

District Council of
PORT WAKEFIELD
(Part)

HERITAGE SURVEY OF THE LOWER NORTH



Department of Environment and Planning

HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS

HERITAGE SURVEY OF THE LOWER NORTH

(REGION 8 - SOUTH AUSTRALIA)

PART TWO

13. D.C. PORT WAKEFIELD

ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEETS

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PROJECT
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Item Ref. No. 2

ITEM NAME: Brick lined well and tank
Former or other

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

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.

LOCATION
Address

Town
Postcode
Section 2115
Hundred Inkerman
County
L.G.A. Pt. Wakefield
S.H.P. Region 8
A.M.G. Ref. 6529-IV
54 23930 621560

SUBJECT

4.9

PERIOD
State

Study Area
1837-54

REFERENCES

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

Verbal Ted Korreng, 1982
Archival photographs

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

PHOTOGRAPH Film No. 295 Negative No. 7
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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PROJECT
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Item Ref. No. 3

ITEM NAME: "Two Mile" rest house ruin
Former or other

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

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).

LOCATION
Address

Town
Postcode
Section 2123
Hundred Inkerman
County
L.G.A. Pt. Wakefield
S.H.P. Region 8
A.M.G. Ref. 6529-IV
54 23930 621520

SUBJECT

4.6
4.7

PERIOD
State

Study Area
1837-54

REFERENCES

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

Verbal Ted Korreng, 1982
Archival photographs

TYPE OF ITEM

LAND Natural feature ☐
Historical site ☐
Historical Gdn. ☐

BUILDING ☒
STRUCTURE ☐

PHYSICAL CONDITION
Ruin of archaeological
interest

PHOTOGRAPH Film No. 295 Negative No. 6
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

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Item Ref. No. 4

ITEM NAME: "Pareora" Woolshed and Shearers'
Former or other Quarters

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

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 shearers' quarters would appear to date from the late 1880s.

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

REFERENCES

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

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

Verbal

Archival photographs Donovan, Port Wakefield, p.19

PHOTOGRAPH Film No. 295 Negative No. 9
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

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Item Ref. No. 5

ITEM NAME: "Pareora" Homestead Complex
Former or other

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

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-carting 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).

LOCATION
Address Port Wakefield
(vicinity)
Town
Postcode
Section 2114
Hundred Inkerman
County
L.G.A. Pt. Wakefield
S.H.P. Region 8
A.M.G. Ref. 6529-IV
54 24000 621630

SUBJECT

2.2

PERIOD
State

Study Area
1837-54

REFERENCES

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

Verbal Don Beare, 1981
Archival photographs

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

Very Good

PHOTOGRAPH Film No. 282 Negative No. 8
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

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Item Ref. No. 10

ITEM NAME: Red Gum tree
Former or other

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

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

LOCATION
Address

Town
Postcode
Section 71
Hundred Inkerman
County
L.G.A. Pt. Wakefield
S.H.P. Region 8
A.M.G. Ref. 6529-I
54 24720 621600

SUBJECT
1.5

PERIOD
State

Study Area
1885-1904

REFERENCES

Verbal Ted Korreng, 1982
Archival photographs

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

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



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Item Ref. No. 12

ITEM NAME: Railway houses
Former or other

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

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.

LOCATION
Address

Town Bowmans
Postcode
Section
Hundred Inkerman
County
L.G.A. Pt. Wakefield
S.H.P. Region 8
A.M.G. Ref. 6529-I
54 24740 621680

SUBJECT

2.2

PERIOD
State

Study Area
1905-28

REFERENCES

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

Verbal
Archival photographs

TYPE OF ITEM

LAND Natural feature ☐
Historical site ☐
Historical Gdn. ☐

BUILDING

STRUCTURE ☒

PHYSICAL CONDITION

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



STATUS

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

RECOMMENDATION

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PROJECT
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Item Ref. No. 13

ITEM NAME: Bowmans Railway Station
Former or other

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

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.

LOCATION
Address

Town Bowmans
Postcode
Section
Hundred Inkerman
County
L.G.A. Pt. Wakefield
S.H.P. Region 8
A.M.G. Ref. 6529-I
54 24750 621650

SUBJECT

4.7

PERIOD
State

Study Area
1905-28

REFERENCES

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

Verbal
Archival photographs

TYPE OF ITEM
LAND Natural feature ☐
Historical site ☐
Historical Gdn. ☐
BUILDING ☒
STRUCTURE ☐
PHYSICAL CONDITION
Very Good

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

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Item Ref. No. 14

ITEM NAME: Proof Range
Former or other Proof and Experimental
Establishment

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

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.

LOCATION
Address

Town
Postcode
Sections 105,108,439
Hundred Inkerman
County
L.G.A. Pt. Wakefield
S.H.P. Region 8
A.M.G. Ref. 6529-IV
54 24050 620590

SUBJECT

3.4

PERIOD
State

Study Area
1929-present

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.

TYPE OF ITEM

LAND Natural feature ☐
Historical site ☒
Historical Gdn. ☐
BUILDING ☒
STRUCTURE ☒
PHYSICAL CONDITION

PHOTOGRAPH

STATUS

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

RECOMMENDATION

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Item Ref. No. 15

ITEM NAME: Former Malakhoff School
Former or other

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

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.

LOCATION
Address

Town Inkerman (vicinity)
Postcode
Section 432
Hundred Inkerman
County
L.G.A. Pt. Wakefield
S.H.P. Region 8
A.M.G. Ref. 6529-IV
54 24450 620900

SUBJECT

2.6

PERIOD
State

Study Area
1885-1904

REFERENCES

Donovan, Port Wakefield and District, p.40

Verbal
Archival photographs

TYPE OF ITEM

LAND Natural feature ☐
Historical site ☐
Historical Gdn. ☐

BUILDING

STRUCTURE ☒

PHYSICAL CONDITION
Fair, disused

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

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PROJECT
HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 8

Item Ref. No. 16

ITEM NAME: Farm Ruin
Former or other

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

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.

LOCATION
Address

Town
Postcode
Section 371
Hundred Inkerman
County
L.G.A. Pt. Wakefield
S.H.P. Region 8
A.M.G. Ref. 6529-IV
54 24520 620830

SUBJECT

2.2
4.1

PERIOD
State

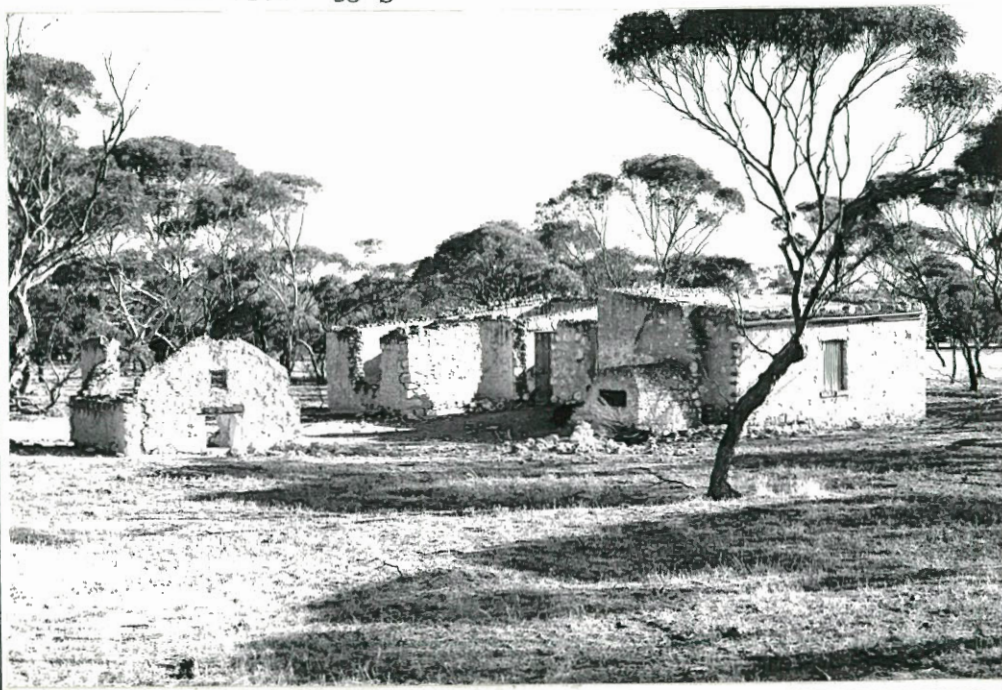
Study Area
1869-84

REFERENCES

Verbal Ted Korreng, 1982
Archival photographs

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

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



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

RECOMMENDATION

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HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 8

Item Ref. No. 17

ITEM NAME: Inkerman Uniting Church
Former or other

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

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.

LOCATION
Address

Town Inkerman
Postcode
Section 401
Hundred Inkerman
County
L.G.A. Pt. Wakefield
S.H.P. Region 8
A.M.G. Ref. 6529-III
54 24550 620360

SUBJECT

2.5

PERIOD
State

Study Area
1885-1904

REFERENCES

Donovan, Port Wakefield and District, p.40

TYPE OF ITEM

LAND Natural feature ☐
Historical site ☐
Historical Gdn. ☐

BUILDING

STRUCTURE ☒

PHYSICAL CONDITION

Very Good

Verbal
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH Film No. 282 Negative No. 10
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

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