

Commencing construction in about 1859 and completion in about 1861, this building was considered the most complex use of a building of its kind in South Australia.

There were 18 shipments of gold to Adelaide.

In 1946, the Wellington Courthouse and police station ceased as a public establishment. It was still utilized as accommodation for the Ferrymen for many years.

In 1975 a local band of residents, a gentlemen by the name of Mr Bob Turner had a vision of this grand old girl being returned to its former glory. All South Australians should be so grateful that this piece of history didn't go under the bulldozers blades.



We would like to hear from anyone who would like to add a story to this page. Any ancestors with information, which could assist in building an account of the years between 1840 and 1950.

The Old Courthouse and Police Station provide wonderful examples of early living and local history, artefacts, such a telephone exchange system, kitchen and cooking utensils, and pictorial examples of the building and area back in the 1800's.



The Wellington Courthouse was put on the market for sale in July 2012 by the National Trust due to lack of government funds to maintain the building.

The building was purchased in November 2012 by a private group, who have admired the building on their many visits to Wellington over the last 10 years.

## THE WELLINGTON COURTHOUSE

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### THE OLD COURTHOUSE AND POLICE STATION MUSEUM

This very historical site was believed to have been settled back in 1841 with the first police station.



Wellington was the first site for a river crossing given its geographical location. In 1838 the first crossing was completed.

With this, in approximately the 1850's, gold shipments were transported from Mt Alexandra through to Adelaide via our river crossing at Wellington. An upgrade of services for Wellington was ordered and the new Police station, Courthouse, stables, store and accommodation were planned.

The Courthouse will be maintained privately with some assistance from the National Trust and will be open to the public as it has been in the past.

## **What to look forward to in 2014**

### **WELLINGTON COURTHOUSE BED AND BREAKFAST**

The Wellington Courthouse Bed and Breakfast has been updated with beautiful bedroom furniture, queen size beds with designer bed linen.

Each room has tea and coffee facilities, a bar fridge and LCD televisions. three rooms have views of the Murray River.

For those who chose to bring their own supplies, a designer communal kitchen has been installed, with dishwasher, separate cooking areas facilities, supplied with crockery, cutlery and microwave. The old wood cooker is still in the kitchen, but not in use. You can dine at the large dining table in the kitchen, or, you can dine outside under the veranda and barbeque area with views of the Murray River (completed in January 2014).

If you don't feel like cooking, just head to the Wellington Courthouse Café for breakfast, located just across the courtyard.

There will be outdoor lounges located on the grass area, facing the Murray for those who choose to relax and unwind with a glass of wine and a tasting platter (still to come).

Each bed and breakfast room is allocated its own bathroom (completed in January 2014).

### **FUNCTIONS AT THE WELLINGTON COURTHOUSE**

The function room, located upstairs from the dine in café area, is available for hire. We are happy to cater your function, or you can choose your own caterer which can be negotiated with the Courthouse owners. The function room can sit between 30 to 40 people. It can be used for weddings, engagement party, birthday parties, high teas - for any special function. The function room has a build in bar.

The Courtyard has been enclosed as to use it all year. Again, this can be hired for any function.

We welcome car clubs, motorcycle and bicycle clubs. We do ask that you book in advance for large groups, on 8572 7330. We can cater to your needs, whether it is a sit down meal, a casual barbeque or simply drinks.

We are proud to support the local wineries, food producers, such as bakeries, fruit and vegetable suppliers.

The Wellington Courthouse is a fully licensed venue with a wine list that includes local wines from the region.

## **OPEN TIMES**

The Wellington Courthouse is open from 9.30am - 4.30pm, Monday to Thursday.

Breakfast is available from 8.00am to 11.00am on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Friday and Saturday we are open from 8.00am to late.

Dinner is available on Friday and Saturday nights from 6pm to 8.00pm. Bookings are essential for dinner on 8572 7330.

Sunday open from 8.00am to 5.00pm

### **WELLINGTON COURTHOUSE CAFÉ**

### **WELLINGTON COURTHOUSE BED AND BREAKFAST**

### **WELLINGTON COURTHOUSE FUNCTION ROOM**

**Located at 678 Mason Street,  
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