

SHIRE OF JERRAMUNGUP
FORMER BREMER BAY TELEGRAPH STATION
HERITAGE ADVICE
6 OCTOBER 2015

Issue

Planning Application (29 September 2015) received for the adaptation of the former Bremer Bay Telegraph Station to a restaurant.

Works Proposed

1. General maintenance
2. Minor masonry work to interior and exterior
3. Painting interior
4. Works to floors, walls, ceilings, joinery and windows
5. Universal WC facilities
6. Parking area
7. Staff and delivery parking
8. Crossover and driveway from Bremer Bay Road to main entrance

Documentation

1. Location of crossover, driveway and parking area as an overlay on an aerial map
2. Plan of building showing the proposed use of rooms in the existing building. Location of proposed toilets is also shown.

Heritage Listing

The place is included in the Shire of Jerramungup Municipal Heritage Inventory with a Management Category 1. Management Category 1 means:

"Highest level of protection appropriate. Recommended for entry into the State Register of Heritage Places. Maximum encouragement to owner to conserve the significance of the place."

Description and Significance

The large former telegraph station and post office now a single storey residence, stone portico, stone chimneys, timber framed double hung windows, symmetrical facade. Tile roof was formerly iron.

The telegraph station has considerable architecture and historical significance. Its style is particularly Australian and blends well with the environment.

It is built of local stone in a random rubble wall and originally covered in corrugated iron and has verandas on all sides. It has an interesting entrance and balustrading.

Also it was one of the stations that linked the west coast with the south and is important for the early history of the area.

Advice

1. It is difficult to provide specific advice at this stage due to the following:
 - o there is minimum detail provided with the planning application
 - o a schedule of conservation works has not been provided
 - o photographs of the site, interior and exterior have not been provided
 - o drawings of the existing, any demolition and location of works has not been provided
 - o there is minimum information within the MHI about the place
 - o there is no conservation plan or conservation management strategy for the place
2. The Shire of Jerramungup Heritage Strategy supports examining ways to identify and promote future heritage tourism initiatives that increase the tourism experience within the Shire. This planning application would increase the tourism experience.
3. The cultural heritage significance values of the place, including rarity, are high and conservation and interpretation of the building fabric should have a high priority.
4. The following would assist in providing a more detailed comment:
 - o Photographs of the site, exterior and interior
 - o Information recording the current condition of the building materials
 - o Plan of the existing building showing existing fittings and fixtures
 - o Schedule of conservation works and a drawing showing the location of all works including any demolition works
 - o Inspection of the site and building
5. You may wish to request the above information from the applicant. I would be pleased to discuss any way that I can assist with the above information.

Stephen Carrick



Source of nomination: National Trust Heritage Council

PLACE DETAILS

Name of Place: Bremer Bay Telegraph Station
Address/Location: Location 885 off Bremer Bay Road near corner of John Street

OWNERSHIP AND SITE DETAILS

Owners Name: Mr. J. Garnett
Lot/Location: 885
Occupied: Yes
Public Access: Nil

BUILDING DETAILS

Type: Residential
Construction Date: 1896
Architect/Designer/Builder: NA

USE OF PLACE

Original Use: Telegraph Station
Later/Current Use: Residence

HCWA Registered Y NT Classified Y RNE Listed N

DESCRIPTION OF PLACE

Construction materials:	Brick and Iron (now tile)
Modifications:	Nil
Extent of original fabric:	90%
General Condition:	Good
Description:	Single storey residence:

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The building is significant for the following reasons:

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HISTORIC THEME AND SUBTHEME

Theme: * How People/Goods Moved
 * Outside Links

Sub-theme:

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

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