State
Study Area
1862-80

**TYPE OF ITEM**
LAND Natural feature
Historical site
Historical Gdn.

**BUILDING STRUCTURE**

**PHYSICAL CONDITION**

**STATUS**
Reg. of State Her. Items
Reg. Interim L Nominated X
National Estate
Reg. Proposed L
National Trust
CL RL File
Other

**LAND TITLE**
C.T. 1913/134

**RECOMMENDATION**
(A) State X (B) Local

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**DESCRIPTION:** This typical early shop is situated in Port Elliot's historical town centre. Originally built with a parapet, the brick and stone building still contains fine intact multi-paned shop windows.  

**HISTORICAL SUMMARY:** This shop with residence served the town of Port Elliot in a variety of ways. It appears to date from the town's earliest years, the 1850s. The District Council of Port Elliot and Goolwa operated from the building from 1865 to 1879. Literary enthusiasts met in the shop prior to the construction of the Institute Library. The owner in the latter nineteenth century was Alfred Franklin Rich.  

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:** This attractive early shop forms an integral part of the heritage area of Port Elliot.  

**REFERENCES**  
Noack et al., p. 52  
Verbal  
Archival photographs  

**PHOTOGRAPH**  
Film No. 1210 Negative No. 11  

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**LOCATION**  
Address: 45 The Strand  
Town: Port Elliot  
Postcode:  
Section:  
Hundred: Goolwa  
County: L.G.A. Pt.Elliot & Goolwa  
S.H.P. Region: 4  
A.M.G. Ref.: 6626-IV  

**SUBJECT**  
3.3  
4.6  

**USE**  

**PERIOD**  
State  
Study Area  
1862-80  

**TYPE OF ITEM**  
LAND Natural feature  
Historical site  
Historical Gdn.  
BUILDING Structure  

**PHYSICAL CONDITION**  

**STATUS**  
Reg. of State Her. Items  
Reg. Interim L Nomination  
Reg. Proposed National Estate  
National Trust  
CL RL File Other  

**LAND TITLE**  
C.T. 4208/927  

**RECOMMENDATION**  
(A) State [X] (B) Local [ ]  

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**ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET**

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**DESCRIPTION:** The substantial coursed bluestone and local brick church has fine architectural details in the Norman-Gothic style. The separate hall is constructed of limestone rubble with red brick quoins.

**HISTORICAL SUMMARY:** In 1854, in the year that Port Elliot was proclaimed a town, a building committee was formed, which included Messrs. Landseer, Worsnop and Buxton Forbes Laurie, to organize the building of the district's first Anglican Church. The designs (including pews and tower) were prepared by Thomas Jones, who was at the same time superintending the construction of the Goolwa-Port Elliot railway line, jetties and breakwater. Contractors Shepherd and Pyke erected the church, Rev. James Farrell laid the foundation stone in 1854, the first service was held in the partly completed building at the end of that year, and it was officially opened in 1855.

Part of the tower was built in 1872, but it was not completed until 1937. The parish hall was designed for original use as a schoolroom by the noted Anglican designer, Mr. Mallyon, of Port Pirie. It was built by Geo. Coote and Chas Dodd in 1895.

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:** This early church has been associated with some of the leading citizens of Port Elliot from its earliest years, and is also a prominent landmark in the historical centre of the town.

**REFERENCES**

Noack et al., p. 51
Pomery, L., St. Jude's Church of England, Port Elliot 1854-1974

Verbal
Archival photographs Pomery, L. op.cit. pp.15-18 (1863, 1895, 1950s)

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Film No. 1210 Negative No. 6
Item Ref. No.: 95

L.G.A.: Port Elliot and Goolwa

Film No.: 1210
Negative No.: 5

Film No.: 1211
Negative No.: 1
**Heritage Survey**

**Item Identification Sheet**

| Item Name: | St. Jude's Rectory |
| Former or other |

**Description:**
The attractive house opposite St. Jude's Church is built of bluestone with local brick quoins. It has been built in several distinct stages with many of the earliest construction details still evident, such as the early multi-paned sash windows.

**Historical Summary:**
The Rectory was formerly a private residence of four rooms built for Mr. Harkins in about 1853. Harkins conducted a shoe store in the Strand and later constructed the Railway Hotel. The house and land was sold for use as a rectory in 1865, although it was already occupied by the Incumbent, Rev. E.T. Howell. The house was later extended.

**Heritage Significance:**
The original cottage is one of the earliest surviving residences in Port Elliot as well as being an integral part of the town's religious life as the Anglican Rectory since at least 1865.

**References:**
- Noack et al., p. 51

**Photograph:**
- Film No. 1210
- Negative No. 7

**Location:**
- Address: 24 The Strand
- Town: Port Elliot
- Postcode: 
- Section: 
- Hundred: Goolwa
- County: 
- S.H.P. Region: 4
- A.M.G. Ref.: 6626-IV

**Subject:** 2.5

**Use:**
- State:
- Study Area:
  - 1836-61

**Period:**
- State:

**Type of Item:**
- Building

**Physical Condition:**
- Structure

**Status:**
- Reg. of State Her. Items:
  - Reg. Interim
  - Reg. Proposed
- National Estate:
  - Reg.
  - Proposed
- National Trust:
  - CL
  - RL
  - File
- Other

**Land Title:**
- C.T. 125/247

**Recommendation:**
- (A) State
- (B) Local

**Prepared by Heritage Investigations and Historical Consultant:**
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**HERITAGE SURVEY**

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET**

**ITEM NAME:** Port Elliot Railway Station  
Former or other

**DESCRIPTION:** This small railway station building is a timber framed construction clad in weatherboard and a corrugated iron roof. Of particular interest are the wrought iron verandah brackets and semi-circular arches.

**HISTORICAL SUMMARY:** Construction work on extending the horse tramway from Port Elliot to Victor Harbour started in 1863, the contractor being Robert Redman. A stone station was built on the new station site and in 1867 a goods shed was erected (both since demolished). The final, existing development on the site was undertaken by contractor William Essery to plans by the South Australian Railways in 1911, when consideration for passenger facilities had superseded those for freight.

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:** The railway station was the final development in the early and fascinating rail transport history of Port Elliot, and reflects the growing influence of tourism in the region.

**REFERENCES**  
Noack et al., p.49  
State Heritage Branch files  

**PHOTOGRAPH**  
Film No. 1215 Negative No. 15

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**LOCATION**  
Address The Strand  
Town Port Elliot  
Postcode  
Section Hundred Goolwa  
County L.G.A. Pt.Elliot & Goolwa  
S.H.P. Region 4  
A.M.G. Ref. 6626-IV

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**PERIOD**  
State Study Area 1881-1919

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**USE**

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**TYPE OF ITEM**  
LAND Natural feature  
Historical site  
Historical Gdn.  
BUILDING  
STRUCTURE X  
PHYSICAL CONDITION

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**STATUS**  
Reg. of State Her. Items  
Reg. Interim LX  
Nominated  
National Estate  
Reg. Proposed L  
National Trust  
CL RL File

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**LAND TITLE**  
L.G. 853/126

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**RECOMMENDATION**  
(A) StateX (B) Local

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ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET

ITEM NAME: Former Council Chambers
Former or other

DESCRIPTION: This small bluestone building has red brick quoins, window surrounds and a decorative brick parapet to the front gable.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY: The allotment was set aside for Council purposes in February 1879 and the building was completed for use by Council in August 1879. The building work was by George Coote, mason and J.W. Freeman, carpenter. Renovation work was undertaken in 1920 and electric lights installed in 1932.
With the amalgamation of the District Council of Port Elliot, the Corporation of Port Elliot and the Corporation of Goolwa in May 1932, Council activities were transferred to Goolwa. The building remained in use for other Council purposes.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: This was Port Elliot's first and only purpose-built Council chamber and offices. Its small scale and well preserved condition have established it as a notable landmark in the historical centre of the town.

REFERENCES
Noack et al., p. 48

Verbal
Archival photographs Tolley, p. 40 (1890)

PHOTOGRAPH
Film No. 1210 Negative No. 2

PROJECT
HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 4
Item Ref. No. 102

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

LOCATION
Address The Strand
Town Port Elliot
Postcode
Section
Hundred Goolwa
County L.G.A. Pt.Elliot & Goolwa
S.H.P. Region 4
A.M.G. Ref. 6626-IV

SUBJECT 3.3

USE

PERIOD
State
Study Area 1862-80

TYPE OF ITEM
LAND Natural feature
Historical site Historical Gdn.

BUILDING
STRUCTURE

PHYSICAL CONDITION

STATUS
Reg. of State Her. Items
Reg. Interim L
Nominated
National Estate
Reg. Proposed L
National Trust
CL RL [ ] File
Other

LAND TITLE

RECOMMENDATION
(A) State [X] (B) Local

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198!
**ITEM NAME:** Former Institute & Library

**DESCRIPTION:** This massive stone and brick building was constructed in several stages. The imposing classical facade of the first stage is of particular note.

**HISTORICAL SUMMARY:** The first building, erected by George Coote in 1880 at a cost of 430 pounds, comprised a large room 20 x 12 feet and two smaller rooms. Provision was made on the site for the later erection of a hall. The formal opening of the reading room, library and committee room was celebrated on 15 October 1880 in the Assembly Room at the old Port Elliot Hotel.

The granite cornerstone of the hall building was laid by Miss Emily Chambers on 28th September 1882 and work in the hall, 60 x 28 feet, continued under the hand of mason Coote and carpenter A. Oliver. The building was designed by Samuel Trigg of Port Elliot "somewhat after the style of the Court House".

An additional room was added in 1905 but extensive additions including the large hall, additions to the library, billiard room, supper room and basement, were built by L.L. Brittain in 1927 at a cost of 3,573 pounds. The foundation stone of this work was laid by the Premier, Hon. R.D. Butler on 16th July 1927.

The building, with minor alterations, still functions as town hall and library.

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:** The Institute movement was a dominant social force throughout the State and led to the erection of many fine buildings. Prominently sited in the town, this building well represents the Movement and its involvement in the community.

**REFERENCES**
Noack et al., p.47
Verbal
Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**
Film No. 1210 Negative No. 1
**DESCRIPTION:** The fine building is constructed of bluestone with decorative, rendered quoins and porch and is sited on a prominent corner in the historical centre of the town. The stone outbuildings and walls are also of interest.

**HISTORICAL SUMMARY:** The first Court House on the site was built in 1855 by James Shaw Harding at a cost of £255. It was a room 16 x 20 feet, in similar style to the adjoining Police Station through which entry was made to the Court House. In July 1855, local residents held a luncheon in the new building for the Governor who was visiting the district. This building was replaced by the present larger one in 1866, built to the design of the Colonial Architect by William Baker at a cost of £1,629. It was occupied in February 1867 and functioned as a Court House until 1960 when the R.S.L. took it over for use as a Club Room.

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:** The complex is a fine example of the courthouses which were undertaken by the Adelaide authorities from the earliest period and which were extended and replaced during the 1860s.

**REFERENCES**
Noack et al., p.47
Tolley, p.29

Verbal
Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**
Film No. 1209 Negative No. 15

**PROJECT**
HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 4
Item Ref. No. 105

**LOCATION**
Address The Strand
Town Port Elliot
Postcode
Section
Hundred Goolwa
County L.G.A. Pt. Elliot & Goolwa
S.H.P. Region 4
A.M.G. Ref. 6626-IV

**SUBJECT** 3.5

**USE**

**PERIOD**
State
Study Area
1862-80

**TYPE OF ITEM**
LAND Natural feature
Historical site
Historical Gdn.
BUILDING
STRUCTURE

**PHYSICAL CONDITION**

**STATUS**
Reg. of State Her. Items
Reg. [X] Interim L [x]
Nominated
National Estate
Reg. [x] Proposed L
National Trust
CL [X] RL [ ] File
Other

**LAND TITLE**
C.T. 3584/180

**RECOMMENDATION**
(A) State [x] (B) Local [ ]

**PREPARED BY**
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HERITAGE SURVEY
ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET

ITEM NAME: Former Police Station Complex
Former or other

DESCRIPTION: This substantial building of limestone and local red brick retains many of its early structural features including multi-paned casement windows and original doors. The bluestone stables were later additions and the original roof was replaced with galvanized iron in 1869.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY: The original structure, costing £190 and erected by Thomas Jones, consisted of two rooms, a lock-up and basic stables on the site selected by Police Commissioner Alexander Tolmer. That first Station was occupied in December 1853 by two constables followed soon afterwards by a mounted constable and a police corporal. Improvements were made to the buildings and grounds in 1854 and 1855 as the building was also used as the Local Court and the Council office. A Local Court of limited jurisdiction for Goolwa and Port Elliot was proclaimed in January 1854 with Buxton Forbes Laurie as Magistrate. As Laurie was also Clerk of the newly-formed District Council of Encounter Bay, he found it convenient to use the same office. The first Council meetings were also held in the building. Court sessions continued to be held in the Police Station until erection of a separate Court House in 1855. Extensive additions were made to the Station in 1858. The Police Station building was vacated by the Police Department in 1960 and is now used as a residence. The former Police Stables are now the Guide Hall.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: Dating from the earliest period of Port Elliot, this complex has many valuable associations with the town's social, legal and municipal development.

REFERENCES
Noack et al., p.46
S.A. Archives 871 Colonial Architect Outgoing Letter Book
National Trust 371
Verbal
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH
Film No. 1209 Negative No. 14

PROJECT
HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 4
Item Ref. No. 106

LOCATION
Address 1 Young St.,
Town Port Elliot
Postcode
Section
Hundred Goolwa
County
L.G.A. Pt.Elliot & Goolwa
S.H.P. Region 4
A.M.G. Ref. 6626-IV

SUBJECT 3.5

USE

PERIOD State

Study Area
1836-61

TYPE OF ITEM
LAND Natural feature
Historical site
Historical Gdn.
BUILDING X
STRUCTURE

PHYSICAL CONDITION

STATUS
Reg. of State Her. Items
Reg. [X] Interim L [ ]
Nominated
National Estate
Reg. [X] Proposed L [ ]
National Trust
CL [X] RL [ ] File [ ]
Other

LAND TITLE
C.T. 3584/179

RECOMMENDATION
(A) State [X] (B) Local [ ]

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**ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET**

**ITEM NAME:** House  
Former or other  "Cove Cottage"

**DESCRIPTION:** The small house, built of travertine limestone with red brick quoins is well maintained and contributes to the historic streetscape of the Strand.

**HISTORICAL SUMMARY:** Previously known as "Cove Cottage" (a name which is now used for the cottage next door) this residence was the place in which Simpson Newland wrote his well-known novel, Paving the Way. A romance of the Australian Bush which was first published in 1893. Newland was a leading member of South Australian society, a former pastoralist on the River Darling, and represented Encounter Bay in the House of Assembly from 1881 to 1887, during which time he was Treasurer in the Downer Ministry of 1885-6. The house itself probably dates from the early 1880s.

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:** The Newland family had strong connections with the region (Simpson's father, the Rev. Ridgway was founder of "Yilki"), and the novel Paving the Way continues to be highly regarded and recommended by the local population. "Cove Cottage" is an attractive building with strong historical and literary associations.

**REFERENCES**
Noack et al., p. 54

Verbal L. Pomery, 1985
Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**
Film No. 1210 Negative No. 12

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**PROJECT**
HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 4
Item Ref. No. 116

**LOCATION**
Address 5 The Strand  
Town Port Elliot  
Postcode  
Section  
Hundred Goolwa  
County L.G.A. Pt. Elliot & Goolwa  
S.H.P. Region 4  
A.M.G. Ref. 6626-IV

**SUBJECT**  2.1

**USE**

**PERIOD**
State
Study Area 1881-1919

**TYPE OF ITEM**
LAND Natural feature  
Historical site  
Historical Gdn.  
BUILDING  
STRUCTURE

**PHYSICAL CONDITION**

**STATUS**
Reg. of State Her. Items
Reg. Interim L  
Nominated
National Estate  
Reg. Proposed L  
National Trust CL RL File
Other

**LAND TITLE**
C.T. 2771/134

**RECOMMENDATION**
(A) State  Local

**PREPARED BY**
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**ITEM NAME:** Obelisk
Former or other

**DESCRIPTION:**
The stone obelisk is eight metres high and is mounted on a square base. It has been rendered and painted and is a prominent landmark.

**HISTORICAL SUMMARY:**
When the Port Elliot site was decided upon by the Government as the sea-port for the new River Murray trade, the obelisk was one of the first structures erected, in 1852, the year the town was surveyed. It was built by William Rogers on Freeman's Nob as a guide to shipping about to enter Horseshoe Bay. Freeman's Nob was previously used by whalers as a vantage point and impressed Captain Lipson as the suitable site for a beacon. The obelisk was designed to be visible for 10 miles and a blue flag was flown on days when the channel between the Nob and Pullen's Point was unsafe for shipping.

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:**
This prominent structure, clearly visible from land and sea, is of great significance as one of a series of public works which were undertaken to establish a sea-port as the outlet for the anticipated massive River Murray trade.

**REFERENCES**
Noack et al., pp. 5, 44-45
Tolley p.34

Verbal
Archival photographs Tolley, p.41 (1910)

**PHOTOGRAPH**
Film No. 1209 Negative No. 11

**LOCATION**
Address Freeman's Nob
Town Port Elliot
Postcode
Section
Hundred Goolwa
County
L.G.A. Pt.Elliot & Goolwa
S.H.P. Region 4
A.M.G. Ref. 6626-IV

**SUBJECT**
4.7

**PERIOD**
State
Study Area
1836-61

**TYPE OF ITEM**
LAND Natural feature
Historical site
Historical Gdn.
BUILDING
STRUCTURE X
PHYSICAL CONDITION

**STATUS**
Reg. of State Her. Items
Reg. X Interim L
Nominated
National Estate
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National Trust
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Other
Institution of Engineers Australia (SA)

**LAND TITLE**

**RECOMMENDATION**
(A) State X (B) Local

**PREPARED BY**
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**ITEM NAME:** Port Elliot Jetty and Sea Wall

**DESCRIPTION:** This small timber jetty has been altered and repaired several times and is now about half the width of the original. It was rebuilt on the original piles in 1956. A granite rubble retaining sea wall supports the original railway access way.

**HISTORICAL SUMMARY:** Horseshoe Bay was charted in 1850 and the port proclaimed in 1851, intended as the sea-port for the new River Murray trade.

In March 1850, R.T. Hill, a surveyor with the Harbour Commission, prepared initial estimates of cost of erecting a jetty at Horseshoe Bay and design drawings were prepared by W. Bennett Hayes, Colonial Architect. Work commenced in 1851 with William Rogers as Superintendent.

The original jetty, completed in 1852, was 100 feet in length. The depth of water at the end was 6 feet; therefore cargo had to be carried out to ships in lighters. Later, a 1½ ton capacity crane was erected at the end of the jetty.

In 1853, a water supply was connected to the jetty by a 2-inch cast iron pipe and ships casks could be filled through a stopcock and hose-pipe. In the twelve months following the opening of the tramway in 1854, the jetty saw the export of 5,510 bales of wool and 5,266 bags of wheat.

**REFERENCES**

Noack et al., pp. 5, 42
Tolley, p. 34

Verbal (Tolley, p.41 (1890)
Archival photographs (Goolwa Museum; DMH (drawings)

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Film No. 1209 Negative No. 12

**LOCATION**
Address Projecting into Town Port Elliot
Postcode 52990
Section Goolwa
Hundred Goolwa
County L.G.A. Pt.Elliot & Goolwa
S.H.P. Region 4
A.M.G. Ref. 6626-IV

**SUBJECT**

4.7

**USE**
State

**PERIOD**
Study Area 1836-61

**TYPE OF ITEM**

LAND Natural feature
Historical site
Historical Gdn.

BUILDING

STRUCTURE X

**PHYSICAL CONDITION**


**STATUS**

Reg. of State Her. Items Reg. Interim L Nominated
National Estate Reg. Proposed L
National Trust CL RL File
Other
Institution of Engineers Australia

**FINANCED BY**

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**PREPARED BY**

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HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: The jetty is of great significance as a major component in the series of public works which were undertaken to establish a sea-port as the outlet for the anticipated massive River Murray trade. The jetty was the first improvement commenced. Despite the transfer of the port's role to Victor Harbor in later years, the jetty remained an important feature of Port Elliot as its tourism role expanded.

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| ITEM No.  
| DOCKET No. |

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**ITEM NAME:** Breakwater and Quarry  
Former or other

**DESCRIPTION:** The breakwater is a substantial granite rubble construction extending into Horseshoe Bay from the base of the granite quarry at Freeman's Nob.

**HISTORICAL SUMMARY:** In 1852, 10,000 pounds was appropriated from the Land Fund for a breakwater designed to run from Freeman's Nob toward the western end of Pullen Island. The Colonial Architect, W. Bennett Hayes reported in July 1852 that preparations were under way to commence work. Buxton Forbes Laurie was made Superintendent of the Works in 1853 following his successful use of explosives on clearing the Port River. By the middle of that year, about 50 men were working at the site and 40 yards were completed, the granite blocks having been carried by wagons on a small railway from a quarry located on the side of Freeman's Nob at the rear of the breakwater. The power for the railway wagons was provided by the beam engine now at Goolwa. Work proceeded for the next three years but ceased after the severe storms of 1856 which damaged the breakwater, which was never repaired. The failure of the breakwater was remembered and corrected when the structure at Granite Island was built.

**REFERENCES**
Noack et al., pp. 43, 44  
Tolley, pp. 43-45  
Verbal  
Archival photographs Tolley, p.41 (1890)

**PHOTOGRAPH**
Film No. 1209 Negative No. 9

**LOCATION**
Address  
Town Port Elliot  
Postcode  
Section  
Hundred Goolwa  
County L.G.A. Pt. Elliot & Goolwa S.H.P. Region 4  
A.M.G. Ref. 6626-IV  
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**SUBJECT** 4.2  
4.7

**USE**

**PERIOD**
State  
Study Area 1836-61

**TYPE OF ITEM**
LAND Natural feature  
Historical site  
Historical Gdn.

**BUILDING STRUCTURE**

**PHYSICAL CONDITION**

**STATUS**
Reg. of State Her. Items  
Reg. Interim  
Nominated  
National Estate  
Reg. Proposed  
National Trust  
CL RL File  
Other  
Institution of Engineers Australia (SA)

**LAND TITLE**

**RECOMMENDATION**
(A) State
(B) Local

**PREPARED BY**
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HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: The quarry and breakwater are relics of the extensive public works undertaken by the Government to establish Port Elliot as the sea outlet for the new Murray trade. The breakwater's failure to avert the damage done to ships by heavy seas was a major factor in the end of Port Elliot's life as a port and the transfer to Victor Harbor in 1864. The structure remains a significant feature protruding into Horseshoe Bay.
ITEM NAME: Horseshoe Bay

DESCRIPTION: The small bay, approximately 500 metres across its entrance, is enclosed by low granite cliffs with a wide, sandy beach.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY: The area of Horseshoe Bay was proclaimed a port on 28th August 1851 following Thomas Lipson's survey of the proposed anchorage. In 1851, two moorings capable of holding large vessels were laid down in the Bay at a cost of 982 pounds. In the following years many ships entered the Bay including 19 in 1853, 52 in 1854, 85 in 1855 and 79 in 1856. However, 1856 saw several severe storms which wrecked or stranded 5 ships including the schooner Commodore. The disadvantages of the Bay as a harbour were apparent and in 1865, only one ship visited the harbour. The port was closed in the following year.

However, the beauty of Horseshoe Bay has remained to fascinate several generations of residents and holiday makers.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: A controversial choice for a port, Horseshoe Bay has been the scene of much commercial activity compressed into little more than a decade, and of many shipwrecks. It also holds significant relics of the town's port heritage area (see Items 122, 123 and 125). Its economic contribution to Port Elliot has continued with its attraction for the growing tourist trade which became a major industry in the region.

REFERENCES
Noack et al., p. 43
Verbal (DMH (drawings);
Archival photographs (Tolley, p.41 (1890), p.42 (1920)

PHOTOGRAPH
Film No. 1209 Negative No. 13
DESCRIPTION: Lying approximately 400 metres off Freeman's Nob, this small granite island is an attractive feature of Horseshoe Bay.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY: Originally called Lipson Island, this was renamed to honour W.J.S. Pullen, the Colonial Marine Surveyor. The island provides the main shelter for Horseshoe Bay from the strong southerly winds and was an important factor in the selection of the Bay as a harbour. It now provides a close, off-shore haven for seabirds and was declared a Conservation Park in 1967.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: The protection apparently offered by Pullen Island helped to decide the selection of Horseshoe Bay as the site for Port Elliot. Hence, apart from its significance as a major natural feature, the island has great historical significance also.

REFERENCES
Noack et al. p.44
Tolley, p.34

Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH
Film No. 1209 Negative No. 8
ITEM NAME: "Mindacowie" Guest House

DESCRIPTION: A landmark at the western end of the town, this characteristic two-storied limestone and brick building has a balcony and verandah and remains largely in good original condition.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY: By the turn of the century the South Coast had become a major tourist attraction. "Mindacowie" was erected in 1911 by John Abbott as a guest house for his sisters, the Misses Abbott. It has continued in that use to this day.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: "Mindacowie" amply reflects the significance the South Coast towns had assumed as tourist resorts by the turn of the century, its original function as a guest house continuing as the tourist trade increased during the twentieth century. It is also an excellent example of its type.

REFERENCES
Noack et al., p.68
Verbal
Archival photographs

LOCATION
Address: Goolwa Rd.,
Town: Middleton
Postcode:
Section:
Hundred: Goolwa
County:
L.G.A.: Pt.Elliot & Goolwa
S.H.P. Region: 4
A.M.G. Ref.: 6626-IV

SUBJECT
4.6

PERIOD
State
Study Area: 1881-1919

TYPE OF ITEM
LAND: Natural feature
Historical site
Historical Gdn.
BUILDING: X
STRUCTURE

PHYSICAL CONDITION

STATUS
Reg. of State Her. Items
Reg. Interim L
Nominated
National Estate
Reg. Proposed L
National Trust
CL RL File
Other

LAND TITLE
C.T. 2236/18

RECOMMENDATION
(A) State (B) Local

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**HERITAGE SURVEY**

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**DESCRIPTION:** This low vernacular cottage has been rendered and painted but retains original small-paned casement windows and doors.

**HISTORICAL SUMMARY:** Thomas Walker Higgins of "Higginsbrook" (see Item 46) first purchased this section in 1849, and had the area around the railway siding between Goolwa and Port Elliot surveyed and laid out as a town in October 1856. However, building had already started by then, with Limbert's store and Bowman's flour mill by 1855, when it was reported that there were already eight houses in the vicinity. It appears that this house was one of them, as Mr. Watson, an employee of the railway was an early owner, and the siding had been constructed and ready for use in September, 1854.

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:** As one of the oldest buildings in Middleton, the cottage is an attractive relic of the railway which provided the reason both for the town's initial development and later vicissitudes.

**REFERENCES**
- Noack et al., p. 68
- Tolley, p. 48
- Verbal
- Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**

- Film No. 1216
- Negative No. 4

**LOCATION**
- Address: 37 Goolwa Rd.
- Town: Middleton
- Postcode: 5216
- Section: 37
- Hundred: Goolwa
- County: L.G.A. Pt. Elliot & Goolwa
- S.H.P. Region: 4
- A.M.G. Ref.: 6626-IV

**SUBJECT**
- 2.2

**USE**
- Study Area

**PERIOD**
- State

**STATUS**
- Reg. of State Her. Items
- [ ] Reg. Interim
- [ ] Nominated
- National Estate
- [ ] Reg. Proposed
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- [ ] Other

**LAND TITLE**
- [ ]

**RECOMMENDATION**
- (A) State
- (B) Local

**PREPARED BY**
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- AND HISTORICAL CONSULTANTS Pty Ltd
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ITEM NAME: House
Former or other Former Schoolmaster's House

DESCRIPTION: This interesting low vernacular cottage contains half-paned casement windows. Its original wooden shingle roof has been replaced with galvanized iron.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY: One of the earliest buildings in Middleton, the house was the home of the schoolmaster, Mr. Yates, in the 1860s.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: The house is a good example of the vernacular construction of the earliest period of the Middleton railway settlement. Its historical connection with the school next door reinforces its value.

LOCATION
Address Lot 16
Town William St.
Postcode Middleton
Section Hundred Goolwa
County L.G.A. Pt.Elliot & Goolwa
S.H.P. Region 4
A.M.G. Ref. 6626-IV

SUBJECT 2.2
2.6

PERIOD State
Study Area
1836-51

REFERENCES
Noack et al. p.64
Verbal
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH
Film No. 1216 Negative No. 9

STATUS
Reg. of State Her. Items
Reg. Interim L
Nominated
National Estate
Reg. Proposed L
National Trust
CL RL File
Other

LAND TITLE
C.T. 4192/33

RECOMMENDATION
(A) State X (B) Local

PREPARED BY
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ITEM NAME: Former School

DESCRIPTION: This single roomed school building is constructed of rubble stone walling with local red brick quoins and semi-circular arched windows. The simple brick gable parapets are characteristic of this attractive type of small building.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY: The first school was established in Middleton in 1856 under Charles Smith, and has continued since then, occupying different buildings along the way. This building was the second schoolroom in use, purpose-built by a later teacher, probably Mr. Yates next door, and first used in October 1869 as the venue for school examinations for fifty-nine students (supervised by several prominent townspeople!)

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: The intimate scale of the single room, constructed entirely from local materials by the teacher, well represents the initiative and local involvement of communities in providing their public facilities during this period. The aesthetic appeal is reinforced by the former teacher's residence next door.

REFERENCES
Noack et al. p.64
Tolley, p.48
Verbal
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH
Film No. 1216 Negative No. 10

LOCATION
Address William St.,
Town Middleton
Postcode
Section
Hundred Goolwa
County
L.G.A. Pt.Elliot & Goolwa
S.H.P. Region 4
A.M.G. Ref. 6626-IV

SUBJECT 2.6

USE

PERIOD
State
Study Area
1862-80

TYPE OF ITEM
LAND Natural feature
Historical site
Historical Gdn. X

BUILDING STRUCTURE
PHYSICAL CONDITION

STATUS
Reg. of State Her. Items Reg. Interim L Nominated
National Estate Reg. Proposed L National Trust
CL RL File X Other

LAND TITLE
C.T. 594/70

RECOMMENDATION
(A) State X (B) Local

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ITEM NAME: Former Stables

DESCRIPTION: These stone and local brick stables are distinctive for their unusual wooden ventilation louvres, which are adjusted by a wooden peg system.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY: The stables formed part of the Middleton mill complex and would appear to date from 1855, the year in which the mill building itself was completed (see Former Mill, item no. 143).

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: As part of the former mill complex, the stables have much historical value. They also contribute to the very attractive streetscape around Goolwa Road and Mill Terrace and reinforce the impact of this highly significant heritage area.

REFERENCES
Noack et al. p. 61
Verbal
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH
Film No. 1217 Negative No. 8

LOCATION
Address Goolwa Rd.,
Town Middleton
Postcode
Section
Hundred Goolwa
County
L.G.A. Pt.Elliot & Goolwa
S.H.P. Region 4
A.M.G. Ref. 6626-IV

SUBJECT 4.3

USE

PERIOD
State
Study Area
1836-61

TYPE OF ITEM
LAND Natural feature
Historical site [X]
Historical Gdn.

BUILDING
STRUCTURE
PHYSICAL CONDITION

STATUS
Reg. of State Her. Items
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Nominated
National Estate
Reg. Proposed L
National Trust
CL RL File
Other

LAND TITLE
C.T. 4078/13

RECOMMENDATION
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Item Ref. No. 141
L.G.A.
Port Elliot and Goolwa

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**HERITAGE SURVEY**  
**ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET**

**ITEM NAME:** "Mill Cottage"  
 Former or other

**DESCRIPTION:** This attractive and quite substantial stone residence was originally the mill cottage, with extensive additions made during the working life of the mill, which towers over the cottage at the rear. It has been rendered and painted but retains some original shingle roofing underneath the galvanized iron.

**HISTORICAL SUMMARY:** The original cottage was built in 1855 at the same time as Bowman's Steam Flour Mill (see also item no. 143). It was the home of the proprietors during the operation of the mill. The large central room was also used for social and religious meetings.

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:** Apart from its important historical associations, the cottage stands at the entrance to a group of early buildings which in combination form a distinctive heritage character through their scale, design, relationship and use of local building materials.

**REFERENCES**
Noack et al., p.61

Verbal  
Archival photographs Tolley, p.43 (1910)

**PHOTOGRAPH**
Film No. 1216 Negative No. 15
HERITAGE SURVEY
ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET

ITEM NAME: Former Mill
Former or other

DESCRIPTION: This four storied bluestone mill building dominates the Middleton skyline. Its quoins, parapets and window surrounds are built of local Batson red brick. Distinctive features of the massive galvanized iron roof are two cantilevered gantries also sheathed in galvanized iron. Also notable are the small paneled horizontally sliding sash windows.

HISTORICAL SUMMARY: The Observer of 15 December 1855, reported:
"The large and commodious Steam Flour Mill at Middleton is now completed and has added much to the appearance and importance of this rising township. The engine is an elegant piece of workmanship...and is the first, I believe to be erected in the colony upon the new expansive principle."
The Steam Flour Mill was built in 1855 for Messrs. W. and A. Bowman. The chimney, which has since been demolished, was built of bluestone and bricks from the nearby Batson's Brickyard. The mill plant was driven by a 12 horsepower steam engine with a tubular type boiler. The engine was assembled by Messrs. Tuxford and installed by Josiah Oldfield. Large quantities of grain from nearby farms were milled by Bowman Brothers and flour was despatched up the River Murray by steamer and was exported from Port Elliot and Victor Harbor.

REFERENCES
Noack et al., pp. 60-1
National Trust 358

Verbal
Archival photographs Tolley, p.43 (1869, 1910)

PHOTOGRAPH
Film No. 1216 Negative No. 14

LOCATION
Address Mill Tce.,
Town Middleton
Postcode
Section
Hundred Goolwa
County
L.G.A. Pt.Elliot & Goolwa
S.H.P.
Region 4
A.M.G. Ref. 6626-IV

SUBJECT
4.3

USE

PERIOD
State
Study Area 1836-61

PROJECT
HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 4
Item Ref. No. 143

OFFICE USE
ITEM NO.
DOCKET NO.

TYPE OF ITEM
LAND Natural feature
Historical site X
Historical Gdn.

BUILDING STRUCTURE

PHYSICAL CONDITION

ARCHIVAL PHOTOGRAPHS Tolley, p.43 (1869, 1910)

REFERENCE
Noack et al., pp. 60-1
National Trust 358

Verbal
Archival photographs Tolley, p.43 (1869, 1910)

PHOTOGRAPH
Film No. 1216 Negative No. 14

STATUS
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Nominated
National Estate X
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National Trust
CL X RL File
Other

LAND TITLE
C.T. 4078/12

RECOMMENDATION
(A) State X (B) Local

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Due to the large interior spaces the mill was also used for civic functions. On 23 April 1869 when the railway line from Middleton to Strathalbyn was opened the town's residents celebrated with a luncheon held in the mill's storeroom. The mill was sold in 1889 to Fred Ellis for 1,000 pounds.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE: This early mill was the largest on the South Coast and is a fine example of industrial architecture.
**HERITAGE SURVEY**

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET**

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**ITEM NAME:** House (Batson)  
Former or other

**DESCRIPTION:** This small brick cottage features a decorative dental course, brick capped parapet gable ends and decorative chimney details. It has been partly rendered and painted.

**HISTORICAL SUMMARY:** The brickmaker's cottage marks the site of the well-known Batson's Brickyard. The brickyard was established by Mr. W. Batson in the mid-1850s and his son continued in operation until 1914. The works were located between the early township and the beach. The kiln stood directly behind the residence.

Batson's bricks, bearing the frogmark "W8", were hand made, dark and hard and were generally regarded as the best of the early South Coast bricks. Because of their fine qualities, the Batson bricks were often specified in Government contracts and the moulded bricks were particularly valued for applications such as church windows. Batson bricks were used, for example, in building "Southcote" for Buxton Forbes Laurie and in the chimney of Bowman's Steam Flour Mill at Middleton.

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:** The cottage stands as the last relic of what was once the South Coast's most important brickworks. The cottage was itself built of Batson's bricks, but its historical significance is enhanced due to its association with the brickyard and the brickmakers.

**REFERENCES**

Noack et al., p. 66

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**LOCATION**

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**SUBJECT**

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**USE**

State

**PERIOD**

Study Area

**TYPE OF ITEM**

LAND Natural feature
Historical site
Historical Gdn. X
BUILDING
STRUCTURE

**PHYSICAL CONDITION**

**STATUS**

Reg. of State Her. Items
Reg. Interim L
Nominated X
National Estate
Reg. Proposed L
National Trust
CL RL X File
Other

**RECOMMENDATION**

(A) State X (B) Local

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