

State Heritage Areas of South Australia



former Railway Superintendent's House

B.F.Laurie Lane, Goolwa

SHR 10469 – confirmed as a State Heritage Place on 26 November 1981



*Cottage of Goolwa occupied by Thomas Jones
Superintendent of the Goolwa Tramway 1869
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Interpretive Panel, March 2005

The Railway Superintendent's Cottage is one of Goolwa's most significant and distinctive buildings. The dwelling was possibly Goolwa's first substantial building, and is historically important because of its association with South Australia's first railway, from Goolwa to Port Elliot.

Construction of the residence commenced in July 1852 and after its completion it was initially occupied by Mr Buxton Forbes Laurie, the first superintendent of the Port Elliot Goolwa line. He lived in the house for only a few months, after which Governor Sir Henry Fox Young used it briefly as a summer cottage.

Architecturally the limestone dwelling is of an unusual T-shaped design, with a curved, self-supporting, corrugated iron roof.



Rear view, March 2005



Side view and garden, March 2005



Front entrance, March 2005



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