

NAME: Aldinga Hotel, 197-203 Port Road, ALDINGA

PLACE NO.: Local, HID 5587

CURRENT USE:	Aldinga Hotel
FORMER USE:	Aldinga Hotel
DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION:	c.1851 with various later additions
LOCATION:	197-203 Port Road (Old Coach Road), ALDINGA
LAND DESCRIPTION:	CT 5227/888, Allotment 91, Hundred of Noarlunga
OWNER:	Bend Hotels Pty. Ltd.
REGISTER STATUS:	Local, HID 5587



Aldinga Hotel, 197-203 Old Coach Road, Aldinga with prominent Norfolk Island pine (GGA, 2021)

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DESCRIPTION:

Established in 1851, the original Aldinga Hotel was noted in 1997 as having recently been extended with a concrete block structure added to the street frontage. The 1997 survey also noted that the core of the structure retains little of the early building fabric of the hotel while remaining a significant meeting place for the local district.

Since 1997, further extensive development and additions have been undertaken. Recent additions have now completely altered any trace of heritage fabric relating to the original building from the streetscape. While the Hotel's significance as a meeting place for local residents since the mid-19th century remains applicable, this significance is no longer represented in evident historic fabric.

It is recommended that the Aldinga Hotel, 199-203 Port Road (Old Coach Road), Aldinga be delisted as a Local Heritage place on the SA Heritage Register.

It is recommended however that the significant Norfolk Pine Tree at 199-203 Port Road (Old Coach Road), Aldinga be retained as a Local Heritage item. A separate data sheet relating to this item has been developed to delineate the extent of heritage fabric.

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 the Aldinga Hotel, 199-203 Port Road, Aldinga 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;

While the ongoing usage of the Aldinga Hotel does retain cultural and social ties to the local Aldinga district, this cultural and social significance is not 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 the Aldinga Hotel does reflect its historical usage as popular publican premises for the Aldinga township dating to an early period of development, 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 the Aldinga Hotel has played an important role in the lives of local Aldinga residents, this significance is 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 historic and cultural values of the Aldinga Hotel 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;

Now extensive modified with little evident historic fabric, 15 Old Coach Road, Aldinga is not a local landmark despite being popular publican premises for the local district. **Criteria f) is not met.**

RELEVANT HISTORIC THEMES (Historic Themes for South Australia):

Not applicable – to be delisted

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 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:

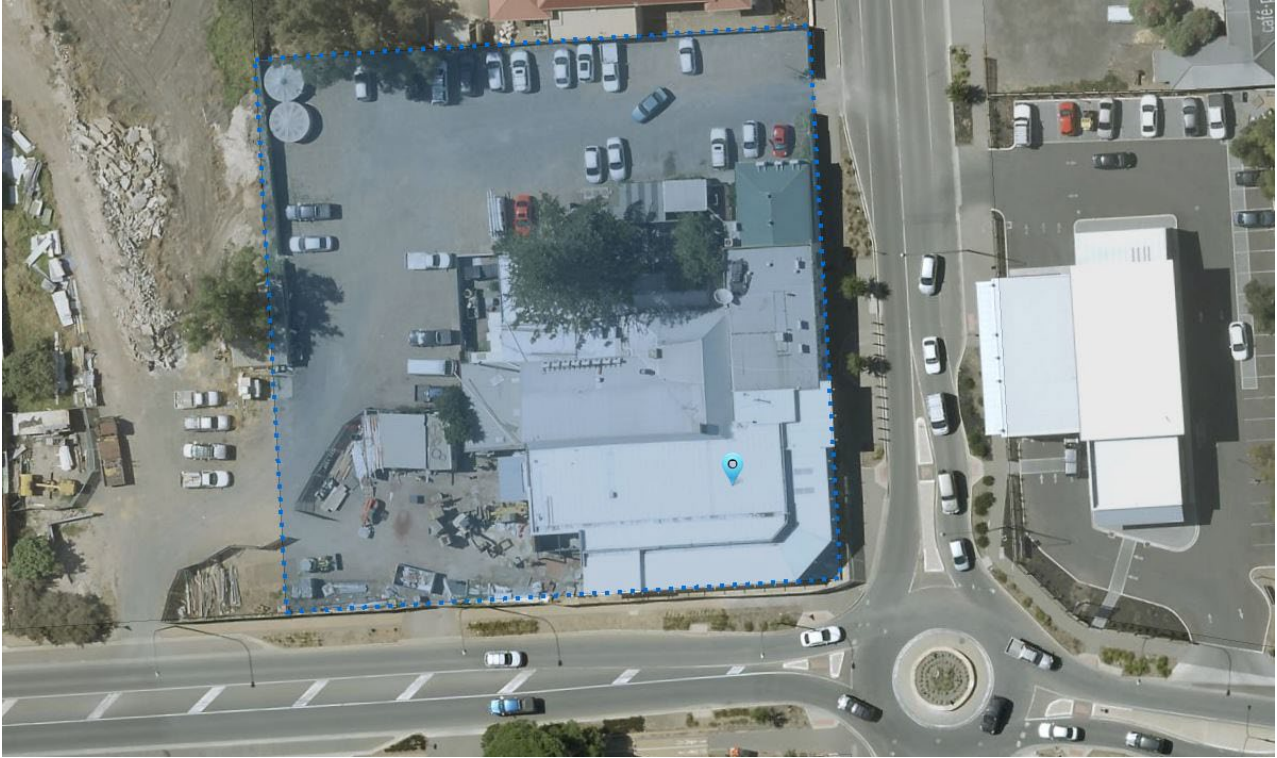
Not applicable – to be delisted

REFERENCES:

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

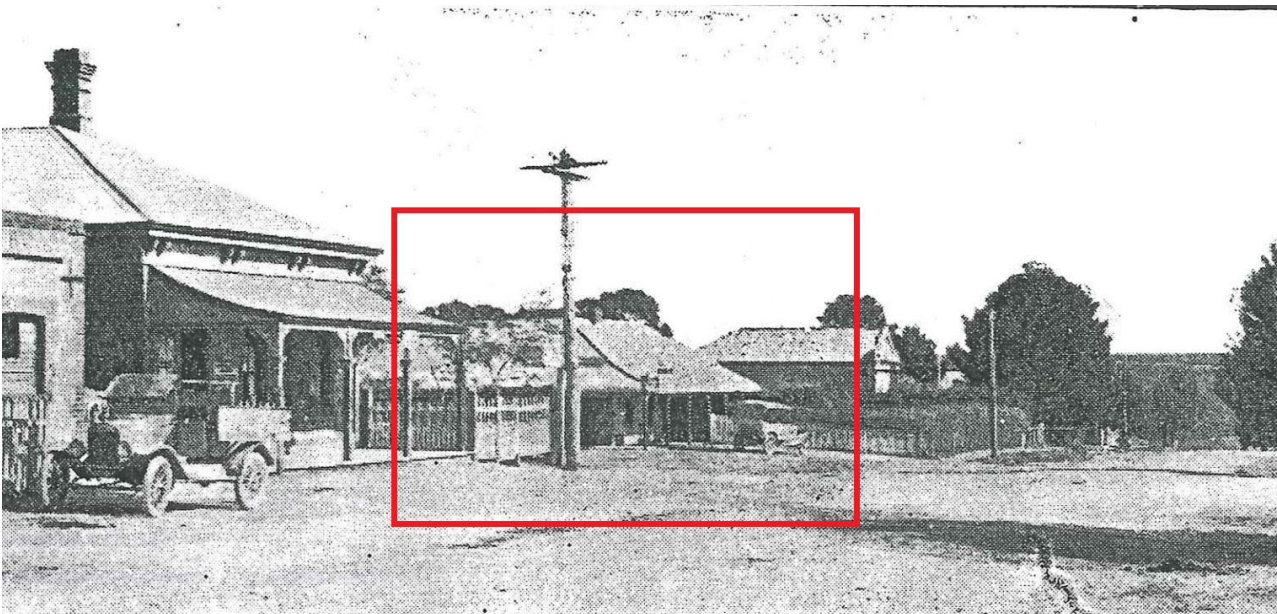
McDougall & Vines, 1997, *Willunga District Heritage Survey*, p.98.

SITE MAPPING:



Site of Aldinga Hotel, 199-203 Old Coach Road, Aldinga with prominent Norfolk Island pine (Planning SA SAPPa)

HISTORICAL IMAGES:



Old Coach Road, Aldinga, c.1915; Original Aldinga Hotel shown within red outline. Note lack of Norfolk Island pine to site at this time (McDougall & Vines, Willunga District Heritage Survey, 1997, p83.)