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AND GOOLWA

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Department of Road Transport

HERITAGE SURVEY OF THE
RIVER MURRAY

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HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 5

- Proposed Heritage Area
- Item location

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D.C. PORT ELLIOT AND GOOLWA TOWN OF GOOLWA
**ITEM NAME:** Goolwa and Currency Creek Former or other Cemetery

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

Beautifully situated on a hillside above the Currency Creek Valley, this is one of the earliest and most interesting cemeteries in the region. It has been in use since 1854 and the gravestones contain much information on pioneering families of the district, including Goolwa. These include ornate structures erected in memory of James Dodd, and Walter and Susannah Baldock. Other early residents buried there include Abraham Graham, John McHarg, Samuel and Ellen Shetliff, George Bain Johnston, Thomas Higgins and Thomas and Catherine Goode.

The cemetery as a whole contains many fine examples showing a range of typical nineteenth century headstones in slats and marble, with iron fences, set amongst native and exotic trees.

**REFERENCES**

Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, p.74

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Direction of view

Film No. 800 Negative No. 8

**STATUS**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

(A) State (B) Local
PREPARED BY HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS
Date: 1983
**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

The Currency Creek Railway Viaduct was one of the major works associated with the extension of the railway line to Victor Harbour, following the shifting of port functions there from Port Elliot in 1864. Thus it was an integral part of the Murray trade.

This structure is also significant as it was the first of its kind in South Australia. The foundation stone was laid in December 1866 by Mrs. Higgins of Currency Creek. The viaduct consists of 6 piers and 2 abutments all built of limestone rubble quarried locally and finished with brick quoins.

It was designed by G.E. Hamilton. Masonry work was constructed by Sara and Sons; R. Nutt built the platform and deck and Martin and Loutit fabricated the girders.

Because of inferior masonry workmanship on the two central piers they had to be dismantled and rebuilt shortly after initial construction. The dressed stone bases of these two piers can still be seen, although in 1942 (the date is scratched on to the concrete by workmen) most of the columns were covered in concrete.

To the north and south of the viaduct are two bluestone and brick arched culverts which allow water to pass through the substantial embankment.

**REFERENCES**

Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, pp. 75, 93
National Trust, 2411
Jensen, Colonial Architecture ... p.397

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Direction of view to NE

**PHOTOCopy**

Film No. 800 Negative No. 10

**INVESTIGATION**

Date: 1983
PROJECT HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 5
Item Ref. No. 3a
L.G.A.
Port Elliot and Goolwa

Film No. 800
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Direction of view to E

Film No. 800
Negative No. 12
Direction of view to N

Film No. 800
Negative No. 9
Direction of view to E
**HERITAGE SURVEY**

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET**

**ITEM NAME:** Road Bridge

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

The bridge crosses the Currency Creek immediately south of the township and is closed to vehicular traffic (since 1979). An 1840 watercolour of Currency Creek held by the Art Gallery of South Australia shows a simple timber platform bridge crossing the Creek possibly at this location, but a newspaper report states that the stone bridge was opened in January 1873 by Miss Emma Sumner. It was constructed during 1872 at a cost of £1,274.

The bridge is a laminated timber structure with stone walling. The deck is supported by four laminated arches of red gum.

It is one of only two surviving such bridges of 15 built in South Australia between 1856 and 1876.

**REFERENCES**

- Institution of Engineers Australia, S 295 Heritage Conservation Branch, 6626-10350 Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, p.93
- National Trust 2386 Highways Dept. of S.A., Highway, Feb. 1982
- Verbal
- Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**

- Film No. 800 Negative No. 15
- Direction of view to E

**LOCATION**

- **Town:** Currency Creek
- **Address:** Section adj. 2012 Hundred Goolwa County Port Elliot and Goolwa S.H.P. Region 5
- **A.M.G. Ref.** 6627-II 54 29660 607410

**SUBJECT**

- 4.7
- 4.10

**PERIOD**

- **State Study Area:** 1853-1880

**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
- Inst. of Engineers

**RECOMMENDATION**

- (A) State ☑ (B) Local □

**PREPARED BY HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS**

- Date: 1983
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This is the most imposing building in Currency Creek, which has always been but a hamlet, despite the pretensions of its original town survey.

The Currency Creek Inn, later known as the Currency Creek Hotel, was first licensed in March 1858 by John Varcoe Snr. The licence continued through three subsequent licencees until lapsing in 1876. The building was then sold to Mr. T.R. Sumner and various owners followed including the Kingsland family, 1916-1925. The Kingsland's added the balconies and gave the name "Kingsview".

The bluestone and brick building is in good condition.

REFERENCES

Port Elliot & Goolwa Heritage Study, p.94; National Trust, 2410

Verbal
Archival photographs

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Film No. 801 Negative No. 2
Direction of view to NW

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RECOMMENDATION
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PREPARED BY
HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS
Date: 1983
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This is one of the most imposing nineteenth century residences in the district, as befitting a leading local industrialist, who took over the main shipbuilding and repair works known as the Goolwa Iron Works.

Abraham Graham, who was prominent in the early business and civic life of Goolwa, purchased the land in October 1862 and shortly afterwards had the house "Nelcoongal" erected. The Georgian style house built of local limestone on the side of Goolwa Hill had 10 rooms and two levels each opening onto ground level. Fine views of the coast and the Goolwa Channel were available from the roof deck.

In 1875, the property reverted to the ownership of the Bank of South Australia and following several successive ownerships, the property was purchased by the Workers Educational Association in 1962. It opened as Graham's Castle Residential College in August 1964.

REFERENCES

Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, p.73

Verbal
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH

Film No. 800
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PREPARED BY
HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS

Date: 1983
**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

This interesting stone structure is one of the few surviving in South Australia which was built as a windmill. Its construction also reflects the development of the surrounding district as one of the State's early wheat-growing areas.

The mill was built in the form of a Dutch windmill for Daniel Heyrick who owned the property between 1855 and 1864. The purpose of the mill was to draw water from a 90 feet well (the Lakes were then salt water). However, the fans were never installed and it is thought that steam power was used instead.

The building was also used as a saw mill. In more recent times, a room and lean to garage have been added to the structure.

**REFERENCES**

Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, p.95
Heritage Conservation Branch 6626-10361
National Trust 586

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Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**

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L.G.A.
Port Elliot and Goolwa

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Negative No. 13
Direction of view to NW

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Direction of view to NW
This impressive structure was part of a major public works project by the South Australian Engineering and Water Supply Department for the River Murray Commission. It is one of five barrages (see also Meningie District Council) which were constructed as a national undertaking to block the passage of sea water into the lakes and lower Murray by way of barrages across the several channels near the Murray Mouth.

Construction of the first of the two coffer dams to allow work to proceed on the barrage took place during 1935 and the barrage itself was completed in 1938.

The structure is 2,075 feet long and being built on a bed of sand and silt required 4,770 wooden piles up to 40 feet in length. A three foot thick concrete floor was laid onto these piles and supported 122 concrete piers with vertical grooves to take the stop logs. A substantial area of stone paving was also laid each side of the structure to prevent scouring. Passage for boats was provided by way of a lock chamber measuring 100 x 20 feet. A travelling crane traverses the structure to raise gates and a swing bridge allows it to cross the lock chamber.

REFERENCES
Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, pp 11,76
Tolley, South Coast Story, pp 70-72

Verbal
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH
Film No. 209 Negative No. 10
Direction of view to E
HERITAGE SURVEY
ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET

ITEM NAME: Hut
Former or other

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This hut provides an excellent example of a limestone pug hut used by early farmers and shepherds and may date from the earliest occupation of Hindmarsh Island.

It has a large chimney and thick travertine limestone walls which have been rendered with a pug mixture. The steeply pitched roof suggests an earlier roofing of thatch which has now been replaced with galvanised iron.

REFERENCES

Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, p.78 (no. 11)

Verbal
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH

Film No. 795
Negative No. 3

Direction of view to SE

PROJECT
HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 5
Item Ref. No. 31

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

LOCATION
Address McLeay Rd.

Town Hindmarsh Island
Postcode 58

Section 58

Hundred Nangkita

County Port Elliot and

L.C.A. S.H.P. Region 5 Goolwa

A.M.G. Ref. 6626-1

54 30600 606680

SUBJECT

2.2
4.10

PERIOD
State

Study Area

TYPE OF ITEM

LAND Natural feature
Historical site

BUILDING Historical Gdn.

STRUCTURE

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 [X] (B) Local

PREPARED BY
HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS

Date: 1983
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This is an unusual engineering heritage item, built privately by local landholders, perhaps by the Grundys, who have lived many years on Mundoo Island. It predates the Government barrage system, which was completed in 1940 and is a rare example of private water engineering on such a scale in South Australia.

REFERENCES

Verbal Mrs. V. Lawrence, 1983
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH

Film No. 795 Negative No. 4
Direction of view to NE

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

PREPARED BY

HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS

Date: 1984
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The present barrage is the second across Mundoo Channel. An earlier wooden structure spanned the Channel but was broken up in 1917. The present structure is 2,600 feet in length and rests on a sandstone reef running between Hindmarsh and Mundoo Islands.

The barrage consists partly of an earthen embankment protected from wave action by heavy stone paving and partly of concrete sluices with movable stop logs. The barrage cost 64,575 pounds to construct and was completed in 1938.

REFERENCES

Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, pp.76-77 (no. 4)

Verbal

Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH

Film No. 795 Negative No. 5

Direction of view to SE

PROJECT

HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 5

Item Ref. No. 37

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

LOCATION

Address

Town
Postcode 105,400
Section
Hundred
Nangkita
County
L.G.A. Port Elliot and
S.H.P. Region 5
A.M.G. Ref. 6626-I
54 31000 606470

SUBJECT
4.9
4.10

PERIOD

State
Study Area
1906-1940

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

RECOMMENDATION

(A) State (X) Local

Prepared by
HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS
Date: 1984
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The relics of the ferry landing, woolshed, stone walls, outbuildings and the substantial limestone house at this site represent the scale and extent of pastoral operations established in the earliest years of colonial settlement by pioneers such as John and William Rankine, who, with their "abundant means" were amongst the original holders of the Strathalbyn Special Survey.

The landing and "the station buildings at Rankine's Ferry deserve particular note. The Rankine Brothers had been the first to take up land at Strathalbyn, running stock down to the shore of Lake Alexandrina, and their holdings were soon extended to Point Sturt. By the end of 1838, Dr. John Rankine had leased Hindmarsh Island from the Crown for £10 per annum and on it he built a substantial house of local limestone rubble called 'The Castle'. The house was surrounded by accommodation for his stock keepers and further homes were erected ... on the opposite side of the narrow neck of lake under Clayton Cliffs; the two establishments were connected by a ferry. These buildings were some of the earliest in the lakes region to be constructed of permanent materials and constitute the only recorded complex of any size before 1845".

REFERENCES

Cockburn, Pastoral pioneers, vol. I, p.94
Faull, Alexandrina's shore, p.164
Irwin, "Station homesteads of Lake Alexandrina ...", pp. 9-10 (quote)

Verbal Mrs. Gemmell, 1980 (letter) Mr. J. Tolley, 1983
Archival photographs
PROJECT HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 5
Item Ref. No. 40a
L.G.A.
Port Elliot and Goolwa

Film No. 796
Negative No. 13
Direction of view to SE

Film No. 796
Negative No. 15
Direction of view to S

Film No. 797
Negative No. 1
Direction of view to N
HERITAGE SURVEY
ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET

ITEM NAME: "Thornbury"
Former or other

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This imposing house was built for Thomas Goode who was one of the earliest settlers in the Goolwa district, from 1852, and who built his first shop in the town in 1860 (see item no. 108). Goode was the town's first Mayor, when the Corporation was established in 1872. Thomas and his wife Catherine and a child are buried at the Goolwa and Currency Creek Cemetery (see item no. 1). His son, Thomas junior also became mayor and took over the family business.

The house is significant for its association with this prominent local family and also for its fine limestone craftsmanship. It illustrates well the typical growth from an early hip roofed cottage to the present large double gabled house, incorporating the stone and red brick of the district.

REFERENCES

Cyclopedia of South Australia p. 896

Verbal
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH

Film No. 799 Negative No. 9

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

PREPARED BY
HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS

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This interesting building group comprises a stone skillion roofed cottage of two rooms with a galvanised iron lean-to and to the north of that a separate weatherboard cottage with large stone chimney and attached stone skillion roofed room.

The weatherboard cottage is a scarce surviving example of a construction form once common in the early township development of Goolwa. The limestone walled unfinished skillion cottage to the south is also a typical early construction form of the lower Murray area. While the complex gives the appearance of separate residences, it has been utilised as one house by the Dent family. It was purchased by Stewart Dent (the present owner's father) in c.1916 after a succession of owners had constructed and expanded the two houses to suit their needs.

The resultant building group displays unique examples of the improvised and vernacular construction techniques of the district.

**REFERENCES**

Verbal: Miss Marjorie Dent (owner), 1983
Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Film No. 792 Negative No. 12
Direction of view to W
PROJECT
HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 5
Item Ref. No. 44a
L.G.A.
Pt. Elliot and Goolwa

Film No. 792
Negative No. 14
Direction of view to W

Film No. 793
Negative No. 1
Direction of view to NE
(interior skillion cottage)
PROJECT
HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 5
Item Ref. No. 44b
L.G.A.
Pt. Elliot and Goolwa

Film No. 792
Negative No. 13
Direction of view to W

(Verandah weatherboard cottage)

Film No. 793
Negative No. 2
Direction of view
**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

The large church building was erected in 1861 for the Wesleyan Methodists at a cost of 699 pounds. It is built of local travertine limestone and has a corrugated iron roof. A bell is mounted above the front gable.

**REFERENCES**

Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, p. 40
National Trust 350

Verbal
Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Film No. 792 Negative No. 10
Direction of view to W

**STATUS**

Reg. of State Her. Item
Reg. Interim
Nominated
National Estate
Reg. Proposed
National Trust
CL RL Other

**RECOMMENDATION**

(A) State [X] (B) Local

PREPARED BY
HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS

Date: 1983
**HERITAGE SURVEY ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET**

**ITEM NAME:** Holy Evangelist Anglican Church and Hall Complex

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

This attractive church group forms part of the Goolwa heritage area and has long been a focal point for many of the town's residents.

Lot 90 was granted to the Church in 1857 and the foundation stone was laid in January 1867. The Church is built of travertine limestone set liberally in mortar and has a limestone clock tower with spire.

The bell was presented in 1897 by Lieut. Col. Higgins, the tower was completed in 1905 and the clock installed in 1915.

The lofty timber ceilings are a feature of the building and furnishings include a table from the P.S. Lady Augusta.

The limestone fences are an integral part of the Building and should be maintained with the Church.

The hall is built of travertine limestone with brick quoins and window surrounds and was erected in 1885. In the early 1890s, Rector Thomas Boyer conducted a school in the premises. The building is still in use as a hall. The property also has good examples of limestone-wall fencing.

The olives, fig and pomegranate were all planted as Biblical trees when the Church was first built.

**REFERENCES**

Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, pp 27, 28 (Nos. 31, 32)
National Trust, 356

Verbal Mrs. Val Lawrence, 1983
Archival photographs S.A. Archives

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Film No. 790 Negative No. 2
Direction of view to W

**LOCATION**

(Church) Lot 90
Address Cadell St. &
(Hall) Lot 89 Farquhar St.
Town Goolwa
Postcode
Section
Hundred Goolwa
County L.G.A. Pt. Elliot and
S.H.P. Region 5 Goolwa
A.M.G. Ref. 6626-I

**SUBJECT**

2.5
2.6

**PERIOD**

State
Study Area
1853-1880 (Church)
1881-1905 (Hall)

**TYPE OF ITEM**

Land Natural feature
Historical site
Historical Gdn.

**BUILDING STRUCTURE**

PHYSICAL CONDITION

**STATUS**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

(A) State (B) Local

PREPARED BY
HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS
Date: 1983
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

In 1856, Mr. Young Bingham Hutchinson had part of his land on the south side of the young town of Goolwa subdivided as "Goolwa Extension". The subdivision contained features such as small allotments, small internal courts, carriageways and a complex network of walkways. Most of these features remain on plan but not many remain on the ground. The subdivision was laid out as a compact, densely settled housing area and many of the cottages built there follow a simple Scottish design.

Hutchinson endeavoured to influence the type of development by retaining certain development controls. He, for example, reserved to himself the power to convey the right to erect first floor rooms over the narrow lanes and alleys and over the streets having a river frontage - such buildings were not to extend more than 50 feet back from the frontage.

The second person to have a substantial effect on the development of the area was Captain George Bain Johnston. He purchased Lot 158 in 1857 and proceeded to erect his substantial stone house named after his home village of Cockenzie in Scotland. He also acquired other allotments and houses in the area which became the home of many men associated with the river trade.

REFERENCES

Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, pp34,35 (no. 56B)
National Trust, 1244

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### HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

The cottages in "Little Scotland" are of three basic designs usually of four rooms with variations, with either a normal pitched roof with a skillion roofed section at the back or a simple skillion roofed structure with no windows on the front wall.

Y.B. Hutchinson sold the allotment to Mr. Thomas Dowland, a carpenter and Murray trader of Goolwa, in August 1866. He proceeded to erect a small limestone cottage of four rooms.

Dowland sold the property to Captain G.B. Johnston in 1867 and it has seen numerous owners since. The cottage is in good condition and is one of the best remaining of the Little Scotland cottages.

### REFERENCES

Verbal
Archival photographs

### PHOTOGRAPH

Direction of view
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Negative No.

### 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

PREPARED BY HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS

Date:
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This cottage is another good representative example of the many built in the "Little Scotland" area as the homes of families associated with the river trade. (See also "Mariner's Cottage", item no. 67).

The allotments were purchased by Thomas Dowland in 1859 and the house is thought to have been built in 1860.

The attractive, limestone cottage built with a skillion roofed section at the rear has been restored. The house was named by its previous owner, Mrs. R.J. Rogers, after Gwithian in Cornwall.

REFERENCES

Port Elliot & Goolwa Heritage Study, pp 34, 36 (no. 56C)

Verbal
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH
Film No. 797 Negative No. 11
Direction of view to NE

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

PREPARED BY
HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS
Date: 1983
HERITAGE SURVEY
ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET

ITEM NAME: "Armfields"
Former or other

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This limestone cottage was built in 1866 with four rooms and a pitched roof. It was built for Harry Wright of Goolwa and was owned by the Armfield family from 1919 to 1950. It is in good condition and forms an integral part of this interesting early subdivision of "Little Scotland". (See also "Mariner's Cottage", item no. 67).

REFERENCES

Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, pp 34, 36 (No. 561)

Verbal
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH

Film No. 798 Negative No. 1
Direction of view to N

PROJECT
HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 5
Item Ref. No. 82

Office Use
ITEM No.
DOCKET No.

LOCATION
Address 12 Hutchinson St
Town Goolwa Extension
Postcode
Section
Hundred Goolwa
County L.G.A. Pt. Elliot and S.H.P. Region 5 Goolwa
A.M.G. Ref. 6626-I

SUBJECT
1.4
2.2

PERIOD
State
Study Area
1853-1880

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 [ ]

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

PREPARED BY
HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS
Date: 1983
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This attractive early limestone cottage was built with the four rooms and pitched roof typical of many of the town's earliest residences. Its significance lies also in its location as part of the interesting early subdivision of "Little Scotland" (see also "Mariner's Cottage", item no. 67).

The cottage probably dates from the mid 1860s, like most of the others in the vicinity. It is in very good condition and its external appearance is largely original.

REFERENCES

Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, pp 34, 39 (no. 56U)

Verbal
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH
Film No. 799 Negative No. 1
Direction of view to NE

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
PREPARED BY
HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS
Date: 1983
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

These two small attached stone cottages are built on the street frontage and have been rendered. They are a good example of their type, dating probably from the 1860s and illustrating one of a number of types of simple dwellings which were then built in the unique "Little Scotland" area. (See also "Mariner's Cottage", item no. 67)

REFERENCES

Port Elliot & Goolwa Heritage Study, pp. 34,38 (No. 56S)

Verbal
Archival photographs

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Film No. 798 Negative No. 14
Direction of view to NW

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

RECOMMENDATION
(A) State (B) Local

PREPARED BY
HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS
Date: 1983
ITEM NAME: "Younghusband's" House and Coach House

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This is one of the earliest original stone residences to be constructed in Goolwa, soon after the town was established. The substantial limestone house stands in large grounds overlooking the Goolwa Channel and the limestone coach house with other outbuildings are at the rear of the property. The house was built in 1854 for Mr. W. Younghusband who was at the time the shipping agent for Captain Cadell. He later became Chief Secretary and the property remained with his family until sold to the McLeay family in 1956. However, the property was rented prior to 1956 by various tenants including the Goode family, the Ritchie family and the Methodist Church.

The large house has walls 2 feet thick and is built at three levels with the main living area at a raised level overlooking Admiral Terrace and the Lower Murray. Internal fittings include several fine cedar mantels. The house is in excellent condition and of additional interest is the stone and brick boundary wall.

REFERENCES

Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, p. 38 (no. 56R)

Verbal
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH
Film No. 798 Negative No. 11
Direction of view to SW

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

RECOMMENDATION
(A) State [X] (B) Local
PREPARED BY
HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS
Date: 1983
Captain George Bain Johnston was one of the earliest captains involved in the Murray River trade, having started with Francis Cadell. Besides his significant role in the development of that trade, he also had a more direct role in the development of Goolwa, where he purchased several allotments in "Goolwa Extension", which were built upon by fellow rivermen, to become "Little Scotland". (See also "Mariner's Cottage, item no. 67)

Captain George Bain Johnston purchased Lot 158 in 1857 and it is thought that he had the substantial limestone house built shortly afterwards.

The house stands in a commanding position with a good view down the Goolwa Channel.

The house has a large basement area with several rooms. Because of the elevated position of the house, drainage is good and damp is not a problem.

The name "Cockenzie" is derived from Captain Johnston's native village in Scotland. The house is now used as two units.

**REFERENCES**

Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, p. 38 (no. 56Q)

Verbal Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAF**

Direction of view to NW

**Film No.** 798 **Negative No.** 9

**LOCATION**

Address Lots 158,159 Admiral Tce. Goolwa Extension

Postcode

**Section**

Hundred Goolwa

County L.G.A. Pt. Elliot and S.H.P. Region 5 Goolwa

**A.M.G. Ref.** 6626-I

**SUBJECT**

1.4

2.1

2.2

**PERIOD**

State Study Area

1853-1880

**TYPE OF ITEM**

LAND Natural feature Historical site Historical Gdn. X

BUILDING STRUCTURE

**PHYSICAL CONDITION**

STATUS

Reg. of State Her. Items Reg. [ ] Interim [ ]

Nominated [ ]

National Estate Reg. [ ] Proposed [ ]

National Trust

CL [ ] RL [ ] File [ ]

Other

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

PREPARED BY

HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS

Date: 1983
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This hotel is a major landmark as well as the social centre at the heart of Goolwa in the Goolwa heritage area.

The structure is built of travertine limestone walls with corrugated iron roof. It has two storeys with ample balconies at front and rear. Various additions have been made at the rear, some in limestone, others in brick. The front balcony is adorned with iron lace work.

The hotel was built in 1857 and the first licence was granted on 31st March 1858 to William Ray. Since then, the hotel has had about 25 licencees and is still operating. A feature of the saloon is the 'Yankee Doodle' poster on the ceiling.

REFERENCES

Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, p.26 (No. 28)
National Trust, 360

Verbal
Archival photographs Goolwa Museum

PHOTOGRAPH

Direction of view to NW

Film No. 789 Negative No. 13
### HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This attractive and substantial building forms a significant part of the Goolwa heritage area and aligns with the neighbouring Corio Hotel.

The hotel was built in 1857 and the first licence was granted on 13th January 1858 to O.W. Willcock. Eleven licencees operated the hotel until its closure in March 1934. During its years as a hotel it was also occasionally gazetted as the "Australasian" or "Australian Arms".

The building is of travertine limestone of 2 storeys. The balcony/verandah at the front has been removed and the arched brick portal in the 3 metre limestone rubble fence fronting Hay Street has been filled in. The building is now used as a residence.

### REFERENCES

Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, pp 26-27 (no. 29)
National Trust, 584
McLellan, "Index to hotels"

Verbal
Archival photographs

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**HERITAGE SURVEY**

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET**

**ITEM NAME:** Former Customs House

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

This building stands on a rise terminating Cadell Street behind the war memorial at the centre of the Goolwa heritage area. The house itself appropriately faces away from the town overlooking the wharf. It was built as the customs house as Goolwa was the colony's first official river port and the end point for river cargoes.

The stone house was built in 1859 for a contract price of £464/18/6 (contract no. 162). Additions were made in 1864 (93 pounds) and 1869 (81 pounds). The house is shown on plans of 1878 as the residence of the Manager of the Railway. The house remains with various modifications.

**REFERENCES**

Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, pp 6, 23 (no. 17)
Heritage Investigations, Early European Contact, p.36
National Trust 666
Tolley, South Coast Story, passim

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Film No. 222 Negative No. 12
Direction of view to NW

**PROJECT**

HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 5

**LOCATION**

Part Lot 271, off Hay St.
Town Goolwa
Postcode Goolwa
Section Hundred Goolwa
County Pt. Elliot and S.H.P. Region 5

**SUBJECT**

2.2
4.7

**PERIOD**

State Study Area
1853-1880

**TYPE OF ITEM**

LAND Natural feature
Historical site
Historical Gdn.

BUILDING

STRUCTURE

PHYSICAL CONDITION

**STATUS**

Reg. of State Her. Items
Reg. Interim L
Nomination
National Estate
Reg. Proposed L
National Trust
Cl RL File

**RECOMMENDATION**

(A) State (B) Local

PREPARED BY

HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS

Date: 1983
PROJECT
HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 5
Item Ref. No. 99a
L.G.A.
Pt. Elliot and Goolwa

Film No. 222
Negative No. 5
Direction of view to SW

Film No. 222
Negative No. 13
Direction of view to W

Film No. 222
Negative No. 14
Direction of view to NE
**ITEM NAME:** Railway Cutting

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

While the original Port Elliot and Goolwa railway track has been taken up, this cutting remains as one of the major signs of that first line, which was of such significance in the growth of both towns and in the river trade.

The cutting which is 170 yards long with a maximum depth of 15 feet was completed as part of the original railway works in 1852. The cost of excavation was 1 shilling and 3 pence per cubic yard and the material excavated was used as ballast for the railway line.

**REFERENCES**

Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, pp 6, 20 (No. 10)

Verbal
Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Film No. 222 Negative No. 6

**PROJECT**

HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 5

Item Ref. No. 101

Office Use
ITEM NO.
DOCKET NO.

LOCATION
Address off Cadell St.
Town Goolwa
Postcode
Section
Hundred Goolwa
County Pt. Elliot and
L.G.A. Goolwa
S.H.P. Region 5 Goolwa
A.M.G. Ref. 6626-I

SUBJECT

4.7

PERIOD
State
Study Area
1830-1852

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

(A) State [X] (B) Local

PREPARED BY
HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS
Date: 1983
**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

These impressive stables were, with the associated railway superintendent's house, probably the first substantial buildings erected at Goolwa. They are particularly significant because of the direct association with the Port Elliot and Goolwa railway.

The stables were built in 1853 of travertine limestone walls with brick quoins. They housed horses used to draw wagons on the Port Elliot to Goolwa Railway and continued as such until the horses were auctioned in 1885.

In 1946 the building was purchased for use as Clubrooms by the Goolwa R.S.L. sub-branch and the first meeting was held in 1949.

**REFERENCES**

Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, pp 6, 20 (no. 9)

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Direction of view to NE

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**STATUS**

Reg. of State Her. Items

Reg. Interim

Nominated

National Estate

Reg. Proposed

National Trust

CL RL File Other

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

**PREPARED BY**

HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS

Date: 1983
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This horse-drawn passenger carriage is permanently housed in a glass-fronted building at the centre of Goolwa, as a widely-acknowledged and highly significant relic of the railway which helped establish the town as the "bottom end" part of the entire Australian river trade.

The carriage was used on the Railway which operated between Goolwa and Port Elliot from 1854; between Port Elliot and Victor Harbor from 1863 and between Strathalbyn and Middleton from 1869. The horse-drawn carriages were withdrawn with the advent of steam engines on the line in 1884.

REFERENCES

Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, pp 6,22 (no. 14)

Verbal
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH

Direction of view to E

PROJECT
HERITAGE SURVEY REGION 5
Item Ref. No. 104

LOCATION
Address Goolwa Tce.
Town Goolwa
Postcode
Section
Hundred Goolwa
County Port Elliot and S.A.P. Region 5
L.G.A. Goolwa

SUBJECT
4.7

PERIOD
State
Study Area
1853-1880

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

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Reg. of State Her. Items [X]
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National Trust
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Other

RECOMMENDATION
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PREPARED BY
HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS
Date: 1983
South Australian Heritage Act 1978-80

**HERITAGE SURVEY**
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**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

This very attractive building is an integral part of the historical streetscape of the Goolwa heritage area.

The front wall of the store follows the curved allotment boundary giving it a bow-shaped appearance. The store is built of travertine limestone with brick quoins and window surrounds. It has a corrugated iron roof and a cantilevered balcony with turned wooden posts. French casement windows open on to the balcony.

The store was originally built for Mr. Sumner, a baker, possibly in the 1850s for use as a shop and continues in use as a shop.

**REFERENCES**

Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, p.29 (no. 35)
National Trust, 95

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**LOCATION**

Address Part lot 157
Town Cadell St.
Postcode Goolwa
Section Section
Hundred Goolwa
County L.G.A. Port Elliot and
S.H.P. Region 5 Goolw
A.M.G. Ref. 6626-I

**SUBJECT**

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4.10

**PERIOD**

State
Study Area
1853-1880

**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

**RECOMMENDATION**

(A) State [X] (B) Local

PREPARED BY

HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS

Date: 1983
**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

Thomas Goode senior was one of the earliest settlers in the Goolwa district, from 1852, and established a drapery business at Goolwa, where his first shop was built on the present site in 1860. Goode was also the town's first Mayor, when the Corporation was established in 1872. Thomas Goode junior also became mayor, and took over the family business. Thomas Senior and his wife Catherine and a child are buried at the Goolwa and Currency Creek Cemetery.

When the original store was destroyed by fire in 1884, it was rebuilt and opened for business in 1885. Goode dissolved the partnership with his brother, Edward, in 1901, and became sole proprietor. "His business is that of a general merchant, and he also holds interests in steamers and in the lake trade. Mr. Goode has always been distinguished for the keen interest he has manifested in the advancement of his district..." CP, Mayor, President of several organisations, Methodist preacher, Freemason, Goolwa Cavalry officer, etc... The store has continued under the original business name to this day.

The front section of the store is 2 storey, built of travertine limestone with brick quoins, window surrounds and ventilator frames. Of special interest are the display window, front doorway, counters and fittings. The store is thus significant because of its original condition, its contribution to the historical streetscape and because of the long and active involvement of its proprietors in the affairs of the town since its earliest days.

**REFERENCES**

Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, p. 28 (no. 34)
National Trust, 362
Cyclopedia of South Australia, vol. 2, p.896 (quote)

Verbal
Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Film No. 790 Negative No. 7
Direction of view to SW

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National Trust
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Other

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

PREPARED BY
HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS
Date: 1983
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE
The Goolwa Hotel forms a significant part of the historical streetscape of the Goolwa heritage area. Its original section is also the oldest hotel in the town and one of the oldest continuously operating hotels in the region.

The hotel is built of travertine limestone with a corrugated iron roof. Part of the building has two storeys with a spacious balcony/verandah at the footpath. Various additions have been made at the rear.

The original section was built in 1853 and the first licence for the hotel was issued to John Varcoe Jun. on 14th December 1853. Since then, the hotel has had about 30 licencees and is still operating.

The figurehead adorning the front of the hotel is from the Irish sailing ship "Mozambique" which was wrecked at Younghusband Peninsula on August 19th 1854. The mast from the ship was used as a joist in the dining room which also contains furniture from the ship. The ship's staircase also remains at the hotel.

Part of the stairs and cellar supports of the hotel were also made from the timbers of the wrecked ship "Mozambique".

REFERENCES
Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, p.26 (no. 27)
National Trust, 359
P.M. Wells, "Goolwa, the New Orleans of Australia" (pamphlet, 1929)

Verbal Archival photographs Goolwa Museum (photo. collection)

PHOTOGRAPH
Film No. 789 Negative No. 11
Direction of view to S
South Australian Heritage Act 1978-80

**ITEM NAME:** Police Station and Court House
**Former or other**

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

The first part of the building was erected in 1859 at a cost of 752 pounds, by Mr. Dicken of Brompton and was designed by Mr. S.A. Hamilton, Colonial Architect. The walls were of travertine limestone, with brick quoins and slate roof.

Substantial alterations and additions were made in 1867 (635 pounds) and 1874 (106 pounds). The Station originally had its own well and in 1876 a store for Aborigines was erected on the site at a cost of 94 pounds.

The buildings are still in use, but the roof is now corrugated iron.

**REFERENCES**

Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, p.22 (no. 15)
National Trust, 323

Verbal
Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Film No. 104
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**LOCATION**
Address: Goolwa Tce.
Town: Goolwa
Postcode: 
Section: 
Hundred: Goolwa
County: L.G.A. Pt. Elliot and S.H.A. Region 5 Goolwa
A.M.C. Ref. 6626-I

**SUBJECT**

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3.5

**PERIOD**

State
Study Area
1853-1880

**TYPE OF ITEM**

Natural feature
Historical site
Historical Gdn.

**BUILDING STRUCTURE**

**PHYSICAL CONDITION**

**STATUS**

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National Trust
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**RECOMMENDATION**

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PREPARED BY
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Date: 1983
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This interesting building, besides being probably the first substantial building constructed in the town, is also its most historically significant because of the association with the Port Elliot and Goolwa railway.

Construction commenced July 1852 and the house was occupied by Mr. Buxton Forbes Laurie, the first Superintendent of the Port Elliot and Goolwa Railway in January 1854. He occupied the house for several months after which it was used as a summer cottage by Governor Young.

The unusual house shows clearly on the sketch of Goolwa made in 1853 by James H. Adamson. It is built of travertine limestone with some sawn limestone and has a distinctive curved, corrugated iron roof.

REFERENCES

Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, pp. 5, 20 (no. 8)
National Trust, 349

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Date: 1983
The first wharf was built on the site in 1852 on the recommendation of the Governor, Sir Henry Young, following an inspection of the area in 1850. The original structure cost 300 pounds and construction was supervised by Thomas Jones. The rail tracks from Port Elliot entered the wharf at right angles to it and turntables on the wharf were used to swing the wagons parallel to the moored steamers and barges.

The wharf was extended in 1866 following the completion of a new access road for bullock wagons in 1865. The extensions costing 2,430 pounds were erected by Mr. Thomas Tapson and decking was placed in 1868 by Mr. James Shaw Harding of Port Elliot.

In 1874, the original wharf was demolished and a new wharf was built. Further extensions comprising 359 feet in length were made to the wharf in 1878, being built by William Wishart at a cost of 3,552 pounds. This extension made the overall structure 700 feet in length. The present wharf shed was erected in 1878 and a brick and cement water tank of 20,000 gallons capacity was erected near the wharf to provide a fresh water supply to steamers. The years 1878 to 1884 saw the peak use of the wharf for cargo handling.

The Shed was built in 1878, length 150 x width 50 x height 17 feet, and shows clearly on photographs of the wharf area taken about 1880. The shed is built of timber frame with corrugated iron walls and roof and is still in use adjacent to the berth of the P.S. River Murray Queen.

REFERENCES
Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, pp 18, 19 (nos. 4, 6)
National Trust, 1247
Institution of Engineers Australia S297 (Hand Crane)
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Archival photographs

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HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This building may have been one of the first stone residences constructed in the new river port of Goolwa. It is, besides, typical of the many such cottages which were built subsequently in the town during its heyday as a port from the 1850s to the late 1870s.

It is built of travertine limestone and red brick and could possibly be one of the cottages depicted in James M. Adamson's 1854 sketch of Goolwa and may later have been associated with the Goolwa Foundry Slip.

REFERENCES

Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, p.31 (no. 43); National Trust, 671

Verbal
Archival photographs

PHOTOGRAPH
Film No. 791 Negative No. 3
Direction of view to NE

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Date: 1983
**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

This is a very good vernacular building of limestone and brick, its various extensions and sheds illustrating well the improvised growth and development of a cottage into a large house as has been common in the town.

The house was occupied for many years by a captain of the river boats, Captain Richie. The original cottage was erected in 1885 and was built of timber hewn for building river boats. The limestone front section with turret was added in 1917. An old cannon is mounted above the entrance porch.

**REFERENCES**

Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, p.31 (no. 44)

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**PHOTOGRAPH**

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Other

**RECOMMENDATION**

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Date: 1983
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Item Ref. No. 122a
L.G.A.
Port Elliot and Goolwa

Film No. 791
Negative No. 15
Direction of view to SE
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This small cottage is situated on one of the allotments of Town on the Goolwa which was subdivided in 1840. Although Town on the Goolwa was not developed immediately, this cottage appears to date from the earliest period of Goolwa and may be one of the region's oldest surviving buildings.

The central original section of the cottage is a scarce surviving example of early weatherboard construction and is unusual in having stone lean-to additions. Its steeply pitched hipped galvanised iron roof form suggests an earlier cladding of split shingles.

It is an excellent vernacular example of its type.

REFERENCES

Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, p.33 (no. 53)

Verbal Val Lawrence, 1983

Archival photographs
HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

This attractive, travertine limestone residence with slate tile roof and limestone facing provides a good example of the stone mason's art. The house was built for Mr. C.F. Curson who was appointed manager of Abraham Graham's Patent Slip and Iron Works in 1867. The house is well maintained and in excellent original condition.

REFERENCES

Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, p.33 (no. 51)

Verbal

Archival photographs

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Film No. 792 Negative No. 2

Direction of view to NW

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RECOMMENDATION

(A) State (B) Local

PREPARED BY

HERITAGE INVESTIGATIONS

Date: 1983
**HERITAGE SURVEY**

**ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET**

**ITEM NAME:** Former Chart Room
Former or other

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

This building, with the nearby beam engine, appears to be the last surviving local relic of Goolwa's major shipbuilding industry.

The building is the former chart room of the foundry slip. It was part of Abraham Graham's Patent Slip and Iron Works and was used for storage of charts. It is an attractive building of 2 levels, built of travertine limestone walls and galvanized iron roof.

**REFERENCES**

Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, pp 8, 17 (no. 2)
Tolley, South Coast Story, pp 21-24
Heritage Investigations, Early European Contact, p.36

Verbal Archival photographs

**PHOTOGRAPH**

Film No. 223 Negative No. 8
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**RECOMMENDATION**

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**PREPARED BY**

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Date: 1983
**South Australian Heritage Act 1978-80**

**HERITAGE SURVEY**

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**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

This extremely rare old beam engine is of great heritage significance not only because of its intrinsic interest as an engineering item but because it was closely associated with the development of harbours and the Murray trade at both Port Elliot and Goolwa.

The engine was imported from England in 1853 by the contractor constructing the Port Elliot breakwater. It was used to assist in drawing stone laden trucks along the breakwater's railway. The engine was rated at 6 horsepower and was powered by steam. It is thought that the engine was built by the Old Quay Foundry of Bodley Brothers, Exeter which was founded in 1790 and closed in about 1970.

After its use at Port Elliot, the engine was moved to the Goolwa Patent Slip and saw service in the boat building industry.

Goolwa was the first Australian river port where vessels were built, and became the second most productive after Echuca (Victoria). After its establishment in 1864, the main shipbuilding and repair works at Goolwa was the Goolwa Iron Works, to which was added a foundry, and which included a "patent" slip in the River. The foundry produced not only ships and engines but also other machinery, castings and railway trucks. It was greatly expanded when taken over about 1867 by Alexander Graham, by the 1870s employing 30 to 40 tradesmen almost continuously. Despite this, the relative impermanence of industrial structures is also obvious, as there is almost no trace left today, apart from the Beam engine and the small stone chart room.

**REFERENCES**

Port Elliot and Goolwa Heritage Study, pp 8,18 (no. 3)
National Trust, 2761
John Connell, "Steam Engine" (Australian Heritage Engineering Inventory No.5801)

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Institution of Engineers Aust.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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Date: 1983
PROJECT
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Item Ref. No. 137a
L.G.A.
Port Elliot and Goolwa

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