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HERITAGE SURVEY OF THE EYRE PENINSULA AND WEST COAST

(REGION 12 - SOUTH AUSTRALIA)

PART TWO

11. CITY OF WHYALLA

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CITY OF WHYALLA
LOCATION OF HERITAGE ITEMS AND AREAS
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING
HERITAGE CONSERVATION BRANCH
REGION 12 HERITAGE SURVEY

Danvers Architects 1985
**South Australian Heritage Act 1978-80** | **HERITAGE SURVEY** | **Region 12**
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**ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET** | **Eyre Peninsula** |  
**ITEM NO.**: WHY:001 | **Type of Item**: 1505 | **Date**: 1883
**ITEM NAME**: Point Lowly Lighthouse |  |  
**Former or Other Names**: |  |  
**LOCATION** | **PERIOD**: 1852-1883 | **CONDITION**: Good
**L.G.A.**: Whyalla | **Town**: Point Lowly |  
**No.**: | **Street**: |  
**Section**: 5 | **C/T No.**: 4144/85, 86 |  
**County**: York | **Hundred**: Cultana |  
**A.M.G. Ref. Z**: 53 | **S.H.P. Region**: 12 |  
**Architect**: Edward John Woods (Govt. Architect) | **Builder**: |  
**CURRENT STATUS**: | **State Heritage List**: Registered | **Recommendation**: State
**National Estate**: Registered | **National Trust**: Classified |  
**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE** |  |  
**Description**: Random rubble stonework lighthouse with dressed surrounds and concrete extension. Light constructed in metal and cast iron. Has several adjacent stonework outbuildings with gable ends and corrugated iron roofs.

**Historical Summary:**
Constructed in 1883 as the 14th major navigational aid along the South Australian coast. The stone buildings were amongst the first in the "Iron Triangle". The building materials were shipped to the site. The tower was raised by 25 feet in 1908-9 as a result of shipping accidents.

**Significance:**
The lighthouse would have been an important aid for the grain ships using Port Augusta. As Port Augusta and Whyalla became industrial ports, so the lighthouse would have been as equally as valuable as an aid.

**REFERENCES**
**Written**: Files of the Heritage Conservation Branch - File No. 6431-10307

**Verbal**: Sue Scheiffers, Tape No. 1A

**PHOTOGRAPHS**
**B & W No.**: 1/3
**Slide No.**: 1/1
**Archival**: DANVERS ARCHITECTS 1985
ITEM NO.: WHY.002

Type of Item: 1502

Date: c. 1883

ITEM NAME: Lighthouse Keeper's Cottages

Former or Other Names:

LOCATION

L.G.A.: Whyalla
No:
Section: 5
County: York
A.M.G. Ref. Z: 53

PERIOD: 1852-1883

CONDITION: Good

Town: Point Lowly
Street:
C/T No.: 4144/85, 86
Hundred: Cultana
S.H.P. Region: 12

Builder:

Architect: Architect-in-Chief

CURRENT STATUS:

State Heritage List: Registered
National Estate:
National Trust: Classified

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

Description:

Random rubble stonework cottages with brick quoins. Hipped corrugated galvanised iron roofs and brick chimneys. Concave verandahs are built in (asbestos cement). Multi-paned, double hung sash windows and fanlights to doors. Asbestos cement lean tos at rear. Cottages surrounded by stone walls incorporating outhouses.

Historical Summary:

The exact date is unknown, but they would probably have been built about the same time as the lighthouse.

Significance:

They are an integral part of the lighthouse complex, providing accommodation for the lighthouse keepers.

REFERENCES

Written:

Verbal: Sue Scheiffers, Tape 1A

PHOTOGRAPHS

B & W No.: 1/2
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Archival:

DANYERS ARCHITECTS
1985
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**ITEM NAME:** Four Cottages

**LOCATION**
- L.G.A.: Whyalla
- No.: 
- Section: 
- County: York
- A.M.G. Ref. Z: 53

**PERIOD:** 1914-1927

**CONDITION:** Fair
- Town: Whyalla
- Street: Delprat Terrace
- C/T No.: 
- Hundred: Randell
- S.H.P. Region: 12

**CURRENT STATUS:** State Heritage List
- National Estate:
- National Trust:

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

**Description:** Rendered concrete cottages with gabled ended, corrugated iron roofs with finials and rendered chimneys. Raked, partly built in verandahs. Double hung sash windows. Rendered skillions at rear.

**Historical Summary:** Many early homes were built of concrete.

**Significance:** Typical houses of the kind built for influx of new citizens after Whyalla was proclaimed a town in 1914.

**REFERENCES**

**Written:** '60 Years of Whyalla', p. 13

**Verbal:** Sue Scheiffers, Tape 1A

**PHOTOGRAFPHS**
- B & W No.: 1/4,5
- Slide No.: 1/3,4

**Archival:**

**DANYERS ARCHITECTS 1985**
ITEM NO.: WHY:004  
Type of Item: 0509  
Date: 1920

ITEM NAME: Whyalla Institute
Former or Other Names:

LOCATION
L.G.A.: Whyalla
No:
Section:
County: York
A.M.G. Ref. Z: 53
N: 6341700  E: 741570

Architect:

CURRENT STATUS:
State Heritage List:
National Estate:
National Trust:

CONDITION: Good
Town: Whyalla
Street: Gay Street
C/T No.:
Hundred: Randell
S.H.P. Region: 12
Builder:

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE
Recommendation: Local

Description:
Rendered concrete section facing Gay Street with rendered surrounds. Gable ended corrugated galvanized iron roof to main hall. Modern windows to front elevation with semi-circular fanlight to front entrance. Several brick addition to side elevation. Concrete made out of cement mixed with salt water.

Historical Summary:
When the first little hall of 1905, built of timber and iron became too small, a public meeting in April, 1916 was held to consider formation of an Institute Association committee. In 1919 steps were taken to erect a new building. It was opened 3 November, 1920. First floor of roof removed in 1967, due to unsafe condition.

Significance:
The second hall built for the town’s cultural and social venues.

REFERENCES
Written: Sue Scheiffers, 'A Ribbon of Steel' (unpub. MSS., 1985), p. 10 & 19

Verbal: Sue Scheiffers, Tape 1A  
Kevin Custance, B.H.P.

PHOTOGRAPHS
B & W No.: 1/6
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Archival:

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1985
**South Australian Heritage Act 1978-80**

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**ITEM NAME:** Nihill's Datsun Centre

**Former or Other Names:** Council Meeting Rooms; Billiard Hall

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**PERIOD:**

**TOWN:**

**LOCATION**

**C/T No.:** Randell

**Hundred:**

**S.H.P. Region:**

**Architect:**

**CURRENT STATUS:** State Heritage List:

**National Estate:**

**National Trust:**

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

**Recommendation:** Local

**Description:**

Rendered front elevation with brick side walls. Raked corrugated galvanised iron roof and flat verandah. Shop windows.

**Historical Summary:**

Whyalla City Council Commissioners formerly met in a private shop in Horwood Street from 1940 - 1960. It also used to be a billiards hall.

**Significance:**

An early shop for the twentieth century proclaimed town.

**REFERENCES**

**Written:** Sue Scheiffers, 'A Ribbon of Steel' (unpub. MSS., 1985), pp. 53-55

**Verbal:** Eileen Ekblom, Tape 1A

**PHOTOGRAPHS**

B & W No.: 1/7

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Archival:

**DANVERS ARCHITECTS**

1985
**ITEM NO.:** WHY:006  
**Type of Item:** 0904  
**Date:** 1933

**ITEM NAME:** Whyalla Hotel

**LOCATION**
- **L.G.A.:** Whyalla
- **No.:**
- **County:** York
- **A.M.G. Ref. Z:** 53

**PERIOD:** 1927 - 1945  
**CONDITON:** Good  
**Town:** Whyalla  
**Street:** Darling Street  
**C/T No.:**
- **Hundred:** Randell
- **S.H.P. Region:** 12

**Architect:**

**CURRENT STATUS:**

**State Heritage List:**

**National Estate:**

**National Trust:**

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

**Description:**

**Historical Summary:**
The first hotel, the Jetty Hotel closed, as the town's business sector moved towards Patterson and Horwood Streets. The S.A. Brewing Company keeping up with the trend, built the first part of the hotel in 1933. It was enlarged in 1940.

**Significance:**

**REFERENCES**

**Written:** Sue Scheifers, 'A Ribbon of Steel' (unpub. MSS., 1985), p. 24
- '60 Years of Whyalla', p. 17

**PHOTOGRAPHS**
- **B & W No.:** 1/8
- **Slide No.:** 1/7

**Archival:**

**DANVERS ARCHITECTS**

1985
ITEM NO.: WHY:007  Type of Item: 0908  Date: c. 1910 - 1925

ITEM NAME: Whyalla Battery Electric

LOCATION
L.G.A.: Whyalla
No:
Section:
County: York
A.M.G. Ref. Z: 53

PERIOD: 1914 - 1927

CONDITION: Fair

TOWN: Whyalla
Street: Horwood Terrace
C/T No.:
Hundred: Randell
S.H.P. Region: 12

Architect:
Builder:

CURRENT STATUS: State Heritage List:
National Estate:
National Trust:

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE
Recommendation: Local

Description:

Historical Summary:

Significance:
It is an early shop for the twentieth century town when it was easier to use wood and corrugated iron. It has retained much of its integrity with its facade of doors and windows.

REFERENCES
Written:

Verbal:

PHOTOGRAPHS
B & W No.: 1/9
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Archival:

DANYERS ARCHITECTS
1985
ITEM NO.: WHV:008  Type of Item: 0302  Date: c. 1914

ITEM NAME: "Gay Street" Cottage, National Trust Museum

LOCATION
L.G.A.: Whyalla
No:
Section:
County: York
A.M.G. Ref. Z: 53

PERIOD: 1914-1927

CONDITION: Good

Town: Whyalla
Street: Ekblom Street
C/T No.: Ranell

A: 6342350  E: 736510

S.H.P. Region: 12


CURRENT STATUS: State Heritage List: Nominated

National Estate:
National Trust:

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

Description:
Corrugated iron cottage with hipped roof and raked verandah with simple timber posts. Double hung sash windows and window hood. Corrugated galvanised iron skillion at rear.

Historical Summary:
It was erected by B.H.P. to house employees engaged in the haulage (by tramway) of iron ore from Iron Knob to Whyalla. Mr. G. Hill and his family were the last tenants. It was given to the National Trust when threatened with demolition. It was moved to the National Trust Museum in 1978.

Significance:
Whyalla's oldest cottage and the only remaining example left of homes first built by B.H.P. for its employees.

REFERENCES

Written: Broken Hill Proprietary Co. Ltd. Mechanical Drawing Office & Housing Dept. Records

Verbal: Sue Scheiffers, Tape 1A

PHOTOGRAPHS
B & W No.: 1/10
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## South Australian Heritage Act 1978-80
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**ITEM NO.:** WHY:009  
**Type of Item:** 1909  
**Date:** 1901

**ITEM NAME:** Lock Up, Mount Laura Homestead

**Former or Other Names:**

**LOCATION**
- **L.G.A.:** Whyalla
- **No.:**
- **Section:** R. & M. Reserve
- **County:** York
- **A.M.G. Ref. Z:** 53
  - **N:** 6342390  
  - **E:** 736650

**PERIOD:** 1884-1914

**CONDITION:** Good

**TOWN:** Whyalla Norrie

**STREET:** Ekblom Street

**C/T No.:**

**Hundred:** Randell

**S.H.P. Region:** 12

**Architect:**

**CURRENT STATUS:**
- **State Heritage List:** Registered
- **National Estate:** Registered
- **National Trust:** Classified

**Builder:**

## HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

**Description:**  
Corrugated galvanized iron clad wooden structure with hipped roof and ventilator. Fanlight to door

**Recommendation:** State

**Historical Summary:**
Formerly located on the corner of Jamieson Street and McBryde Terrace at the site of the former police station. Moved to its new site in 1978.

**Significance:**
An early portable cell used by the police.

## REFERENCES

**Written:** Files of the National Trust of South Australia - File No. 609

**Verbal:** Sue Scheiffers, Tape 1A

## PHOTOGRAPHS

- **B & W No.:** 1/11  
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**ITEM NAME:** Mount Laura Homestead  
**Former or Other Names:** National Trust Museum

**LOCATION**  
**L.C.A.:** Whyalla  
**No.:**  
**Section:** R. & M. Reserve  
**County:** York  
**A.M.G. Ref. Z:** 53  
**N:** 6442380  
**E:** 736600  
**Town:** Whyalla Norrie  
**Street:** Ekblom Street  
**C/T No.:**  
**Hundred:** Randell  
**S.H.P. Region:** 12

**Architect:**  
**CURRENT STATUS:** State Heritage List:  
National Estate: Recorded  
National Trust: Recorded

**CONDITION:** Good

**REFERENCE**  
**Written:** Files of the National Trust of South Australia - File No. 621  
Diamond Jubilee 1914 - 1974, 60 Years of Whyalla

**Verbal:** Sue Scheiffers, Tape 1A

**PHOTOGRAPHS**  
B & W No.: 1/12  
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Archival:

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**  

**Historical Summary:**  
First owned by M. Goode who built the first part of the homestead 1910 - 1920. It was then taken over by the Nicolson family in 1933. The Nicolson family took out a 288 square mile lease in the area in 1919. The rear part of the homestead built between 1910 - 1920. The Nicolson added stone rooms to the front when they took over ownership. The National Trust took over the building in 1969.

**Significance:**  
First taken up about the time Hummock Hill (later known as Whyalla) was being developed.

**DANYERS ARCHITECTS**  
1985
ITEM NO.: WHV:O
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ITEM NAME: Randell Tank
Former or Other Names:

LOCATION
L.G.A.: Whyalla
No:
Section: W.C.R.
County: York
A.M.G. Ref. Z: 53

PERIOD:

CONDITION:
Town:
Street:
C/T No.:

Former or Other Names:

Builder:

CURRENT STATUS:

State Heritage List:
National Estate:
National Trust:

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

Description:
Underground tank and catchpit. Butterfly corrugated galvanised iron roof to tank and gable ended corrugated galvanised iron roof to catchpit.

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

Recommendation: Local

Significance:

Historical Summary:
On a water conservation reserve, the tank was built by the S.A. Government.

REFERENCES
Written:

Verbal: Don Nicolson, Tape 34A

PHOTOGRAPHS
B & W No.: 27/26
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1985
**South Australian Heritage Act 1978-80**

**HERITAGE SURVEY ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET**

**Region 12 Eyre Peninsula**

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**ITEM NAME:** Monument

**Former or Other Names:**

**LOCATION**

- **L.G.A.:** Whyalla
- **No.:**
- **Section:** 80
- **County:** York
- **A.M.G. Ref. Z:** 53

**PERIOD:** 1945 - 1979

**CONDITION:** Good

- **Town:** Cowled's Landing
- **Street:**
- **C/T No.:**
- **Hundred:** Poynton

**A.M.G. Ref. Z:** 53

**N:** 6328550  **E:** 727650  **S.H.P. Region:** 12

**Architect:**

**CURRENT STATUS:**

- **State Heritage List:**
- **National Estate:**
- **National Trust:**

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

**Description:**

Rubble monument.

**Historical Summary:**

The inscription of the monument reads: 'To the memory of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Cowled, who with their family of thirteen in the year 1847, were the original settlers in this area.' At this landing goods and equipment were unloaded from ketches and ferried onshore. The monument has been erected by the descendants of the family in 1959.

**Significance:**

Tribute to early settlers in the area.

**REFERENCES**

**Written:**

**Verbal:** Don Nicolson, Tape 34B

**PHOTOGRAPHS**

- **B & W No.:** 27/29
- **Slide No.:** 27/29

**Archival:**

**DANYERS ARCHITECTS 1985**
**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

*Description:*
Concrete emplacements with entrances cut out of the bedrock.

*Historical Summary:*
Defence authorities decided it was essential that steps be taken to defend the town's industry. The early fortifications were built by B.H.P. workmen. The majority of the work was done by gunners of the 26th Heavy Anti Aircraft Battery under the supervision of the 65th Deputy Commander Royal Engineers who arrived in Whyalla on 14th February 1942.

*Significance:*
The defence of B.H.P. operations in Whyalla was crucial, as R.N. ships were being built here by B.H.P. as well as the iron ore flux being mined in the vicinity.

**REFERENCES**

*Written:* Sue Scheifers, 'A Ribbon of Steel' (unpub. MSS., 1985), pp. 37 - 40

*Verbal:* Eileen Ekblom, Tape 1A

**PHOTOGRAPhS**

*B & W No.:* 27/30

*Slide No.:* 27/30

*Archival:* DANYERS ARCHITECTS 1985
**South Australian Heritage Survey**

**HERITAGE SURVEY**

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**ITEM NAME:** B.H.P. Jetty (disused) and Tramway, B.H.P. Complex

**Former or Other Names:**

**LOCATION**

- L.G.A.: Whyalla
- No:
- Section:
- County: York
- A.M.G. Ref. Z: 53
- N: 6341400  E: 742400

**PERIOD:** 1884 - 1914

**CONDITION:** Ruin

- Town: Whyalla
- Street: off McBryde Terrace
- C/T No.:
- Hundred: Randell
- S.H.P. Region: 12

**Architect:**

**CURRENT STATUS:**

- State Heritage List:
- National Estate:
- National Trust:

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

**Description:**

**Historical Summary:**

The tramway is 33.5 miles long from Whyalla to Iron Knob and was not only the first railway track to be built on the Eyre Peninsula, it was company owned. Jetty and tramway construction together with related costs, cost B.H.P. £66,888. The jetty was built to be 900 feet long and was extended around 1912 to be 2,400 feet long and fitted with conveyor belts.

**Significance:**

A company owned jetty and tramway which were the first major part of the B.H.P. complex to be constructed at Whyalla.

**REFERENCES**

**Written:** Sue Scheiffers, 'A Ribbon of Steel' (unpub. MSS., 1985), pp. 14 - 16

D. Griffiths, 'B.H.P. Tramways Centenary History', pp. 4 - 13

**Verbal:** Sue Scheiffers, Tape 1A

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**DANYERS ARCHITECTS**

1985
ITEM NO.: WHY:015
Type of Item: 1211
Date: c. 1930s

ITEM NAME: Plant, B.H.P. Complex

LOCATION
L.G.A.: Whyalla
No:
Section: York
County: York
A.M.G. Ref. Z: 53

PERIOD: 1927 - 1945

CONDITION: Fair
Town: Whyalla
Street: off McBryde Terrace
C/T No.:

Hundred: Randell
S.H.P. Region: 12

Architect:

CURRENT STATUS: State Heritage List:
National Estate:
National Trust:

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE
Recommendation: Local

Description:
Part of the Broken Hill Proprietary complex at Whyalla.

Historical Summary:
From 1901 to 1912 Iron Knob and Whyalla were used solely as a mining area. After extraordinary meeting of B.H.P. shareholders, September, 1912, decision was made to further develop existing works in S.A. Iron Monarch, a new quarry was opened. In this time of development, Hummock Hill was proclaimed in 1914 to be a town called Whyalla and the population increased from 50 in 1901 to 1,000 by 1920.

Significance:

REFERENCES
Written: Sue Scheifers, 'A Ribbon of Steel' (unpub. MSS., 1985), Appendix 1

Verbal: Sue Scheifers

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DANYERS ARCHITECTS
1985
ITEM NO.: WHY:016  
Type of Item: 1299, 1221  
Date: 1923

ITEM NAME: Second Power House, B.H.P. Complex

Former or Other Names:

LOCATION
L.G.A.: Whyalla
No:
Section: York
County: 
A.M.G. Ref. Z: 53

PERIOD: 1914 - 1927

CONDITION: Fair

Town: Whyalla
Street: off McBryde Terrace
C/T No.: 
Hundred: Randell

A.M.G. Ref. Z: 53  
N: 6342000  E: 741500

S.H.P. Region: 12

Architect:

CURRENT STATUS: State Heritage List:

National Estate:
National Trust:

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

Heritage Significance:

Recommendation: State

Description:

Rendered and corrugated galvanised iron building with gable ended corrugated galvanised iron roof. Multi-paned windows. Several storeys in height.

Historical Summary:

Expansion of B.H.P. operations began in 1912 when the jetty was extended. In 1923 B.H.P. Co. power house was built. In 1938 a significant impetus was the construction of the blast furnace followed by the decision for the establishment of a shipbuilding yard, initially to provide ships for the Royal Australian Navy in the form of petrol boats.

Significance:

B.H.P. operations in Whyalla created a “one industry town” where its fortunes are totally dependant on the Company’s successes or failures.

REFERENCES

Written: Sue Scheiffers, 'A Ribbon of Steel' (unpub. MSS., 1985), p. 26

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DANYERS ARCHITECTS
1985
ITEM NO.: WHY:017  
Type of Item: 
Date: 1936

ITEM NAME: Whyalla Citizen’s Band Hall  
Former or Other Names: 

LOCATION  
PERIOD: 1927 - 1945

L.G.A.: Whyalla  
No: 
Section: 
County: York

A.M.G. Ref. Z: 53  
N: 6341950  
E: 741430

CONDITION: Fair

Town: Whyalla  
Street: McBryde Terrace
C/T No.: 
Hundred: Randell
S.H.P. Region: 12

ARCHITECT: 
BUILDER: 

CURRENT STATUS:  
State Heritage List: 
National Estate:  
National Trust:

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE  
Recommendation: Local

Description: Concrete building with rendered front and pilasters along front and sides. Gable ended corrugated galvanised iron roof. Multi-paned windows.

Historical Summary: 

Significance: 

REFERENCES  
Written: 

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1985
**ITEM NO.:** WHY:018

**Type of Item:** 0806

**ITEM NAME:** Chinamen’s Graves

**LOCATION**
- **L.G.A.:** Whyalla
- **No.:**
- **Section:**
- **County:** York
- **A.M.G. Ref. Z:** 53
- **Region:** 12

**PERIOD:**
- **Date:**
- **Condition:** Fair
- **Town:** Murninnie Shacks
- **Street:**
- **C/T No.:**
- **Hundred:** Poynton
- **S.H.P. Region:** 12

**Architect:**

**CURRENT STATUS:** State Heritage List:

**National Estate:**

**National Trust:**

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE**

**Recommendation:** Local

**Description:**
Four stones marking graves with galvanised iron rail surrounding site.

**Historical Summary:**
It is not known when these Chinese miners died, or how they died, but the history of the mine goes back to 1866.

**Significance:**
It reflects an interest in South Australian mining shown by Chinese miners in South Australia.

**REFERENCES**

**Written:** H.Y.L. Brown, ’Record of the Mines of South Australia’, 4th ed., p. 96

**Verbal:** Don Nicolson, Tape 34A

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**DANYERS ARCHITECTS**

**1985**
ITEM NO.: WHY:019  
Type of Item: 1103  
Date: 1866  

ITEM NAME: Diggings, Murninnie Mine  

LOCATION  
L.G.A.: Whyalla  
No:  
Section: York  
County:  
A.M.G. Ref. Z: 53  
N: 6314300  
E: 713700  

PERIOD: 1852 - 1883  

CONDITION: Fair  
Town: Murninnie Range  
Street:  
C/T No.:  
Hundred: Poynton  
S.H.P. Region: 12  
Builder:  

CURRENT STATUS: State Heritage List:  
National Estate:  
National Trust:  

HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE  
Description:  
Diggings and tunnel in side of hill. Copper mine.  

Historical Summary:  
First reported in July, 1866 that the mine contained a large quantity of plumbago (graphite). It was worked in the early days of copper mining and was said to contain both bismuth and copper. It remained unworked for many years until the early 1900s when it was purchased by English company - Bismuth and Copper Mining and Patent Smelting Co.  

Significance:  
It is an early mine, its remains depicting the interest taken in the period between 1849 - 1870s to find mineral wealth on the Eyre Peninsula.  

REFERENCES  
E.L. Cowled, 'Nonowie - Life of Ernest Leslie Cowled' (unpub.), p. 7  

Verbal: Don Nicolson, Tape 34A  

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DANYERS ARCHITECTS  
1985
ITEM NO.: WHY:020  Type of Item: 1806  Date: c. 1911

ITEM NAME: Poynton Repeater Station, "Moonie"

LOCATION
L.G.A.: Whyalla
No:
Section: Public Pound Reserve, 63
County: York
A.M.G. Ref. Z: 53
N: 6320700  E: 718100

CURRENT STATUS: State Heritage List:
National Estate:
National Trust:

ARCHITECT:

PERIOD: 1884 - 1914

CONDITION: Ruin

Town:
Street: off Lincoln Highway
C/T No.:
Hundred: Poynton
S.H.P. Region: 12

SIGNIFICANCE

Recommendation: Local

Description:

Historical Summary:
It was on the original land line that came down from Port Augusta to Port Lincoln.

Significance:

REFERENCES
Written:

Verbal: Don Nicolson, Tape 34A

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#### HERITAGE SURVEY

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**ITEM NAME:** Whyalla Conservation Park

**LOCATION**

- L.G.A.: Whyalla
- Section: 14
- County: York
- A.M.G. Ref. Z: 53
- N: 53
- E: 53

**PERIOD:**

- PERIOD:

**CONDITION:**

- Town:
- Street:
- C/T No.:
- Hundred: Cultana
- S.H.P. Region: 12

**CURRENT STATUS:**

- State Heritage List: Registered
- National Estate: Registered
- National Trust: Registered

### HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

**Recommendation:** Local

**Description:**

- **APPROXIMATE AREA:** 1,011 hectares.
- **TOPOGRAPHY:** the park consists of a flat plain with Wild Dog Hill rising steeply on its western side.
- **FLORA:** western myall; saltbush; sugarwood; native peach tree; bullock bush; black oak; rock ferns; daisy bush and narrow-leaved hop bush are among the types of vegetation that occur within the park.
- **FAUNA:** the animals that are found include western grey kangaroos; red kangaroos; euros; echidnas and Gould’s wattled bats. There are also at least two species of lizards, Stokes skinks and bearded dragons.

### SIGNIFICANCE:

**REFERENCES**

**Written:** National Parks and Wildlife Act Reserves - South Australia, "Area Statement", June 1982

**Verbal:**

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