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PORT WAKEFIELD
(Part)

HERITAGE SURVEY OF THE LOWER NORTH

Department of Environment and Planning
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(REGION 8 - SOUTH AUSTRALIA)

PART TWO

13. D.C. PORT WAKEFIELD

ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEETS


Funded by the South Australian Heritage Committee and the Australian Heritage Commission (National Estate Programme, 1981/2).
ITEM NAME: Brick lined well and tank
Former or other

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This was a watering spot for teams hauling ore along the gulf route from Burra to Port Wakefield. This was located near the "Two Mile" Rest House two miles from the end of the road. (See separate sheet - Rest house ruin).

A depression in the ground fenced on either side marks the track from the "Two Mile" and the main road to this well, which provided a reliable water supply on the dry coastal plain. The well lies in the bed of the River Wakefield.

The well and tank also served most of the Inkerman district during dry years.

REFERENCES

Moyle, The Wakefield..., p.177

Verbal Ted Korreng, 1982
Archival photographs
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The "Two Mile" was a horse changing station and Inn - the first stop from Port Wakefield on the copper route or "Gulf Road" to Burra. Only a few piles of limestone rubble and an aged peppercorn tree remain at the site. Over the main road to the north, an eroded depression leads to a well on the River Wakefield where the bullocks were watered. (See separate sheet - Brick lined well).

REFERENCES

Moyle, The Wakefield...., p.177

Verbal Ted Korreng, 1982
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPIH

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Direction of view to W
**HERITAGE SURVEY**

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET**

**ITEM NAME:** "Pareora" Woolshed and Shearers' Quarters

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

These buildings are part of the extensive Pareora Station (see separate sheet). The galvanised iron woolshed is a good example of its kind. Structurally it appears virtually original, with interesting early fittings and equipment. The woolshed possibly dates from the 1860s.

The stone and brick shearer's quarters would appear to date from the late 1880s.

**REFERENCES**

Moyle, The Wakefield..., pp 177-8

Verbal
Archival photographs Donovan, Port Wakefield, p.19

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Film No. 295 Negative No. 9

Direction of view to N

**LOCATION**

Address
Town
Postcode
Section 2105
Hundred Goyder
County L.G.A. Pt. Wakefield
S.H.P. Region 8
A.M.G. Ref. 6529-IV
54 23980 621680

**SUBJECT**

4.1

**PERIOD**

State
Study Area
1869-84

**TYPE OF ITEM**

LAND Natural feature
Historical site
Historical Gdn.
BUILDING STRUCTURE

**PHYSICAL CONDITION**

**STATUS**

Reg. of State Her. Items
Reg. Indemnified
Nominees
National Estate
Reg. Proposed L
National Trust
CL RL File Other

**RECOMMENDATION**

(A) State (B) Local

**PREPARED BY**

HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS
Date: 1982
Heritage Survey
Item Identification Sheet

Item Name: "Pareora" Homestead Complex
Former or other

Heritage Significance

The Pareora Run was originally taken up by John and Edmund Bowman under occupation license during the 1840s, as part of their huge holdings.

The homestead was built during Edmund Bowman's ownership of the land (he bought the area later), so that the house must have been built before 1865, when it was sold to Samuel Sleep. At least part of the substantial house may date from the 1850s.

"Pareora" during the era of ore-carrying from Burra to Port Wakefield, was known as the "2 mile" as it was that distance from the end of the gulf road (see Rest House ruin - see separate sheet).

References

Moyle, The Wakefield....., pp 177, 178;
Donovan, Port Wakefield and District, p.13;
Balakiava..., p.13

Verbal Don Beare, 1981
Archival photographs

Photograph

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Direction of view to W

Status

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

Recommendation

(A) State X (B) Local
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Heritage Investigations
Date: 1982
**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

This large tree is a relic of one of the extensive floods of the River Wakefield, which periodically inundates widespread areas of the surrounding low-lying country. The tree was seeded during a flood in 1889, and indicates the extent of the floodwaters.

**REFERENCES**

Verbal Ted Korreng, 1982
Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Film No. 295    Negative No. 11
Direction of view to N

**STATUS**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

(A) State (B) Local

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HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS

Date: 1982
HERITAGE SURVEY
ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET

ITEM NAME: Railway houses
Former or other

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

Bowmans is one of several small centres in this district (such as Inkerman and Nantawarra) which developed to serve farming families in the vicinity and which received a boost from the railway. (See also Bowmans Railway Station - separate sheet).

The railway cottages, which form a substantial and attractive group, are the major part of the township. They probably date from the time Bowmans became the junction of the Port Wakefield - Blyth railway and the new broad gauge Salisbury - Snowtown line (1923), and as a group are a significant example of their type.

REFERENCES

Donovan, Port Wakefield and District, p.40;
Moyle, The Wakefield....., p.177

Verbal
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH
Film No. 282 Negative No. 6
Direction of view to NW

PERIOD
State
Study Area
1905-28

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

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

RECOMMENDATION
(A) State (B) Local

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HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS
Date: 1982
**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

Bowmans, like other townships in the region, owes its existence largely to the railway. Bowmans (formerly North Inkerman) developed as an important railway siding on the Balaklava to Port Wakefield line.

The Railway Station and refreshment rooms were added when Bowmans' status was enhanced in 1923 as the junction of the old line with the new broad-gauge line from Salisbury to Snowtown. It has remained very much in original condition and is an excellent example of its construction type.

**REFERENCES**

Donovan, Port Wakefield and District, p.40;
Moyle, The Wakefield......, pp 176-177

Verbal
Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Film No. 282 Negative No. 5
Direction of view to N

**STATUS**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

(A) State ☒ (B) Local ☐

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Date: 1982
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

During the 1920s the Australian Defence Department sought to test stocks of ammunition from the First World War, and that which was produced at the munitions factory in Victoria. In 1926 this site was selected for conducting proof firings. Six hundred acres were bought by the Commonwealth Government and a range was established, the site being suitably flat, coastal and with a large expanse of sand exposed at low tide. There are few ranges of this type in the world.

The first rounds were fired in 1928 (using a testing gun captured in France during the war). Activity increased markedly during the Second World War and the Range was permanently staffed by the Army. It became the main range for the proving of munitions manufactured in Australia.

The establishment of the Range (using local maintenance staff) then its upgrading boosted Port Wakefield's economy, and on many occasions the resources of the Range have been used by the residents of the town.

A range museum houses many items of interest. Two 1886 English guns are displayed near the entrance to the Range.

REFERENCES

Donovan, Port Wakefield and District, pp 51-53;
Moyle, The Wakefield..., pp 190-191
(There is also a history of the Range compiled by Maj. P. Burns)

Verbal
Archival photographs Donovan (ref. above), pp 52, 53.
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ITEM NAME: Former Malakhoff School
Former or other

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

Malakhoff School was one of a large number of tiny rural public schools whose fortunes wavered according to the number of pupils available locally. The school opened in 1892, closed briefly several times and finally in 1944, when its pupils numbered 7.

REFERENCES

Donovan, *Port Wakefield and District*, p.40

Verbal
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH
Film No. 282 Negative No. 9
Direction of view to SW

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

RECOMMENDATION
(A) State (B) Local

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ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET

ITEM NAME: Farm Ruin
Former or other

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE
These ruined buildings form an interesting complex, illustrating the extensive use of limestone in the vernacular construction of the area.
The underground cool room and large barrel vaulted bread oven are of particular interest.

REFERENCES
Verbal Ted Korreng, 1982
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH
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Direction of view to S

HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 8
Item Ref. No. 16

LOCATION
Address
Town
Postcode
Section
Hundred
County
L.G.A.
S.H.P.
Region
A.M.G.
Ref.

PHOTOGRAPH
Film No. 295 Negative No. 12
Direction of view to S

SUBJECT
2.2
4.1

PERIOD
State
Study Area
1869-84

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

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

RECOMMENDATION
(A) State ✔ (B) Local ✔

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Inkerman is one of a number of small townships which barely grew beyond church and school, which provided the social focus for surrounding farming families.

The Inkerman Church was built in 1885.

**REFERENCES**

Donovan, *Port Wakefield and District*, p.40

Verbal
Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Film No. 282  Negative No. 10
Direction of view to SW

**STATUS**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

(A) State  (B) Local

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