

NAME: Commercial Premises, 15 Old Coach Road, ALDINGA

PLACE NO.: Local, HID 5579

CURRENT USE:	Café premises ('The Shack Café & Pizzeria')
FORMER USE:	Butcher's premises
DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION:	C.mid-19 th century with later additions and alterations
LOCATION:	15 Old Coach Road, ALDINGA
LAND DESCRIPTION:	CTs 5777/720, Section 394, Hundred of Willunga
OWNER:	Private ownership
REGISTER STATUS:	Local, HID 5579



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DESCRIPTION:

C.mid-19th century commercial premises; early surviving fabric includes existing parapet wall frontage, now rendered with c.1980s brick frontage additions, also rendered with reconstructed door and window openings. New timber and corrugated steel verandah additions undertaken since 1997 review. Extensive internal modifications.

While the 1997 survey's recommendation of the reinstatement of a new, 'more appropriate' verandah form has been undertaken, the extensive additions undertaken to the building after 1977 have compromised both the building's heritage fabric and its contribution to the Old Coach Road streetscape. Early photography (see Historical Images) indicates the original appearance and portrays the extent of modifications undertaken since.

While the building has been used as commercial premises for the local district since the mid-19th century, this significance is not represented in the little heritage fabric that remains.

It is recommended that 15 Old Coach Road, Aldinga be delisted 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 15 Old Coach 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 commercial usage of 15 Old Coach Road, Aldinga 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 15 Old Coach Road, Aldinga does reflect its historical usage as part of the Aldinga 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 popular eatery and commercial premises dating to an early period for the Aldinga township, 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 historical and cultural values of 15 Old Coach Road, Aldinga 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 a popular local eatery. **Criteria f) is not met.**

RELEVANT HISTORIC THEMES (Historic Themes for South Australia):

Not applicable, to be delisted.

BRIEF HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

The commercial premises at 15 Old Coach Road, Aldinga has been identified as an early shop for the district (likely mid-19th century).

As identified in the 1997 *Willunga District Heritage Survey*, the earliest identifiable Lands Title records date to April 1896 when the existing property was acquired by Mary Edith Cox, wife of Charles Cox of Aldinga, saddler. This may indicate the premises were used as a saddlery business at this time; the acquisition of Henry Bishop saddler also suggests this. The premises were used as a butcher's shop from 1924 to 1935 with many subsequent commercial usages since. Extensive modifications were undertaken after 1977.

EXTENT OF LISTING:

Not applicable, to be delisted.

REFERENCES:

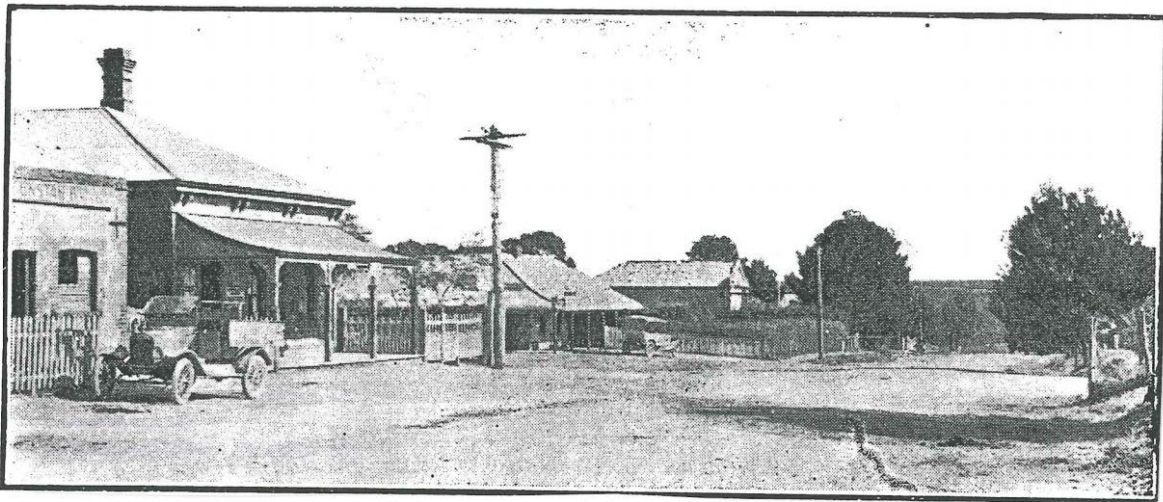
McDougall & Vines, 1997, *Willunga District Heritage Survey*, p.76.
Historical CTs 607/125; 2256/117; 3405/17.

SITE MAPPING:



Site of 15 Old Coach Road, Aldinga (Planning SA SAPPa)

HISTORICAL IMAGES:



Old Coach Road, Aldinga, c.1915; 15 Old Coach Road to extreme left (McDougall & Vines, Willunga District Heritage Survey, 1997, p83.)



1977 photograph of 15 Old Coach Road, Aldinga before modifications (McDougall & Vines, Willunga District Heritage Survey, 1997, p83.)

OTHER IMAGES:



Deterioration to parapet wall with extensive modifications to original frontage (GGA, 2021).



Deterioration to parapet wall with heritage fabric to north elevation (GGA, 2021).