

NAME: Dwelling, 4 Crane Avenue, COROMANDEL VALLEY

CURRENT USE:	Dwelling
FORMER USE:	Dwelling
DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION:	C.1910 with later additions and alterations
LOCATION:	4 Crane Avenue, COROMANDEL VALLEY
LAND DESCRIPTION:	CT 5170/827, Section 697, Hundred of Noarlunga
OWNER:	Private ownership
RECOMMENDATION:	Local Heritage Place



4 Crane Avenue, Coromandel Valley (GGA, 2021)

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DESCRIPTION:

C.1910 symmetrical cottage constructed of freestone with brick quoins, surrounds and dressings with recent paint removal. Freestone plinth to west elevation verandah. Brick chimneys to original roof line with later aluminium tile cladding. Early timber doors and windows. Non-original timber-framed verandah with replacement aluminium tile cladding. Mid to late 20th century lean-to additions to immediate east, with c.2022 additions currently being undertaken to this portion of the building. Mid to late 20th century sheds and garages immediately adjoining c.1910 building.

It is recommended that the dwelling at 4 Crane Avenue, Coromandel Valley be included on the South Australian Heritage Register as a Local Heritage place.

A delineation of significant historic fabric is provided in the Extent of Listing.

STATEMENT OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:

4 Crane Avenue, Coromandel Valley is of local significance as a highly intact early 20th century example of a local dwelling, providing a strong visual contribution to the Coromandel Valley historic streetscape. The early 20th century continuation of a well-established cottage dwelling typology, the residence is associated with its original owners the Colmer family, prominent early residents of the district.

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

- a) it displays historical, economic or social themes that are of importance to the local area; being an early 20th century dwelling dating to a primary period of development for the Coromandel Valley township.
 - b) it represents customs or ways of life that are characteristic of the local area; being the early 20th century continuation of an established small cottage dwelling typology for the district.
 - e) it is associated with a notable local personality or event; being strongly associated with the Colmer family, prominent early Coromandel Valley residents, who were associated with the residence for over forty years.
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RELEVANT HISTORIC THEMES:

Theme 2: Regional Life in the Southern Vales

2.1 Cottages and small dwellings

Theme 4: Local Settlers and Local Entrepreneurship

4.1 Notable early local settlers and families

BRIEF HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

The heritage values of 4 Crane Avenue, Coromandel Valley do not appear to have been identified or assessed as part of any previous heritage survey.

4 Crane Avenue was briefly described in the National Trust of South Australia's 'Coromandel Walking Guide' as follows: "CRANE AVENUE: Named after Norman Arthur Crane, a dairy farmer who was instrumental in (the) subdivision of this area in the 1950s; the house at 4 Crane Avenue dates back to at least 1910."

Current research has identified Lands Title records dating to November 1910, when the allotment was acquired by Edgar Harold Colmer of Coromandel Valley, miner. The site previously formed part of a larger allotment owned by the Colmer family from 1902, comprising 18 acres stretching east along Crane Avenue. It is believed the Colmers were associated with the site prior to 1902; the c.1880 cottage at 413b Main Road is believed to have been constructed by the Colmers on rented land prior to the 1902 acquisition. The 1910 subdivision may suggest construction at this time; a c.1912 photograph (see Historical Images) indicates a completed house on the site at this time. The property was retained by Colmer until his death in 1954 and changed hands frequently throughout the 20th century. The property was most recently sold in 2010.

A number of additions and alterations have occurred to the property since construction. The original corrugated steel roof and western verandah were replaced sometime in the late 20th century, though original roof form, timber gable ventilators, masonry walls and brick chimney remain. C.2010 real estate photography indicates extensive internal modifications during the 20th century. At the time of writing, new additions to the building's western elevation were under construction.

EXTENT OF LISTING:

The form and materials of all surviving masonry fabric to the c.1910 residence, including all walls, plinth, brick chimneys, window & door openings, quoins, surrounds and dressings. The form and materials of early windows and doors is considered of significance and is included in the listing. The original roof form, the use of corrugated steel cladding and use of timber gable ventilators is considered of significance and is included in the listing, though current replacement materials are not included in the listing.

It is recommended that aluminium roof tiling should be replaced with corrugated iron roof cladding of matching profile to that indicated in available historic photography. It is recommended that the original appearance of the timber framed verandah, shown in historic photography, should be sympathetically restored.

All later additions and alterations are not included in the listing.

REFERENCES:

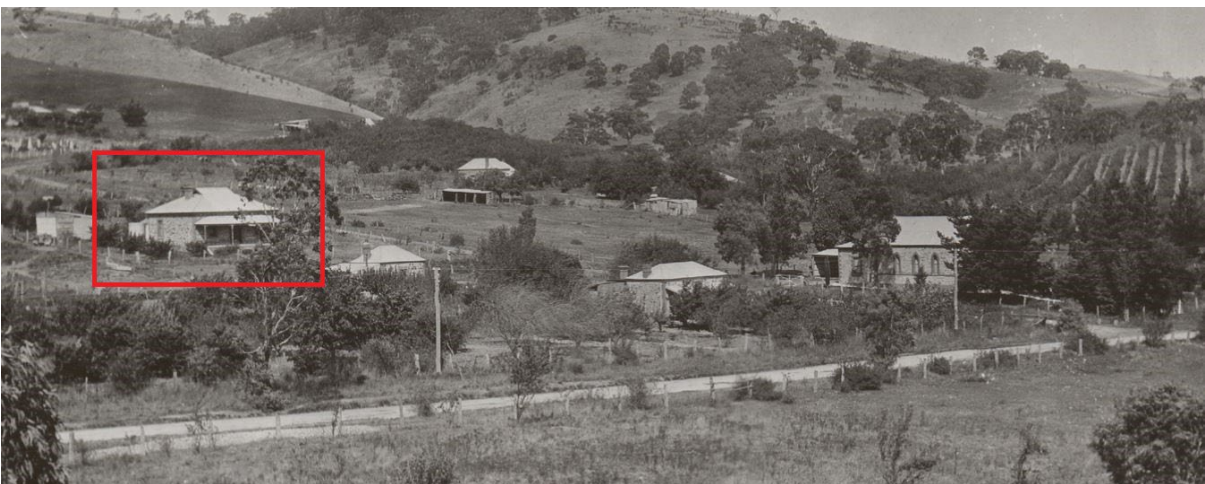
'Coromandel Walking Guide', National Trust of South Australia, 2014.
CT 694/82; 848/70.

SITE MAPPING:



Site of 4 Crane Avenue, Coromandel Valley (Planning SA SAPPA)

HISTORICAL IMAGES:



C.1912 photograph of Coromandel Valley township looking south-east, 4 Crane Avenue highlighted within red box (SLSA B 28529)



Enhanced photograph of c.1912 image of 4 Crane Avenue, Coromandel Valley (SLSA B 28529)



C.1920 photograph of 4 Crane Avenue, Coromandel Valley, looking south (SLSA B 28523)



West elevation of 4 Crane Avenue, Coromandel Valley in c.2010 (<https://www.realestate.com.au/property/4-crane-ave-coromandel-valley-sa-5051>, accessed 18/1/2022).



C.2010 photograph of late 20th century internal alterations to 4 Crane Avenue, Coromandel Valley (<https://www.realestate.com.au/property/4-crane-ave-coromandel-valley-sa-5051>, accessed 18/1/2022).

OTHER IMAGES:



West elevation of 4 Crane Avenue, Coromandel Valley (Google Maps, 2020)



South elevation of 4 Crane Avenue, Coromandel Valley (GGA, 2021)