



Pikara Siding

WEIGHBRIDGE

While installing the 24 ton weighbridge salvaged from Port Adelaide to tote up the influx of grapes at vintage, Trott decided the tally man needed some sort of aesthetically pleasing shelter.

He commissioned Jerry Keyte, a wonderfully creative local character who is a craftsman, architect and circus performer, to build the weighbridge office. Using salvaged timber from the old chook sheds, stray lead light windows and doors from demolitions and some Western red cedar cladding, Jerry delivered a building that was reminiscent of a typical 19th century country railway station.

It was immediately dubbed Pikara Siding after the siding on the abandoned Willunga rail line just down the road from the winery. When the complex had to be moved to make way for winery expansion, it was discovered that creativity had overcome function and a drastic rebuild was done which contracted the edifice to its present minimalist style.