

# State Heritage Areas of South Australia



## Port Adelaide State Heritage Area Divett Street Offices

State Heritage Places entered in the South Australian Heritage Register

### Divett Chambers (formerly Advertiser Building)

11-13 Divett Street, Port Adelaide

SAHR 10921 – confirmed as a State Heritage Place 24 July 1980

Built in 1881, this commercial two-storey building originally provided offices for the port reporters of *The Advertiser*, who dictated the news to the city via telephone. The building also provided rented office space. The location of newspaper offices in Port Adelaide is indicative of the Port's importance in its heyday. (The *South Australian Register* also had an office nearby.)



Divett Chambers, 2005

Divett Chambers is architecturally significant, described as 'the only secular neo-Gothic building in Port Adelaide'. It is constructed of bluestone with a symmetrical facade, and is reminiscent of business premises in Edinburgh and other Scottish towns. Decorative effects include ribbed Gothic arches, pillared door jams, horizontal string courses and paired lancet windows with hood moulds and cornice brackets. Early downpipes are held in place by fleur de lys brackets.



### former Bank of Australasia (sometime R Fricker & Co Ltd Building)

15 Divett Street, Port Adelaide

SAHR 10920 – confirmed as a State Heritage Place 24 July 1980

The former Bank of Australasia was constructed on this site in 1891 although the land, on the corner of Lipson and Divett Streets, had been purchased in March 1882. The two-storeyed building is significant as one of a number of bank buildings located in what was the commercial centre of colonial Port Adelaide.

Australasia Chambers, as the building is sometimes known, is architecturally important, contributing significantly to the Victorian-style streetscapes of both Divett Street and Lipson Street. The detailing on the bluestone building includes a pediment supported by Roman Tuscan columns and treatments around the splayed corner entrance and windows.



Former Bank of Australasia, 2005

The bank was auctioned and sold privately in 1916, after which it became the offices of R. Fricker and Co. Ltd.

