

State Heritage Areas of South Australia



Port Adelaide State Heritage Area Lipson Street Banks

State Heritage Places entered in the South Australian Heritage Register

Lipson Street was colonial Port Adelaide's financial centre. In the late 1800s four Victorian banks were located along the section between St Vincent and Divett Streets, with another (the [Bank of Australasia](#)) on the north-west corner of Lipson and Divett Streets. These former bank buildings have now been adapted for other uses and serve as dwellings or offices – the former Commercial Bank at No.119, for example, is the main office of the South Australian Maritime Museum. Two former bank buildings in Lipson Street are State Heritage Places entered in the South Australian Heritage Register:

former Bank of Adelaide (sometime Lipson House Restaurant)

114 Lipson Street, Port Adelaide

SAHR 10755 – confirmed as a State Heritage Place 28 May 1981

Constructed in 1885 by Kestel and Burge, this is an outstanding bank building that has survived intact from the boom period of the 1880s. It is believed that the Bank of Adelaide was temporarily housed next door at 116 Lipson Street (now [G.G. McLachlan & Co](#)) prior to completion of these premises.

The facade is extremely elaborate and is constructed of sandstone to the front elevation and bluestone above. The ornate cement decorations incorporate "pilasters with Corinthian capitals, elaborate keystones decorated with cast acanthus leaves and a projecting cornice supporting a classical balustrading broken by pediments at either end."

(McDougall & Vines, Heritage Branch files)



Bank of Adelaide, 1979

Two turrets at the rear contain hand-hewn spiral staircases, and a further two internal staircases are made from cedar.

During the 1980s the former Bank of Adelaide building housed the popular Lipson House Restaurant, and later La Banca Restaurant. Today (2005) it is a private dwelling.



Former Union/ANZ Bank, 2005

former ANZ Bank (originally Union Bank)

111 Lipson Street, Port Adelaide

SAHR 10924 – confirmed as a State Heritage Place 28 May 1981

The northern, symmetrical portion of this building was opened in 1859, and is the work of noted Adelaide architect Edmund Wright. This earlier section, built by C. Farr of Franklin Street, Adelaide, is easily discernible from the later 1923 and 1979 additions.

The original building, described as Victorian Classical Revival, featured Roman Ionic columns to emphasise the projecting entry bay. It had a large public room with cedar fittings, and commodious appointments for the manager. There was a ground floor manager's room, dining and strong rooms, private entrance and stair hall. The basement contained kitchens and servants' rooms, and the first floor had a drawing room, hall and bedrooms.

In 1923 a front porch and two-storey southern wing were added, with another single-storey addition in 1979. This later extension, which provided a new public banking area, continued the detailing of the earlier addition and complements the original building.

