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Nomination form

South Australian HERITAGE COUNCIL

To help your nomination be successful, please fill out this form with as much information as possible.

Feel free to expand the answer fields as much as you require or append information to the form.

Please note that places which have been nominated during past three years will not be reconsidered by the South Australian Heritage Council unless you can provide significant new information not provided through the previous nomination and assessment.

For assistance with this form you may contact:

Your local historical society or heritage adviser may be of assistance OR you may telephone an assessment officer in Heritage South Australia on (08) 8124 4960.

A. Nominated Place

1. Name	
Name of Place / Object:	Strout Farm
Any other or former name(s):	Brooklet
Is the place already on another heritage list?	Yes, this place is currently local heritage listed

2. Location					
Street Address:	60 Strout Road				
	Suburb / Town: McLaren Vale SA			Post Code: 5172	
Local Council Name:	City of Onkaparinga				
Land Description: (if known)	Title: CT	Volume: 5384	Folio: 553	Parcel Type: Allot	Parcel No: 14
	Plan Type: DP	Plan No: 46045	Section: 449	Hundred: Willunga	
GPS Location/s: (if known)	Longitude / Easting / X			Latitude / Northing / Y (Datum =)	

3. Ownership	
Name of Owner(s):	
Contact person: (if different from owner explain relationship)	
Postal Address:	
Phone Number:	
Ownership History:	1876 – 1910 - owner Henry Malpas leased Section 449 to Samuel Strout 1911 – 1957 - Richard Wellesley Strout 1957 – 1963 - Thomas Samuel Strout 1963 – current – (daughter of Thomas Samuel Strout)

4. Nominator (your details)	
Your Name/s:	
Organisation/Position:	
Daytime Phone:	

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B. Description

5. Description of nominated place or object	
Description of the nominated place or object and its current condition:	<p>Strout Farm consists of following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • single-storey masonry farmhouse c1850 • two-storey masonry cellar and kitchen (mid-19th century) with side wing additions (early 20th century) • former stable with one masonry wall and vertical timber slab walls (mid-19th century) • former shed with vertical timber slab walls (mid-19th century) • slab of former outbuilding (mid-19th century), demolished c1997 • Moreton Bay fig tree (thought to be c1850s) <p>The farmhouse and adjacent kitchen/cellar and other farm buildings generally have high integrity. The outbuildings appear a bit dilapidated.</p> <p>One of the mid-19th century outbuildings was demolished c1997 but the slate slab remains. The former timber slab stables and shed both remain, with various later metal clad additions.</p>
Are you aware of any modifications or additions to the place or object? Can you provide dates for these changes?	<p>Changes to the farmhouse and adjacent kitchen/cellar include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • alteration to the profile and depth of the front verandah • replacement of the original slate roof with metal cladding • replacement of the covered walkway between the separate kitchen / cellar with a large verandah • north and south additions to the kitchen / cellar • replacement of some of the windows and doors • alterations to some fireplaces • a modern bathroom and kitchen fitout <p>Later additions to stables and sheds.</p>
Do you believe there may be historical items under the ground? Should an archaeological investigation be considered?	<p>Possibly</p>
Date you inspected the place or object:	<p>Inspected by [REDACTED] (GGA) in 2021 and [REDACTED] in 2023</p>
Have you had any contact with the Owner?	<p>Yes, council has contacted the owner a number of times since 2020. The owner was also contacted by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] prior to their site visits.</p>
Current use of the place or object:	<p>Dwelling with outbuildings. Dwelling used for tourist accommodation.</p>
Original or former use(s):	<p>Farm Complex with dwelling and outbuildings</p>
Are there any current or long term threats to the nominated place or object?	<p>A lack of maintenance on buildings could pose a threat to their structural stability.</p>
Name of Builder:	<p>Unknown</p>
Any other information:	

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C. History

6. Origins and history	
Years of Construction:	Start: c.1849 Finish: c. 1850s
Name of Designer / Architect:	Unknown
History of the nominated place or object:	<p>Strout Farm was established by Richard Strout possibly in 1849. Richard Strout leased the land from Henry Malpas of Willunga. The farm was known as 'Brooklet'. The property has been in the ownership of the members of the family since its establishment.</p> <p>The farm was used for cereals, legumes, almonds and grazing.</p> <p>See Attachment 1 – Report by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (GGA) and Attachment 2 – Report by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for detailed history.</p>
Historical sources used to support your nomination: Please attach copies of pages from publications or newspaper articles as appropriate.	<p>See Attachment 1 – Report by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (GGA) and Attachment 2 – Report by [REDACTED] [REDACTED]</p>

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D. Heritage Significance

7. Statement of State Significance - Why is the place or object important to South Australia?

The Strout Farm complex is representative of establishment and evolution of a farming practices and the expansion of farming in the Southern Vales region from 1850s to 1900s. It is one of the few generational farms in the region.

8. Significance Criteria

The South Australian *Heritage Places Act 1993* lists seven criteria by which places are assessed as 'State significant.' Please tick the criteria you feel the place demonstrates and explain your reasons.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It demonstrates important aspects of the evolution or pattern of the State's history. | This place represents the theme of Developing South Australia's economies as it is an intact example of a farm complex in the Southern Vales region. The farm complex represents a tangible link to the area's agricultural past and showcasing the evolution of farming crops from wheat in 1850s to almonds in 1900s. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It has rare, uncommon or endangered qualities that are of cultural significance. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It may yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the State's history, including its natural history. | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It is an outstanding representative of a particular class of places of cultural significance. | The farm's cultivation of grapes, olives, and almonds reflects the agricultural diversity of the McLaren Vale region, contributing to the area's reputation for producing high-quality wine, olive oil, and almonds. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It demonstrates a high degree of creative, aesthetic or technical accomplishment or is an outstanding representative of particular construction techniques or design characteristics. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It has strong cultural or spiritual associations for the community or a group within it. | |

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☒ **It has a special association with the life or work of a person or organisation or an event of historical importance.**

Strout farm is associated with the Strout family which was one of the notable early local settlers. It is one of the few farms that is still owned by descendants of the same family.

Samuel Strout was responsible for one of the first plantings of almonds in the Willunga region with the biggest orchard in the Southern Hemisphere in 1909. A variety of almond, which was evolved specifically for Willunga conditions, has been named after Samuel Strout.

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E. Additional Information

9. Images/Maps/Diagrams/Site Plans

A full range of images including maps, site plans, and photographs will help your nomination.

Please provide:

- a clear outline of the place or object being nominated within any maps or plans provided
- high quality images of the place or object (please list the total number of images being provided)
- the subject of each image
- the date each image was created
- the author of each image, and
- the copyright holder of each image (if known)

Paste images here:



Aerial image of 'Strout Farm', 60 Strout Road, McLaren Vale (elements highlighted in red and numbered as per below):

1. Residence and kitchen with cellar
2. Former Stables
3. Former Timber shed
4. Slate Slab for former outbuilding
5. Moreton Bay Fig tree


Source: Nearmap 2024

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The South Australian Heritage Council is committed to transparency in relation to the listing process and wishes to enhance public confidence in the nomination, listing and decision-making process. The Council's policy is to make nominations for State heritage listing and submissions on provisional entries publicly available via webpage or to interested parties. The Council will adhere to the Privacy Principles and your name and personal details will not be released.

I  nominate Strout Farm to be state heritage listed.

The information I/we have provided is correct to my/our knowledge.

Your Signature/s:



Date: 18/8/25

Nomination Form Checklist

Please check that your nomination includes:

- ☒ A clear indication of the location of the place or object (including map/s). Where a number of features are nominated, show the location of each and/or a boundary surrounding the significant elements of the site.
- ☒ A history of the place or object explaining important aspects relevant to the nomination.
This should generally help support arguments of cultural significance.
- ☒ A clear description of the nominated place or object/s.
- ☒ A statement of significance and indication on how the place or object satisfies one or more of the significance criteria.
- ☒ Have you taken the opportunity to discuss the nomination with a heritage assessment officer? It is strongly advised you to do so prior to submitting this nomination.

Email: DEWHeritage@sa.gov.au

Post: Executive Officer, South Australian Heritage Council
Department for Environment and Water
GPO Box 1047, Adelaide SA 5001

NAME: 'Strout Farm', 60 Strout Road, MCLAREN VALE

PLACE NO.: Local, HID 5413

CURRENT USE:	Dwelling with outbuildings
FORMER USE:	Farmhouse, adjoining kitchen/cellar with early outbuildings
DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION:	C.1850 with later additions and alterations
LOCATION:	60 Strout Road, MCLAREN VALE
LAND DESCRIPTION:	CT 5384/553, Section 449, Hundred of Willunga
OWNER:	Private ownership
REGISTER STATUS:	Local, HID 5413



'Strout Farm', 60 Strout Road, McLaren Vale (GGA, 2021)

NAME: 'Strout Farm', 60 Strout Road, MCLAREN VALE

PLACE NO.: Local, HID 5413

DESCRIPTION:

C.1850 former farmhouse constructed of masonry with brick quoins, surrounds and chimneys, original gable roof form with later corrugated steel cladding extending to later timber-framed verandah. Early cast iron wall plates to north elevation, early slate paving to west elevation verandah.

Mid-19th century cellar and kitchen adjoining outbuilding, cellar retains early timber door and window fittings with early slate salt bath and slate shelving. Slate treads to descending external steps. Kitchen retains original stove alcove, timber ceiling and ceiling hooks with early timber door and window fittings. Later c.1930s bathroom additions to south and north elevations.

Mid-19th century masonry and timber stabling complex with extensive early slab timberwork, including original timber stalls and mangers with original 'oculus' ventilators to north masonry wall. Various periods of early and later corrugated steel roof cladding.

Mid-19th century shed constructed of early slab timberwork with various periods of corrugated steel roof and wall cladding. Various periods of later timber structural elements supporting early timberwork.

Mid-19th century slate slab to former masonry outbuilding, demolished in c. 1997. Slate slab paving to the immediate north adjoining large Moreton Bay fig tree.

Large Moreton Bay fig tree dating to initial site development (c.1850s), now grown over adjoining timber fence posts dating to the same period. Early olive grove (c.1850s) to western boundary fence near western property entrance from Strout Road. Various later timber-framed corrugated steel-clad outbuildings dating from the mid-20th century onwards.

It is recommended that the former farmhouse, adjoining kitchen/cellar and outbuildings of the Strout Farm complex, 60 Strout Road, McLaren Vale be retained on the SA Heritage Register as a Local Heritage place. It is recommended that the current listing be amended to include additional heritage fabric identified in the recommended Extent of Listing

It is believed that State Heritage criteria a) & d) of Section 16 of the *Heritage Places Act 1993* may be applicable to the currently-identified heritage significance relating to the Strout Farm complex, 60 Strout Road, McLaren Vale.

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

STATEMENT OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:

The Strout family farming complex at 60 Strout Road, McLaren Vale is of significance as a relatively intact farming complex dating from the 1850s and retaining a high degree of early fabric. The survival of unusual and distinctive features, including slate salt baths and shelving to the cellar and early slab timber stalls and mangers to the former stabling complex, are rare and early

features for the local district, representing the site's agricultural activities from the mid-19th century. The farm complex is also strongly associated with the Strout family who have owned and resided at the property since the mid-19th century; an association of nearly 120 years.

RELEVANT CRITERIA (Under Section 23(4) of the Development Act 1993):

- a) it displays historical, economic or social themes that are of importance to the local area; being a relatively intact c.1850 farming complex retaining a high degree of original fabric dating to the initial development of agricultural activities in the district during the mid-19th century.
- b) it represents customs or ways of life that are characteristic of the local area; being an relatively intact example of a mid 19th century farming complex, retaining its original farmhouse and associated outbuilding which represent the lifestyle of farmers and agricultural producers in the local district at this time.
- d) it displays aesthetic merit, design characteristics or construction techniques of significance to the local area; the former farmhouse retaining a very high integrity of original fabric, including its original layout; the kitchen/cellar retains early and distinctive features including slate salt baths, slate shelves and original ceiling hooks; the masonry and timber stabling complex retains early slab timberwork and unusual surviving early features including original stalls and mangers.
- e) it is associated with a notable local personality or event; being owned, occupied and operated by various generations of the extended Strout family since 1850; a highly significant association of approximately 120 years.
- g) in the case of a tree, it is of special historical or social significance or importance within the local area; the substantial Moreton Bay fig tree and associated boundary fencing dating to the initial development of the site from the 1850s.

RELEVANT HISTORIC THEMES:

Theme 5: Food Production in the Southern Vales

5.1 Self-contained and self-reliant farming complexes

BRIEF HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

The 1997 Willunga District Heritage Survey identified that the Strout family founded 'Strout's Farm', 60 Strout Road, McLaren Vale soon after settlement of the local district in the 1840s. The 1997 survey also noted the Strout family has retained ownership of parts of the original farming land, including the original farmhouse and outbuildings at 60 Strout Road, McLaren Vale since the 1850s.

The Royal South Australian Almanack of 1849 is the first to record a 'Richard Strout, farmer, near Willunga'; suggesting settlement in the district by this date. It is unclear when the earliest portions of the farmhouse and early outbuildings were constructed but are likely to date shortly after Richard Strout's arrival in the district. Current research has identified Lands Title records dating to 1876, when the original land owner Henry Malpas leased Section 448 to Samuel Strout (also leasing Section 449 to Samuel's relative Richard Strout on the same day). Samuel Strout acquired portions of the adjoining Section 446 in March 1881. Richard Wellesley Strout, son of Samuel Strout, would later acquire all associated Sections by the late 1900s.

Various generations of the extended Strout family have continuously occupied the 'Strout Farm' complex (formerly known as 'Brooklet') since construction in c.1850. It is understood that the detached kitchen and cellar was constructed shortly after the farmhouse, originally joined by a narrow walkway. The cellar is largely in original condition with early slate salt bath, slate shelves and timber window fittings. The kitchen retains its original stove alcove and ceiling hooks.

One former barn was demolished shortly before listing in 1997, though the original slate slab remains on site. Several early outbuildings dating to the initial c.1850 site development remain, including a masonry and timber stabling complex with surviving original timber mangers and stalls and an early timber shed with later alterations. A substantial Moreton Bay fig tree dating to the mid-19th century also remains on the site, having enveloped early timber fencing posts (see Other Images). A new residence has recently been erected to the immediate north of the former farmhouse, the residence of two subsequent generations of the extended Strout family.

EXTENT OF LISTING:

The form and materials of all masonry elements to the c.1850 former farmhouse, including all masonry walls, chimneys, door and window openings and early cast-iron wall plates. Early external paving to the west elevation verandah is also included in the listing. The form of the original gable roof and use of corrugated steel is considered of significance and is included in the listing, though individual replacement materials are not included in the listing. Where replacement is required, the form and materials of replacement elements should match existing elements.

The form and materials of the mid-19th century cellar and kitchen, including all masonry elements including slate salt baths and slate shelves, slate treads to external stairs. All later additions, including the c.1930s additions are not included.

The form and materials of the mid-19th century masonry and timber stabling complex, including north masonry wall with 'oculus' window openings and all early slab timberwork, including columns, early stalls and mangers, etc. the use of later structural timberwork and use of corrugated steel is considered of significance and is included in the listing though individual replacement materials are not included in the listing. Where replacement is required, the form and materials of replacement elements should match existing elements.

The form of the mid-19th century shed including all early slab timberwork. The use of later structural timberwork and use of corrugated steel is considered of significance and is included in the listing though individual replacement materials are not included in the listing. Where replacement is required, the form and materials of replacement elements should match existing elements.

The form and materials of all external slate slabs and paving, including the mid-19th century slate slab to demolished former masonry outbuilding and slate paving to the immediate north, adjoining large Moreton Bay fig tree.

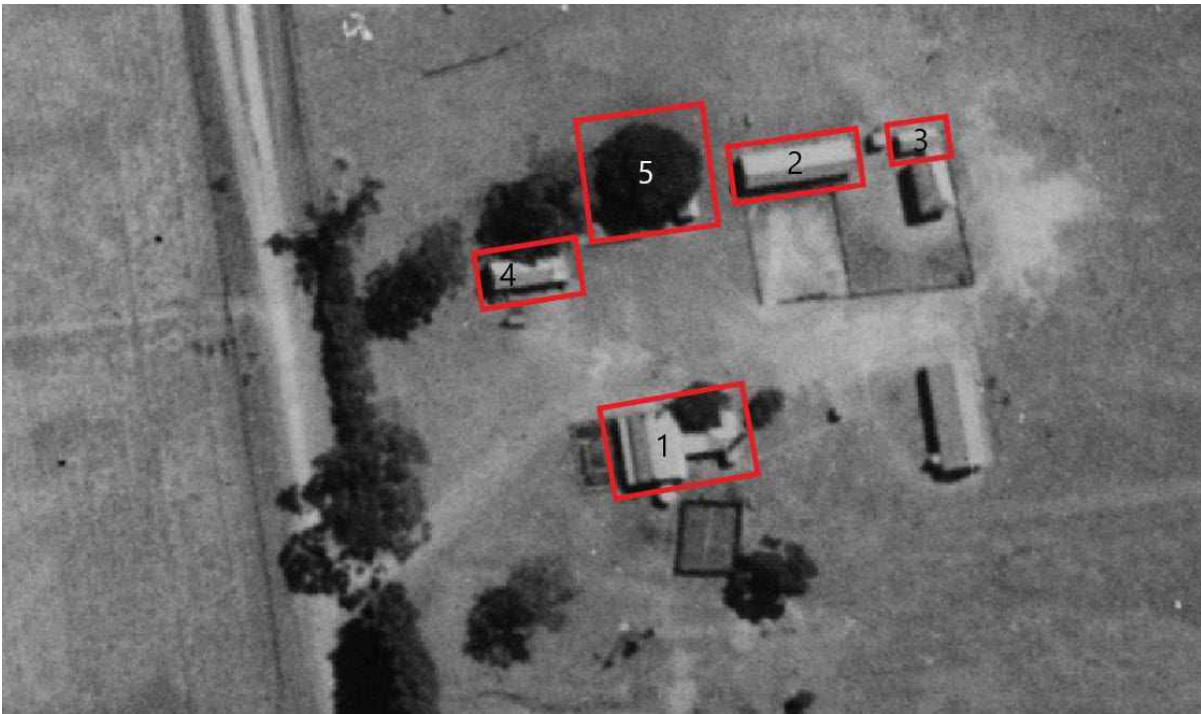
The large Moreton Bay fig tree and associated early timber boundary fencing is included in the listing. A regular routine inspection of the health and condition of the tree should be undertaken to monitor its longevity and its heritage contribution to the site.

All later additions and structures, including mid-20th century timber framed and corrugated steel clad outbuildings are not included in the listing.

REFERENCES:

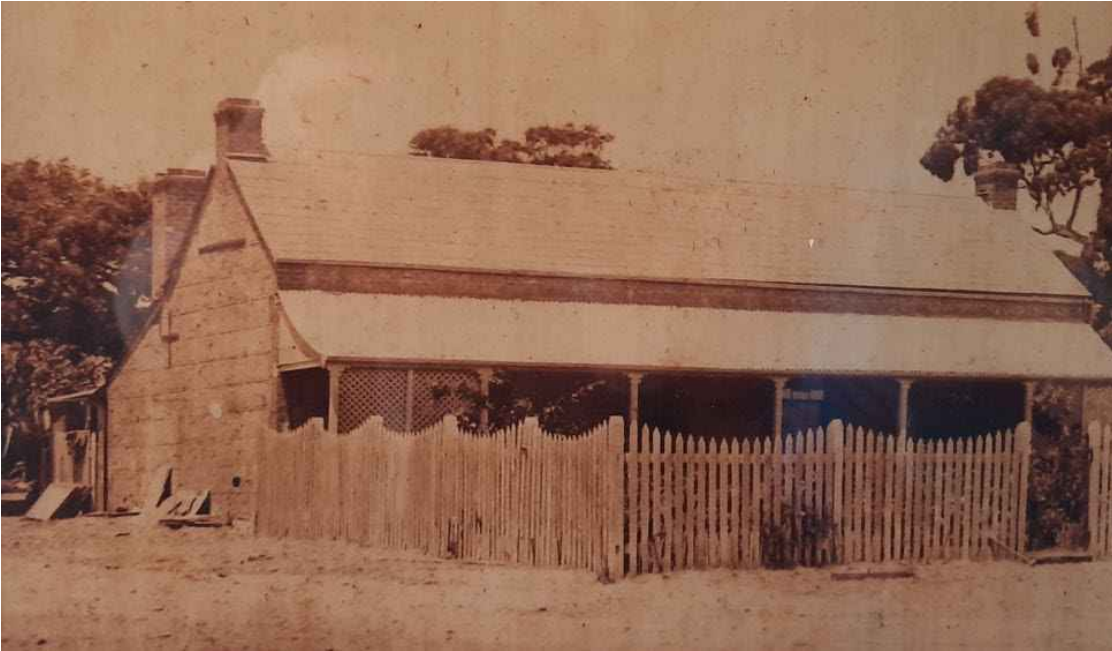
Historical CTs 227/199; 762/74; 2271/104; 3150/98; 3616/43; 3693/42; 4221/266; 4390/694; etc.
[REDACTED], 1997, Willunga District Heritage Survey, pp. 153-4
Historical images courtesy of [REDACTED]

HISTORICAL IMAGES:



Site of Strout Farm complex in July 1936; (1) c.1850 residence and associated kitchen/cellar, joined by covered walkway; (2) mid-19th century masonry & timber stables; (3) mid-19th century timber shed; (4) mid-19th century masonry outbuilding (now demolished) slate slab remains today; (5) Moreton Bay fig tree with early associated timber fencing posts. (ICSM Historical Aerial Photography, Film Number MAP1942, Run4S, Frame 6383, dated 3rd July, 1936.

<https://imagery.aerialphotography.fsdf.org.au/>, accessed 27/10/2021).



Late 19th century photograph of 'Brooklet', Strout Road, Willunga (now 60 Strout Road, McLaren Vale) (courtesy of [REDACTED])



Late 19th century photograph of Strout family members at 'Brooklet', Strout Road, Willunga (now 60 Strout Road, McLaren Vale) (courtesy of [REDACTED])



1997 photograph of Strout farmhouse with recent replacement roof cladding (1997 Willunga District Heritage Survey)



1997 photograph of former mid-19th century masonry outbuilding shortly before demolition; the original slate slab remains on site (1997 Willunga District Heritage Survey)

OTHER IMAGES:



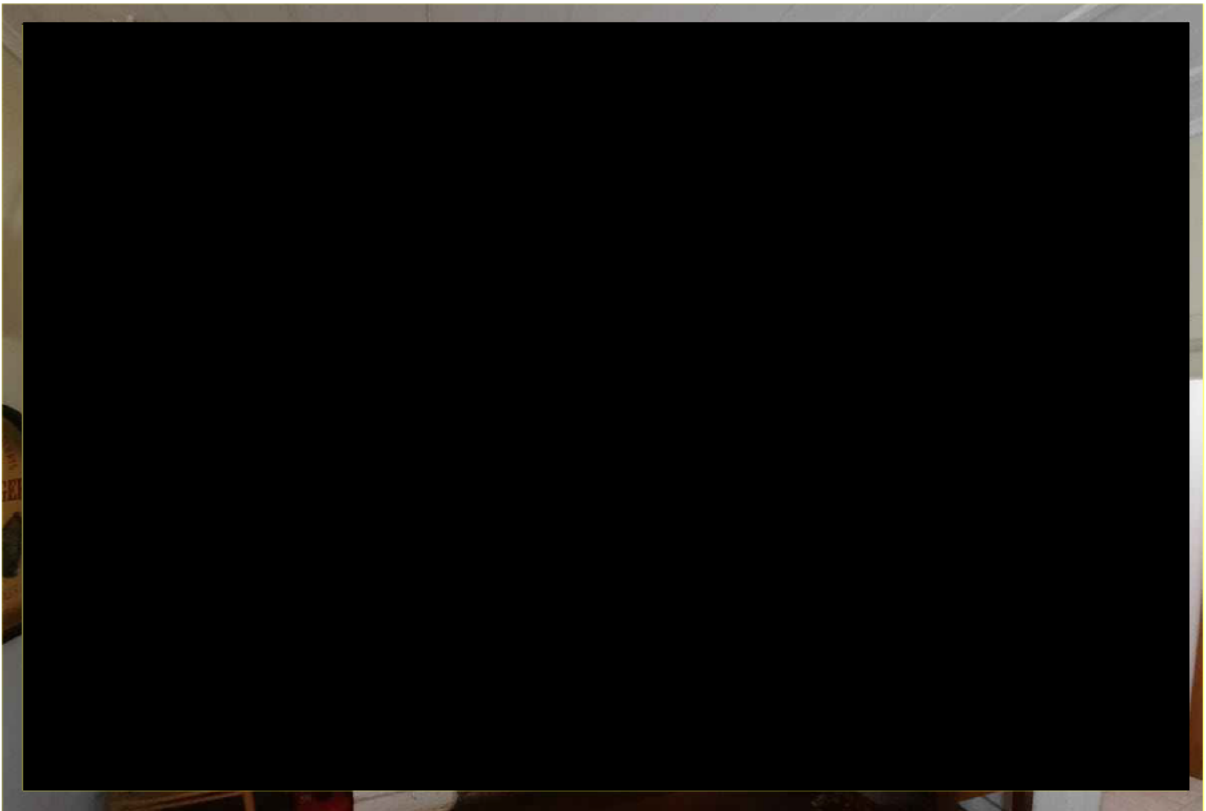
North elevation of c.1850 former farmhouse, including early cast-iron wall plates (GGA, 2021).



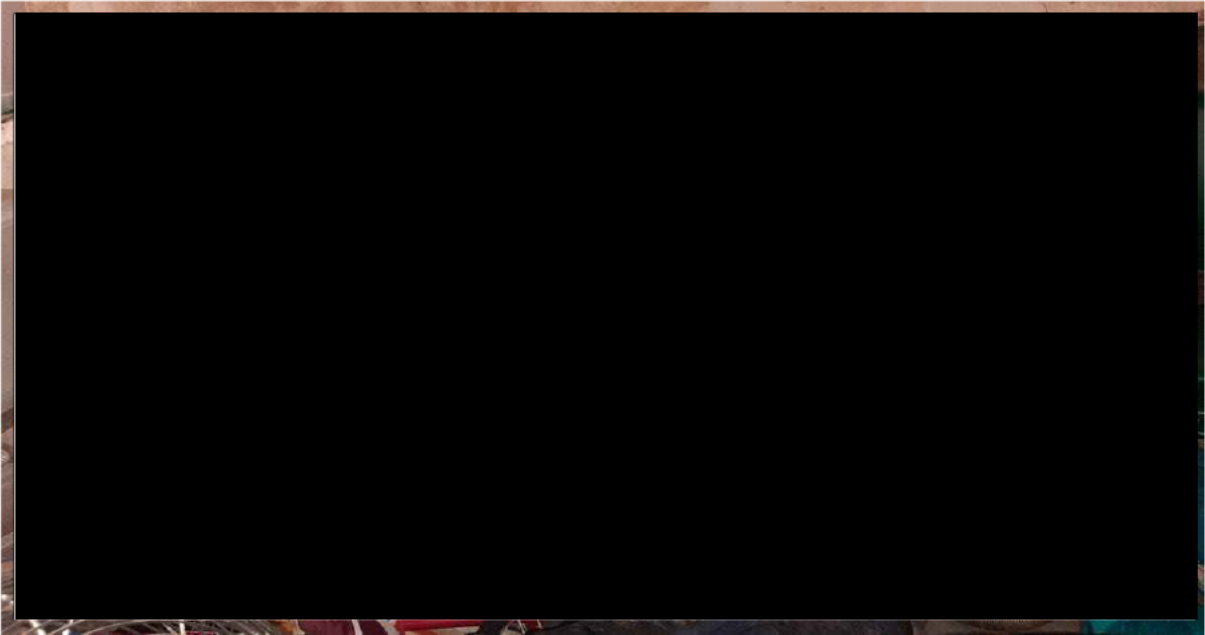
C.1850 appearance of primary west elevation beneath verandah (GGA, 2021).



Mid-19th century kitchen and cellar with later c.1930s additions (GGA, 2021).



Early masonry fabric and early fittings to kitchen interior, including early ceiling hooks (GGA, 2021).



Former slate salt bath to cellar, now used as storage (GGA, 2021).



Slate shelving to cellar interior, now used as storage (GGA, 2021).



Mid-19th century masonry and slab timber stable complex, viewed from the west (GGA, 2021).



North masonry wall of stabling complex (GGA, 2021).



Early external slab timberwork to south elevation of stabling complex (GGA, 2021).



Early masonry construction and slab timberwork to stabling complex (GGA, 2021).



Early slab timber stalls and mangers to stable complex (GGA, 2021).



Early slab timber shed with later corrugated steel alterations (GGA, 2021).



Early slab timber shed interior with later timber structure and corrugated steel cladding (GGA, 2021).



Surviving slate slab to former masonry outbuilding, demolished in c.1997 (GGA, 2021).



Early slate paving adjoining Moreton Bay fig tree (GGA, 2021).



Moreton bay fig tree dating to the c.1850s, now overgrowing adjoining early timber fence posts dating to the same period (GGA, 2021).

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was founded in 1964 and has since established itself as one of South Australia's leading exponents of designing architecture responsive to its context.

Operating across the fields of architecture & interiors, heritage, management, strategies and placemaking, the firm's approach centres on running projects as a collaborative process with clear communication strategies, rational planning and rigorous cost controls.

State Heritage Review

Strout Farm, 60 Strout Road, McLaren Vale

DA234531 Issue –

14.12.2023

1.0 Introduction

[REDACTED] have been engaged by the City of Onkaparinga to provide heritage advice as to whether 'Strout Farm, 60 Strout Road, McLaren Vale' is likely to be of State Heritage value. This work includes:

- a review the Local Heritage assessment for the property
- a site visit to property
- high level assessment as to whether the place is likely to satisfy the Section 16(1) criteria of the Heritage Places Act (SA) to warrant pursuing a State Heritage listing.

'Strout's Farm Complex, 60 Strout Road, McLaren Vale' was listed as a Local Heritage Place in 2004 under Section 23(4) of the then *Development Act 1993* (SA), and was found to meet four of the prescribed criteria (a, b, d and e) (SA Heritage Places Database Search 2023). These criteria are noted below with their assessment from the Onkaparinga Heritage Survey Stage 2 ([REDACTED] 2020:605):

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[It is] owned, occupied and operated by various generations of the extended Strout family since 1850; a highly significant association of approximately 120 years.

The 2020 Heritage Survey also noted that the place is likely to meet criteria (g) although this is not covered by the Local Heritage listing ([REDACTED] 2020:605):

(g) *in the case of a tree, it is of special historical or social significance or importance within the local area*

The substantial Moreton Bay fig tree and associated boundary fencing dating to the initial development of the site from the 1850s.

██████████ (2020:604) noted that the place is likely to meet the threshold for State Heritage listing under Section 16(1) criteria (a) and (d) of the Heritage Places Act, however no assessment was undertaken to support this statement at the time.

2.0 History of the Place

The following history of the place has been taken from the Onkaparinga Heritage Survey Stage 2 (██████████ 2020:605-606):

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Figure 1: Strout farmhouse, Late-19th century [Source: [REDACTED] 2020:608]



Figure 2: Strout farmhouse, 1997 following replacement of roof cladding [Source: Willunga District Heritage Survey]



Figure 3: Samuel Strout operating his horses and binder, date unknown [Source: [redacted] 1991:120]



Figure 4: Samuel Strout (seated) and others loading wool, date unknown [Source: [redacted] 1991:120]

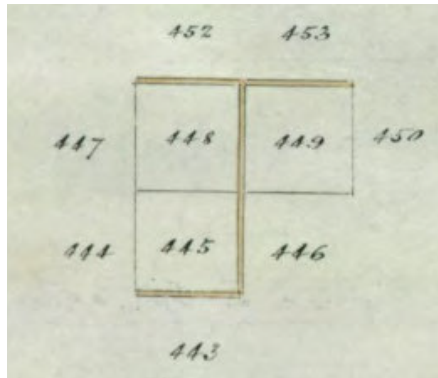


Figure 5: Land holdings of Henry Malpas, 1876 [Source: SALIS, CT 227/199]

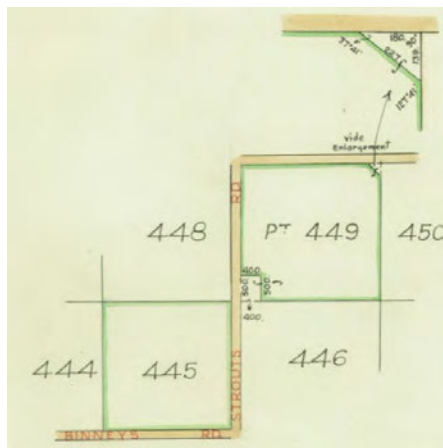


Figure 6: Land holdings of Thomas Samuel Strout, 1963 [Source: SALIS, CT 3150/98]

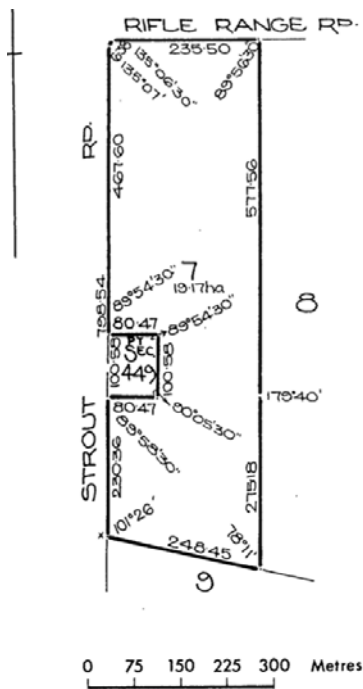


Figure 7: Land holdings of Thomas Samuel Strout, 1984 [Source: SALIS, CT 4221/266]

Supplementary History

There is a record of a Mr Thomas Strout being born in the Willunga District of South Australia in 1845, who was a farmer that later lived in Victoria and NSW (*Daily Advertiser* 1913 p.2 'Obituary, Mr Thomas Strout'). Research suggest that early farming operations included sheep and wheat. Then Samuel Strout planted almond trees in 1909. The homestead is leased out as a place of short-term accommodation, and the surrounding farm land has almond plantation. ¹

2.1 Timeline History

The following timeline history is provided below.

Table 1 – Timeline History of Strout Farm

Date	Activity
1849	Samuel Strout leased land (Section 448) and established a farm including a farmhouse and various outbuildings; farm was known as 'Brooklet'
1876	Henry Malpas of Willunga, Storekeeper, purchases Sections 445, 448 and 449, each containing 80 acres Section 445 was leased for 10 years to Colin Eadesaids (<i>spelling unsure</i>) Section 448 was leased for 10 years to Richard Strout Section 449 was leased for 10 years to Samuel Strout
1878	Samuel Strout (1851-1911) marries Eliza Elliott; they go on to have six children
1881	Samuel Strout acquired Sections 446 (adjoining land to the south-east)
1886	Sections 445 and 449 was leased for 7 years to Samuel Strout Section 448 was leased for 7 years to Richard Strout
1893	Sections 445 and 449 was leased for 21 years to Samuel Strout Section 448 was leased for 21 years to Richard Strout
1909	Samuel Strout plants acres of almond trees
1910	Henry Malpas died Ownership of property transferred to James Stanley Malpas Richard Wellesley Strout continued to lease land
1911	Samuel Strout died Lease of Section 445 and 449 transferred to Thomas Goss of Willunga, grazier and Richard Wellesley Strout, farmer (7 th child of Samuel & Eliza)
1919	Eliza Strout, noted as property owner
1945	Eliza Strout died Property ownership transferred to Richard Wellesley Strout, farmer

¹ Almondco Australia 2023; Airbnb 2023

Date	Activity
1953	Thomas Samuel Strout (1922-) took over ownership (Section 449) Richard Wellesley Strout (1889-1957) retained ownership of Sections 445 (80 acres) and 449 (78 acres) Richard plants additional acres of almond trees
1956	Thomas Samuel Strout (1922-) marries Janet Anne Phillips and they have three children (Graham, Pauline and Andrew)
1957	Richard Wellesley Strout died Property ownership transferred to Thomas Charles Couchman, Vigneron and Thomas Samuel Strout, Farmer, both of McLaren Vale Thomas Samuel Strout took over operation of the almond farm & livestock and grain; He teamed up with his cousin Ken to manage almonds
1959	Thomas Samuel Strout took over ownership (Sections 445 & 449)
1963	Ethelbert Robert William Hill took over ownership (part section 449)
1969	Ronald Sidney Waye and Heather Kaye Waye (part Section 445)
1970	Elder Smith Goldsbrough, Mort Linter, Dalgety Australia Limited and Bennett & Fisher Limited took over ownership (part section 445)
1984	Donald Rivers and Lorna Wray Rivers took ownership (part Section 445, Lot 5) Thomas Samuel Strout retains ownership (part Section 445, Lot 7)
c1996	A barn was demolished, however its slate slab survives
c2000s	A new residence has been erected north of the original farmhouse
current	Property is owned and managed by Pauline [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

3.0 Description of the Place

The privately owned property, located at 60 Strout Road, McLaren Vale (CT 5384/553), consists of the following elements:

- single-storey masonry farmhouse c1850
- single-storey masonry cellar and kitchen (mid-19th century) with side wing additions (early 20th century)
- stable with one masonry wall and vertical timber slab walls (mid-19th century)
- shed with vertical timber slab walls (mid-19th century) and later metal clad infill walls
- slab of former outbuilding (mid-19th century), demolished c1997
- Moreton Bay fig tree (thought to be c1850s)
- various later outbuildings (from mid-20th century).

The farmhouse and adjacent kitchen/cellar has generally high integrity, with changes to the property including:

- the profile and depth of the front verandah has been altered
- the original slate roof has been replaced with metal cladding
- the covered walkway between the separate kitchen / cellar has been replaced with a large verandah
- there are north and south additions to the kitchen / cellar
- some of the windows and doors have been replaced
- some fireplaces may be altered
- there is a modern bathroom and kitchen fitout.

Internally the farmhouse has predominantly timber floorboards with slate to the central corridor. Ceilings are a later timber panelled. The farmhouse is used for tourist accommodation.

The former kitchen and cellar has a brick floor and timber panelled ceiling. It has several likely original in-built slate shelves. This portion of the building is used for storage. The additions to the north and south are used as a residence.

Other farm buildings have generally high integrity. One of the mid-19th century outbuildings was demolished c1997 but the slate slab remains (No. 4 in Fig. 1 below). The former timber slab stables (No. 2) and shed (No. 3) both remain, with various later metal clad additions.

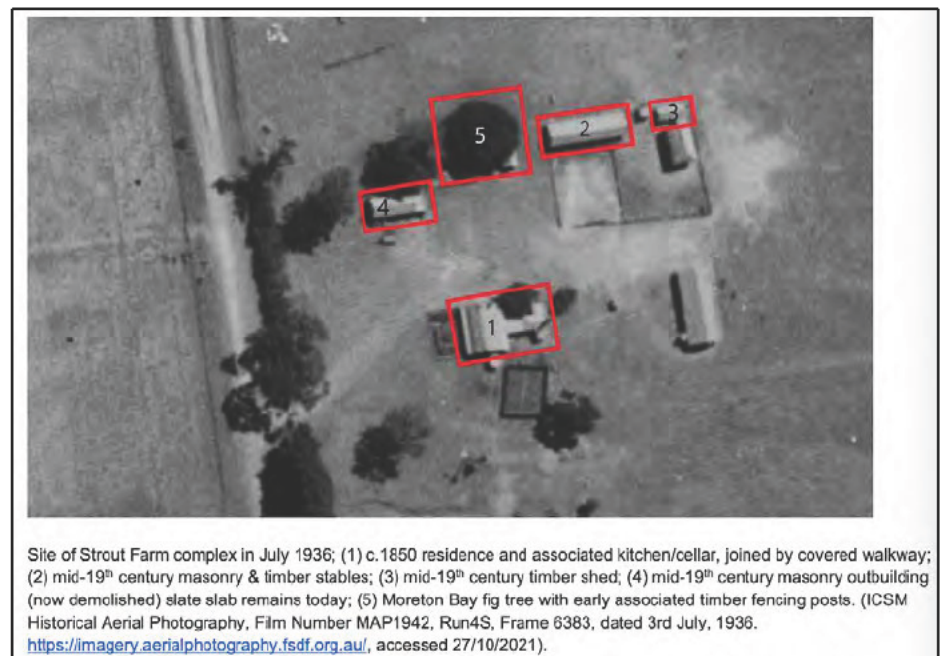


Figure 8: Aerial of Strout Farm Complex, 1936 [Source: 2020:607]



Figure 9: Aerial of Strout Farm Complex, 2023 [Source: Location SA Map Viewer 2023]



Figure 10: Strout Farm property, 2023, as viewed from Strout Road; farmhouse is directly behind tree



Figure 11: Strout Farm, farmhouse, 2023, as viewed from Strout Road



Figure 12: Strout Farm, farmhouse, west elevation, 2023

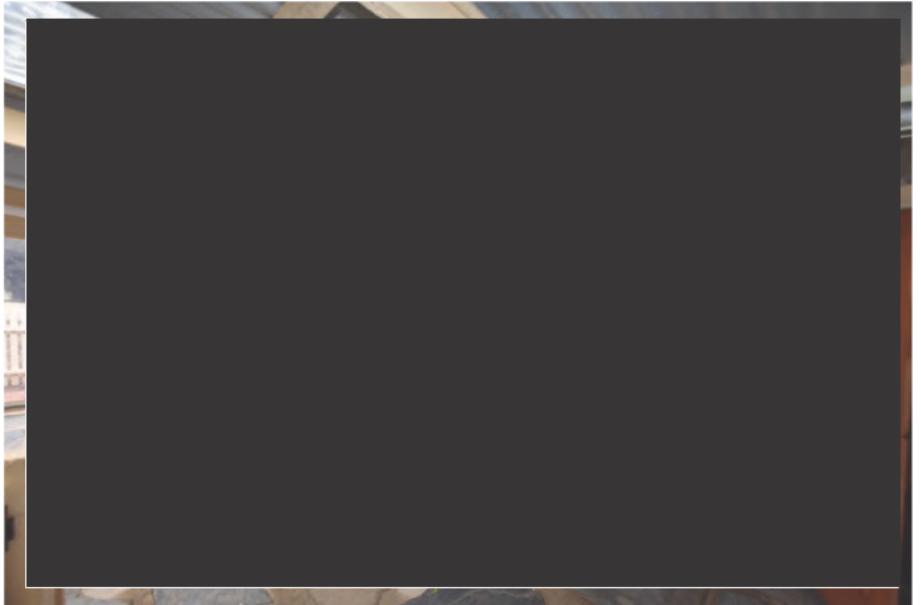


Figure 13: Strout Farm, farmhouse, east elevation with large later rear verandah, 2023

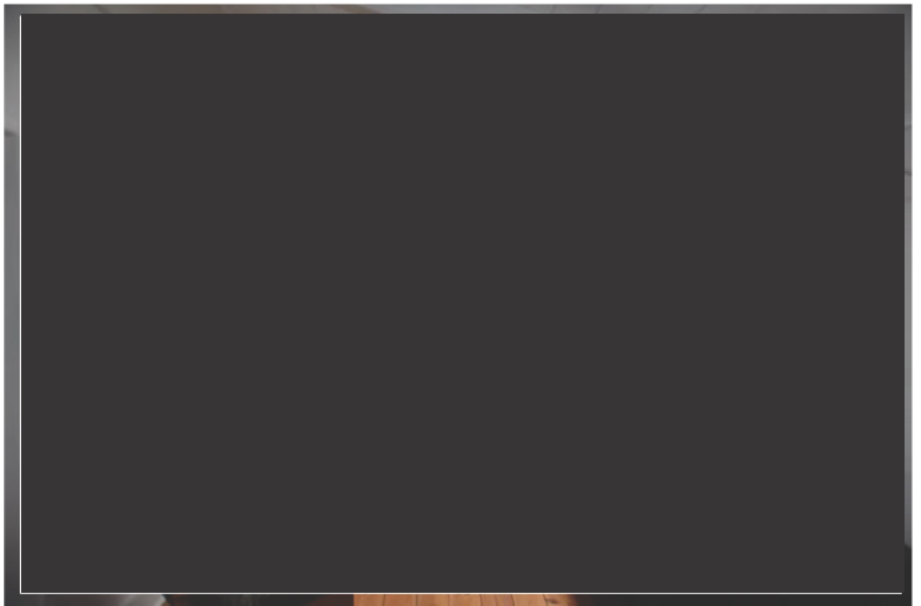


Figure 14: Strout Farm, farmhouse interior, 2023



Figure 15: Strout Farm, farmhouse interior, 2023



Figure 16: Strout Farm, former kitchen / cellar east of farmhouse (centre) with side wing additions, 2023

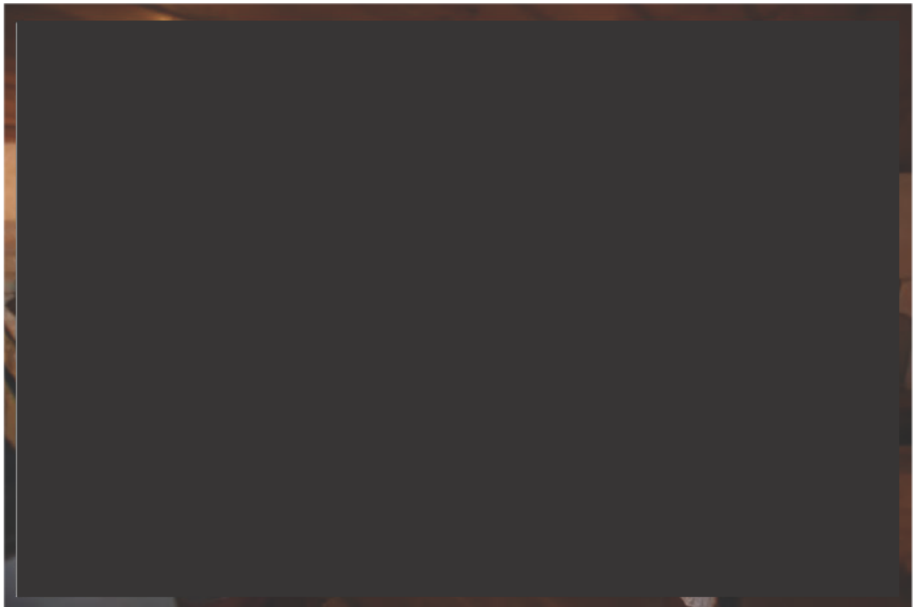


Figure 17: Strout Farm, former kitchen / cellar east of farmhouse, lower ground, 2023; Likely original slate shelves

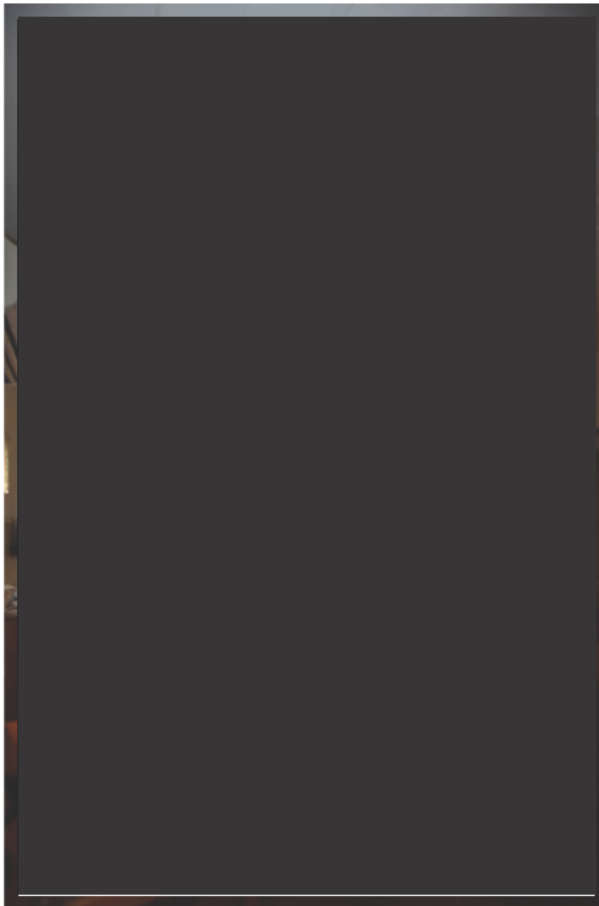


Figure 18: Strout Farm, former kitchen / cellar east of farmhouse, ground-level, 2023; Likely original hooks on ceiling



Figure 19: Strout Farm, stable, south and east elevations, 2023 (No.2 in Fig 8)



Figure 20: Strout Farm, stable, north and east elevations, 2023 (No.2 in Fig 8)



Figure 21: Strout Farm, stable interior, 2023



Figure 22: Strout Farm, timber slab shed with later corrugated additions, north and west elevations, 2023 (No.3 in Fig 8)



Figure 23: Strout Farm, timber slab shed, south and east elevations, 2023 (No.3 in Fig 8)



Figure 24: Strout Farm, slab of demolished masonry outbuilding, 2023 (No.4 in Fig 8)



Figure 25: Strout Farm, Morton Bay Fig tree and farm equipment, 2023



Figure 26: Strout Farm, later elevated shed (foreground) and right of image



Figure 27: Strout Farm, view of property, c2022 [Source: █████ 2023]

4.0 Heritage Significance

4.1 Historic Themes

Historic themes have been compiled for South Australia to assist in the identification, assessment, interpretation and management of heritage places, which are consistent with the Australian Thematic Framework (South Australian Heritage Council 2023). Historic themes considered relevant to Strout Farm are summarised below.

Table 2 – Historic Theme(s) relevant to Strout Farm

South Australian Historical Themes	Sub-themes
4. Building Settlement, Towns and Cities	4.1 Planning the settlement of South Australia
	4.8 Making homes for South Australians
5. Developing South Australia's economies	5.3 Developing primary production (pastoralism, agriculture, bio-security)

4.2 State Heritage Assessment

A place is considered to be of State Heritage value if it meets at least one of the seven criteria under Section 16(1) of the *Heritage Places Act 1993* (SA). The following high-level assessment considers the likelihood of the place meeting the threshold for State Heritage listing under these.

(a) It demonstrates important aspects of the evolution or pattern of the State's history

Possibly / Probably meets the threshold for State Heritage listing under this criterion

- The 'developing primary production theme' is demonstrated by the place, being a farm that was established in the late 1840s. The Strout farming complex includes a single-storey cottage, single storey kitchen/cellar, former stable, shed and slab of another outbuilding, which are in good integrity and continuous use.
- There are around 250 State Heritage Places in South Australia that are associated with farming, and around 35 State Heritage farming complexes (refer **Table 3** below).
- It is difficult to compare this farm complex with others already State listed without a detailed comparative analysis. While it remains possible / probable that this criterion has been satisfied, the assessment against this criterion nonetheless remains finely balanced. Is there an over-representation of places on the Register that demonstrate the development of primary production in the State, or does the integrity and intactness of the group of farming buildings elevate this Local Heritage Place to meet the threshold for State Heritage listing? Is it important that there is regional representation of farming complexes, if they share similar characteristics and values as other State listed places, due to regional differences in the State's development? The answer to these questions will require a more detailed analysis and will ultimately inform whether State Heritage listing is justified.

Table 3 – 35 State Heritage listed farm complexes

SHP Registered Name	SHP No.	Address	Year Listed
'Lindsay Park' Homestead Complex (including Main House, Two Outbuildings, Old Stables, Garden House, Stable Cottage, Stable/Barn, Worker's Cottage, Gatehouse and Garden)	12212	102 Stott Highway Angaston, Barossa	1990
'The Pines' Complex [Dwelling and Farm Outbuildings - 'The Pines']	12905	152 Beaumont Road Balhannah, Adelaide Hills	1986
Clayton Farm Complex, including Dwelling, Shearing Shed, Hay Shed, Chaff Shed, Stables, Blacksmithy, Cottage and Workshop	13291	Clayton Farm Road Bordertown, Tatiara	1986
Nor'West Bend Station Complex (including Homestead, Cottage, Underground Tank, Woolshed, Paved Wool Scouring Area, Shearing Shed and Stables)	10174	Cadell, Mid Murray	1989
Bungaree Homestead Complex incl. Homestead, Manager's House, Council Chamber, Stables, Office/Store, Men's Kitchen, Shearing Shed, Shearer's Quarters, Swaggie's Hut, Stallion Box & Gate House	13048	Via Clare, Clare and Gilbert Valleys	1993
Rhine Park Homestead Complex, including homestead, cottage, former stable, shearing shed and shearers' quarters	14489	304 Rushlea Road Eden Valley, Barossa	1993

SHP Registered Name	SHP No.	Address	Year Listed
Wills Homestead Complex (Ruins), Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park [includes dwellings, outhouses and yards; all ruinous]	11761	Flinders Ranges, Unincorporated	1984
Riverside Complex including House, Outbuildings, Woolshed, Stone Walls and Remains of Ferry Landing	13848	Randell Road Hindmarsh Island, Alexandrina	1989
Kanmantoo Homestead and Winery Complex, including House, Outbuildings, David Unaipon's Cottage and Stone Winery Buildings	22796	25-30 Vineyard Road Kanmantoo, Mt Barker	2013
Cassini Station Complex and Mulberry Tree [group of well-preserved vernacular structures]	14750	Cassini Road, near Kingscote, Kangaroo Island	1996
Riverside Homestead Complex (Dwelling, Stable, Coach House & Men's Quarters)	12268	197 Barritt Road Lyndoch, Barossa	1993
Farm Complex, including Two Cottages and House	12296	Neldner Road Marananga, Light Regional Council	1995
Konzag Homestead Complex (including Stone & Pug Cottage, Stone Barn & Thatched Implement Shed)	14216	Wasleys Road, Mallala, Mallala	1993
Gumville Station (former Mount Remarkable [originally Willowie] Homestead) Complex, which includes Mount Remarkable Training Farm structures	16243	Melrose to Orreroo Road, Melrose, Mount Remarkable	2001
Lake Hamilton Homestead Complex including Homestead, Drafting Yards, Shearing Shed, Cemetery, Outbuildings, Mess Hut and Store (ruin)	14107	Flinders Highway, via Mount Hope, Lower Eyre Peninsula	1992
Collinsville Homestead Complex (Homestead, old cottage to south of homestead, house and underground tank to west of homestead, stone barn, stables, smithy & shearers' quarters)	14883	Dare's Hill Tourist Route near Mt Bryan East, Goyder Regional	1997
Naracoorte (previously Dartmoor) Homestead Complex, including the homestead, two-storey building, cottage and old cottage	12765	30 McLay Street Naracoorte, Naracoorte Lucindale	1995
Morialta Winery Complex, including residence, main building (stables, wine cellar & store), barn, well house and stone walling	13458	Colonial Drive Norton Summit, Adelaide Hills	1987
Koonalda Homestead Complex (including homestead, petrol outlet and generator room, outbuilding, shearers' hut, shearing shed, yards and sheep dip), Nullarbor Wilderness Protection Area	14248	Nullarbor Plain, Unincorporated	1995
Outbuilding, former Reynell's Winery and Farm Complex	26534	Kaurna Country, 38-44 Panalatinga Rd Old Reynella, Onkaparinga	2022
Homestead Complex, including main house, two cottages, shearing shed, stable and piggery	14486	Palmer Road Palmer, Mid Murray	1993
Yaaringiree Homestead Complex, including homestead with tunnel, two storey barn, stable, cool room, circular tank with peripheral trough, smithy and dry-stone walling	13807	Point Sturt Road Point Sturt, Alexandrina	1989
Poltalloch Station Complex including Main House, Stables & Barn, Pump House, Overseers House, Engineers House, Boundary	10277	Poltalloch Road Poltalloch, Coorong	1989

SHP Registered Name	SHP No.	Address	Year Listed
Riders Cottage, Station Hands Cottage, Shearing Shed and Jetty Store			
Woolmit Homestead Complex (including stone main house, cottage, kitchen, sheds, walled yard, woolshed and ruinous structures)	13730	Woolmit Track Reedy Creek, Kingston District Council	2011
Sunnybrae Farm Complex (Part of former Islington Sewage Farm), including Manager's Residence and Dairymen's Quarters, Cheese Room and Cellars, Stables, Cow Shed and Smoke House	10757	Tikalara Road Regency Park, Port Adelaide Enfield	1983
Gottlieb Noack's House and Farm Complex [does not state building types]	13040	Riverton-Marrabel Road near Riverton, Clare & Gilbert Valleys	1988
Dwelling ('The Hermitage' Homestead Complex) [does not state building types]	12545	Nora Creina Road Robe, Robe	1989
Sevenhill Complex, comprising St Aloysius Catholic Church, St Aloysius College, Sevenhill Cellars, Shrines, Weikert House (Ruin), Smithy/Dairy (Ruin) and Sevenhill Cemetery	13056	College Road Sevenhill, are and Gilbert Valleys	2001
Uplands Homestead Complex [does not state building types]	13008	Highway One, near Snowtown, Wakefield Regional Council	1993
Herbig Homestead Complex including house, cottage, pug & pine dwelling, chaff barn and cellar	12814	2548 Eden Valley Rd Springton, Barossa	1986
Stagg Farm Complex (including substantial ruins of farmhouse, water closet, hay shed, implement shed, former pigsty, dam and old fencing)	19043	Tarcowie to Appila Road Tarcowie, Northern Areas	2002
Baldon Homestead Complex (incl. Homestead, Chaff Shed, Workmens Quarters, Stables, Shearing Shed & Quarters & room built into creek bank)	11032	Baldon Road Truro, Mid Murray	1993
Hughes Park Homestead Complex, including Dwelling, Dairy, Blacksmithy, Stables, Petrol House, Coach House, Cottages, Offices, Garage and Manager's House	13024	Hughes Park, Near Watervale, Clare and Gilbert Valleys	1993
Braun's Farm Complex, including Dwelling, Two Barns and Milking Shed	12523	Tiers Road Woodside, Adelaide Hills	1987
Dwelling - ('Eldergreen') Farm Complex, including Slab Hut, Cottage and House	12804	52 Park Lake Dr Wynn Vale, Tea Tree Gully	1986

(b) It has rare, uncommon or endangered qualities that are of cultural significance

Unlikely to meet the threshold for State Heritage listing under this criterion

- Farming complexes and farming structures are not uncommon or rare, and numerous are listed on the State Heritage Register.

(c) it may yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the State's history, including its natural history

Unlikely to meet the threshold for State Heritage listing under this criterion

- The property has been farmed by the Strout family for over 170 years, and much is known about the place in historical sources.

(d) it is an outstanding representative of a particular class of places of cultural significance

Possibly / Probably meets the threshold for State Heritage listing under this criterion

- Strout Farm is an intact and generally high integrity complex of early farming buildings. The farmhouse and kitchen/cellar has various alterations and additions, many of which are reversible, or do not detract from the heritage values under this criterion. There appears to be sufficient integrity to the timber slab structures to demonstrate their construction and use.
- The integrity of this farming complex needs to be carefully examined and compared to other places that share similar values.
- Like criterion (a), this high-level assessment considers that it is finely balanced as to whether Strout Farm would be an outstanding representative example of its class at the State level. A more detailed assessment will inform whether State Heritage listing is justified.

(e) it demonstrates a high degree of creative, aesthetic or technical accomplishment or is an outstanding representative of particular construction techniques or design characteristics

Unlikely to meet the threshold for State Heritage listing under this criterion

- The Strout Farm complex does not demonstrate any outstanding representative construction techniques or design characteristics that would not already be represented under other State Heritage listed places.
- A detailed comparative analysis of timber slab barns would better determine whether the two on this property are of sufficient intactness to demonstrate early construction techniques.

(f) it has strong cultural or spiritual associations for the community or a group within it

Unlikely to meet the threshold for State Heritage listing under this criterion

- There is no evidence to suggest the site has any strong cultural or spiritual associations with the community or any group.

(g) it has a special association with the life or work of a person or organisation or an event of historical importance

Unlikely to meet the threshold for State Heritage listing under this criterion

- The farm has been associated with the Strout family for over 170 years, with various generations continuing to live and work on the land. This association is not considered to extend beyond the local level.
- There are no significant historic events known to have occurred at the place.

4.3 Summary and Recommendations

The Strout Farm complex is a Local Heritage Place under the Planning and Design Code, *Strout Farm, 60 Strout Road, McLaren Vale* under criterion a, b, d and e.

The mid 19th century farmhouse, former kitchen and cellar, and early timber slab farm outbuildings remain in generally high integrity, and the various alterations and additions are not considered to detract from its heritage values.

This high-level State Heritage review has concluded that it is **possible / probable** that the Strout Farm complex would meet the threshold for State Heritage listing under criterion (a) and (d). Such a finding is, however, finely balanced, and requires a detailed comparative assessment against other farming complexes in the State. Other considerations may include:

- Is it important that there is regional representation of farming complexes, if they share similar characteristics and values as other State listed places, due to regional differences in the State's development?
- Is there an over-representation of places on the Register that demonstrate the development of primary production in the State? Does the integrity and intactness of the group of farming buildings elevate this Local Heritage Place to meet the threshold for State Heritage listing?

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