

NAME: Norfolk Island Pine Tree, 199-203 Port Road (Old Coach Road), ALDINGA

PLACE NO.: Local, HID 5587

CURRENT USE: n/a

FORMER USE: n/a

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION: Planted in the early 20th century

LOCATION: 199-203 Port Road (Old Coach Road), ALDINGA

LAND DESCRIPTION: CT 5227/888, Allotment 91, Hundred of Noarlunga

OWNER: Private ownership

REGISTER STATUS: Local, HID 5587



Norfolk Island Pine Tree at 197-203 Port Road (Old Coach Road), Aldinga (GGA, 2021)

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DESCRIPTION:

A large and impressive botanical specimen of a Norfolk Island Pine (*Araucaria heterophylla*) located to the rear of the site of the current Aldinga Hotel, 199-203 Port Road (Old Coach Road), Aldinga. Historical images indicate the tree was planted after 1915 (see historical images). Today the tree is a major landmark and significant botanical specimen for the district.

It is recommended that the significant Norfolk Island Pine tree at 199-203 Port Road (Old Coach Road), Aldinga be retained as a Local Heritage place on the SA Heritage Register.

STATEMENT OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:

The substantial and impressive Norfolk Island Pine (*Araucaria heterophylla*) specimen located to the rear of the Aldinga Hotel, 197-203 Port Road (Old Coach Road) is of significance as a large and impressive example of a Norfolk Island Pine and a significant local landmark. Currently undated, the tree is believed to have been planted after 1915.

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

(f) The Norfolk Island Pine tree at 199-203 Port Road (Old Coach Road) Aldinga is a notable landmark in the district.

(g) The Norfolk Island Pine tree at 199-203 Port Road (Old Coach Road) Aldinga is of special historical and social significance as a botanical planting of significance for the local area.

RELEVANT HISTORIC THEMES:

Theme 2: Regional Life in the Southern Vales

2.5 Significant local trees and plantings

BRIEF HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

The Aldinga Hotel, sited at the corner of Old Coach Road & Port Road, was established and opened in March 1851. The first licensee was Carthy David Downing, who held the license between 1851 and 1854. Significant licensees have included John Fitzpatrick (1879-84), George Dick (1892-9), Stanley J. Treble (1917) and Mrs Annie Walsh (1928-1937) among others. Stanley Treble is documented as having planted the walnut tree in the rear gardens (now acknowledged by the name of the Hotel's 'the Walnut Tree beer garden') in 1917, described as 'the admiration of the district, having grown to majestic height and shape.'

The date of the adjoining Norfolk Island Pine tree, a substantial botanical example and a significant local landmark, is unknown but likely dates to the early 20th century after 1915 (as indicated by the historical image below).

EXTENT OF LISTING:

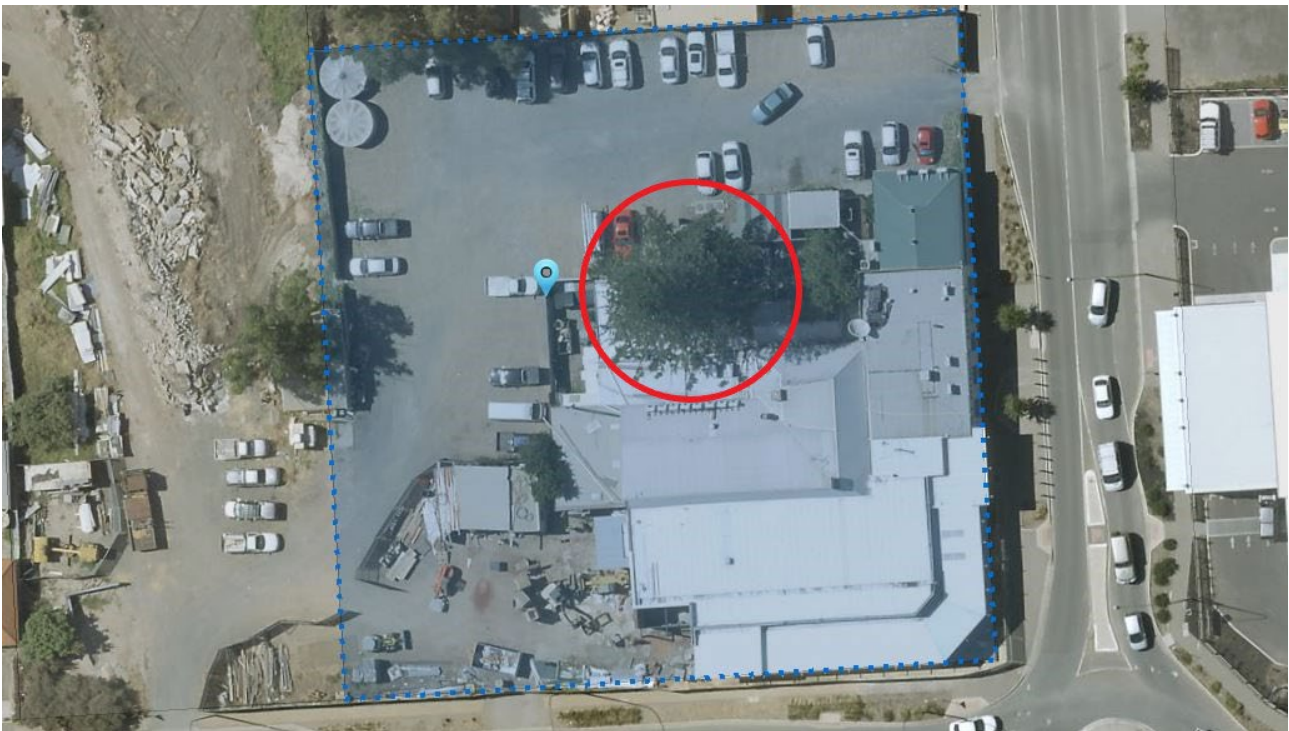
The Norfolk Island Pine tree at 199-203 Port Road (Old Coach Road), Aldinga should be retained and conserved.

REFERENCES:

Hotel aged 102, News, Fri 20 Mar 1953, p.6.

McDougall & Vines, 1997, *Willunga District Heritage Survey*, p.98.

SITE MAPPING:



Site of Norfolk Island Pine Tree, 199-203 Old Coach Road, Aldinga; site of pine tree shown within red circle (Planning SA SAPP)

ADDITIONAL IMAGES:



Aldinga Hotel, 199-203 Old Coach Road, Aldinga with prominent Norfolk Island pine beyond (GGA, 2021)