



**HERITAGE  
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## REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

### Permanent Entry

1. **DATA BASE No.** 01453
2. **NAME** *Hotel Australia (fmr), Laverton* (1901; c. 1970; c. 1987)  
**OTHER NAME/S** The Coach House; The Coach House Inne; Cobb & Co. Depot;  
 Olsen's Lodging House; Coach Cafe
3. **LOCATION** Lot 20 Laver Place, Laverton
4. **DESCRIPTION OF PLACE INCLUDED IN THIS ENTRY**  
 Lot 20 on Deposited Plan 222737 being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title Volume 1308 Folio 206
5. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA** Shire of Laverton
6. **OWNER** James Lindsay Carter
7. **HERITAGE LISTINGS**
  - Register of Heritage Places: Interim Entry 28/06/2005  
 Permanent Entry 21/04/2006
  - National Trust Classification: -----
  - Town Planning Scheme: -----
  - Municipal Inventory: Adopted 1/2/2000
  - Register of the National Estate: -----
8. **CONSERVATION ORDER**  
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9. **HERITAGE AGREEMENT**  
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10. **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**  
*Hotel Australia (fmr), Laverton*, a single-storey brick, stucco and corrugated iron building, showing influences of Federation Free Classical style, has cultural heritage significance for the following reasons:

the place represents the fluctuating economic fortunes of the Goldfields and the Laverton area and the its changes in population from the late nineteenth century through to the present day (2005);

the place is the only known remaining example of a hotel designed to incorporate an enclosed carriage way;

the place has social and historic value to the community for its significant contribution to the historic townscape and character of Laverton, and is

one of only a small group of buildings dating from the original development of the town in the early 1900s;

the place was the initial base of operations for prospector Ken Shirley, who was responsible for the discovery of nickel at Mt Windarra in 1969;

the place is rare as a single storey example of a hotel in the Federation Free Classical style, and as a hotel designed in this style in the Goldfields, and is a good example of this type of hotel;

the place has associations with former owner and publican George McOmish, who together with Tom Potts and Harry Dennis discovered gold north-east of Mount Margaret in 1896, which led to the development of mining in the Laverton area; and,

the place is associated with the redevelopment of Laverton in the 1970s after the establishment of the Windarra Nickel Project.

The west wing extension, outbuildings and other structures to the rear of the property have no heritage significance. The adjacent transportable buildings are intrusive.