

HISTORIC BUILDINGS ACT 1974
HISTORIC BUILDINGS PRESERVATION COUNCIL

Recommendation to the Minister for Planning, the Hon. LOUIS STUART LIEBERMAN, M.P., in accordance with Section 10(1)(a)(i) of the Historic Buildings Act 1974 for the amendment of the designation of Woolshed, Tottington Homestead, via St. Arnaud (No. 305) to include:

THE WOOLSHED,
TOTTINGTON HOMESTEAD AND STONE COTTAGE
VIA ST. ARNAUD

On the Register of Historic Buildings.



APPROVED
BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

29 SEP 1981

Tom Sumital
CLERK OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Date: August 29, 1980

File: K/2/3 RW

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Consideration of these buildings arose from an application by the owner, Mr. Allan Small, dated 16th March, 1976.

2.2 Submissions were sought from the following parties:-

- (a) The owner, Allan Small and Co.
- (b) The Shire Secretary, Shire of Kara Kara.
- (c) The National Trust of Australia (Victoria).

2.3.1 The owner submitted a statement of the buildings' history, condition and future usage and repair.

2.3.2 The Shire of Kara Kara noted:

- (a) Re: Stone cottage:- "...the Kara Kara Shire Council is of the opinion that the building is a significant one and its restoration and preservation is favoured." (17th August, 1976).
- (b) Re: Tottington Homestead:- "They (the Councillors) had no hesitation in resolving that the Tottington Homestead was of historic and architectural significance and of sufficient importance to warrant restoration and preservation." (17th August, 1976).

2.3.3 The National Trust indicated that the homestead is classified and supported inclusion on the Register.

2.4 Correspondence was received from Mr. Tom Austin, M.P., Minister of Public Works (6th June, 1980) noting that he had received a letter from the Shire Secretary, Shire of Kara Kara. The letter noted that the Shire Council had submitted an application for financial assistance, on behalf of the owners, from the National Estate Programme in 1979. The building had been included on the National Estate Register prior to this. The

building was not eligible for assistance as it was not included on the Historic Buildings Register and the Shire was anxious that its addition be encouraged.

- 2.5 The woolshed at Tottington is currently on the Register (No. 305) and addition of the homestead and stone cottage would be an amendment to that designation.

FINDINGS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

After examining the material presented to it, the Sub-Committee found that the courtyard section of the Tottington Homestead was built for pastoralist Lawrence Rosten during the 1850's or 60's. The ballroom and south wing were added in the 1880's for Andrew Anderson.

The homestead consists of a single-storeyed house which is planned around a three-sided courtyard with a perimeter verandah. To the rear is the former ballroom with flanking bedrooms. The house is constructed in brick with hipped corrugated iron roofs and is believed to have mudstone footings. It is largely intact.


The stone cottage is in a much deteriorated condition, although still possessing a gabled corrugated iron roof. The windows and door have been removed.

The complex is part of the development associated with the early vernacular woolshed and is of historic importance in the development of the area north of St. Arnaud. The cottage represents, with the woolshed, the variety of vernacular construction employed in the area.

4.
RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

The Sub-Committee resolved to recommend that the designation of the Woolshed, Tottington Homestead, be extended to include the Tottington Homestead and Stone Cottage on the Register of Historic Buildings.

On behalf of the Classifications Sub-Committee
of the Historic Buildings Preservation Council.


PETER BROWN,
CHAIRMAN.

V I C T O R I A

MINISTRY FOR PLANNING

Amendment of Register of Historic Buildings

The Woolshed, Tottington Homestead
and Stone Cottage
Via St. Arnaud

In pursuance of the provisions of Section 3 of the
Historic Buildings Act 1974 it is recommended that
the Governor in Council make an Order in the form
of the attached draft amending the Register of
Historic Buildings.



APPROVED
BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

29 SEP 1981

Tom Brunton
CLERK OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Tom Brunton'.

MINISTER FOR PLANNING



At the Executive Council Chamber, Melbourne
the *Twenty-ninth* day of *September* 1980

P R E S E N T

His Excellency the Governor of Victoria

MR. COOZIER. MR. MACLELLAN.

MR. LIEBERMAN. MR. KENNEDY.
AMENDMENT OF REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

WHEREAS it is provided by Section 3 of the Historic Buildings Act 1974 that the Governor in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister, may by notice published in the Government Gazette, amend the Register of Historic Buildings established under the said Act -

- (a) by adding any specified building;
- (b) by removing any specified building; or
- (c) by altering any item.

AND WHEREAS the Minister has recommended that the Register be amended.

NOW THEREFORE His Excellency the Governor of the State of Victoria, by and with the advice of the Executive Council thereof, doth hereby amend the Register of Historic Buildings in the manner and to the extent shown as follows:
by amending

"Historic Building No. 305 The Woolshed, Tottington Homestead, via St. Arnaud, to

Historic Building No. 305 The Woolshed, Tottington Homestead and Stone Cottage, via St. Arnaud".

AND the Honourable Louis Stuart Lieberman, Her Majesty's Minister for Planning for the State of Victoria, shall give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

John Stewart
CLERK OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL