

State Heritage Areas of South Australia



Corio Hotel (incorporating bottle shop)

Railway Terrace, Goolwa

SHR 13856 – confirmed as a State Heritage Place 29 June 1989

The historic Corio Hotel was named after the paddle-steamer *Corio*, which sank on the Murray River in 1857, the same year as the hotel was built. The first licence was granted to William Ray on 31 March 1858. Since then the hotel has continued to operate under many licensees.



Corio Hotel, March 2005



*Corio Hotel, Goolwa 1920
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The Corio Hotel is a major landmark in Goolwa's heritage area. It is a two-storey limestone building with a corrugated iron roof and an imposing front balcony adorned with iron lace work. The Bottle Shop at the rear is located within the remnants of the hotel yards.



Bottle shop at rear, March 2005



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A special feature of the hotel's interior is *The Great Yankee Doodle Tobacco* ceiling posters, which are reproductions based on a painting later called *The Spirit of 1776*, by Archibald M. Willard. The original painting, initially titled *Yankee Doodle*, was a humorous depiction of fourth of July celebrations in the US. However, for the 1876 Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, the humorous aspects were altered to a patriotic theme. Coloured reproductions, similar to those on the Corio Hotel's ceiling, were sold under their new title.

