

NAME: Former Methodist Chapel, 27 High Street, WILLUNGA

PLACE NO.: Local, HID 5482

CURRENT USE:	Commercial premises
FORMER USE:	Chapel, residence and restaurant.
DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION:	c.1868 with later additions and alterations
LOCATION:	27 High Street, WILLUNGA
LAND DESCRIPTION:	CT 5660/967, Section 258 & 268, Hundred of Willunga
OWNER:	Private ownership
REGISTER STATUS:	Local, HID 5482



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DESCRIPTION:

A c.1940 photograph (see Historical Images) indicates the extent to which the heritage fabric of the c.1868 building has been compromised. A number of modifications including the incorporation of stained-glass windows has further compromised the building's integrity.

While being a significant local landmark associated with important developments within the township, the heritage fabric no longer represents this significance in its physical form.

It is recommended that the former Primitive Methodist Chapel at 27 High Street, Willunga be removed from the SA Heritage Register as a Local Heritage place.

STATEMENT OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:

Not applicable – to be delisted

RELEVANT CRITERIA (As defined in Section 67(1) of the PDI Act 2016):

An assessment of the heritage values of 27 High Street, Willunga has been undertaken according to the Local Heritage criteria of Section 23 of the *Development Act 1993*. The heritage value of the place has **not** been identified with any criteria, as such delisting as a Local Heritage place has been recommended.

a) it displays historical, economic or social themes that are of importance to the local area;

The current commercial usage of 27 High Street, Willunga does retain cultural and social ties to the local Aldinga district, nor is any local cultural and social significance sufficiently represented in any tangible way within the minimal surviving heritage fabric of the current building. **Criteria a) is not met.**

b) it represents customs or ways of life that are characteristic to the local area;

While the site and commercial usage of 27 High Street, Willunga does reflect its historical usage as part of the Willunga township's commercial precinct, this significance is not sufficiently represented within existing heritage fabric. **Criteria b) is not met.**

c) it has played an important part in the lives of local residents;

While being a former chapel dating to an early period for the Willunga township (subsequently used as a residence and commercial premises), this significance of these associations are not sufficiently represented by existing heritage fabric, which has been severely compromised by extensive alterations and additions. **Criteria c) is not met.**

d) it displays aesthetic merit, design characteristics or construction techniques of significance to the local area;

Surviving heritage fabric does not display any aesthetic merit, design characteristics or construction techniques of significance to the local area that would warrant listing under this criteria. **Criteria d) is not met.**

e) it is associated with a notable local personality or event;

The historical and cultural values of 27 High Street, Willunga have not been identified with any notable local personalities or events. **Criteria e) is not met.**

f) it is a notable landmark in the area;

The unusual appearance of 27 High Street, Willunga does present as a landmark of note within the High Street, Willunga precinct. However, it is the unusual combination of modified features rather than distinctive features associated with historic fabric that achieve this local notoriety. **Criteria f) is not met.**

RELEVANT HISTORIC THEMES:

Not applicable – to be delisted

BRIEF HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

Built and opened in 1868 as the first of two Primitive Methodist Chapels for the district, the former Primitive Methodist Chapel at 27 High Street was also used as the first Willunga public school until 1877. In 1892 it was reported the building was closed as a chapel and school and was then used as a wine store. The building subsequently became a family home for the Herring family who purchased the building in 1914. Later usages include a veterinarian practice (c.1970s) and restaurant and café premises in the late 20th century. The building is currently used for as accommodation facilities.

EXTENT OF LISTING:

Not applicable – to be delisted

REFERENCES:

McDougall & Vines, 1997, Willunga Historic Conservation Zone, p.40.

'Primitive Methodist Chapel, 27 High Street, Willunga,' [Primitive Methodist Chapel 27 High Street - Willunga \(nowandthen.net.au\)](http://nowandthen.net.au), accessed 19/8/2021.

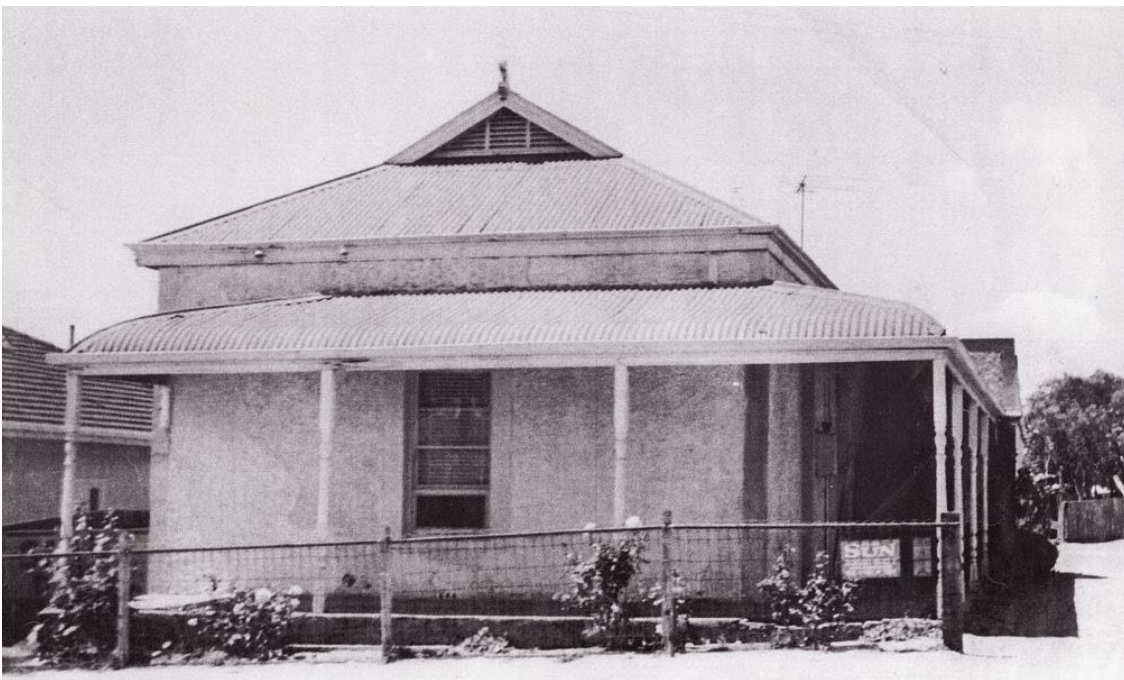
CTs 993/14; 1119/32; 4001/705; etc.

SITE MAPPING:



Site of Former Primitive Methodist Chapel, 27 High Street, Willunga; early building highlighted in red rectangle (Planning SA SAPPa)

HISTORICAL IMAGES:



Former Primitive Methodist Chapel, 27 High Street, Willunga in c.1940
([https://willunga.nowandthen.net.au/Primitive Methodist Chapel 27 High Street](https://willunga.nowandthen.net.au/Primitive%20Methodist%20Chapel%2027%20High%20Street), accessed 19/8/2021).

OTHER IMAGES:



Former Primitive Methodist Chapel, 27 High Street, Willunga (GGA, 2021)



Former Primitive Methodist Chapel, 27 High Street, Willunga, north-west elevation (GGA, 2021)