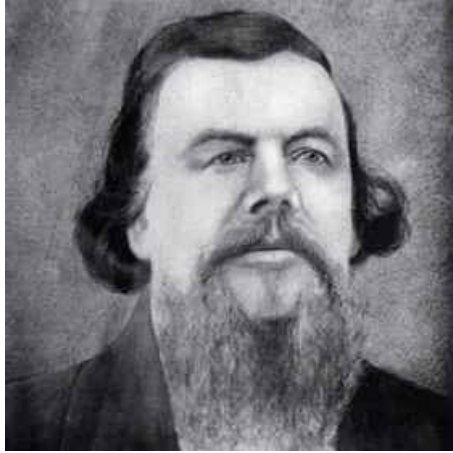


# Norman Reserve



**This reserve is named for Robert Hastings NORMAN (c.1817-1883)**

Norman, a surgeon dentist, while in England purchased his first land, sections 1012 and 1014, on the coast either side of the Bungala River in 1839. He arrived in South Australia in 1844 and lived in Adelaide. By the early 1850s

he had amassed about 800 acres in this district.

Robert's brother John, arrived five years earlier, and moved to the Bungala Flats near Yankalilla in 1842. Robert and John's sister Ann had married Septimane Herbert. Mrs Norman Snr went to live with the Herberts at Yankalilla.

On 2 June 1849 Robert announced in the *Register* newspaper that he intended forming a township to be named 'Normanville' on his agricultural property on the Bungala River. He built the first Anglican church in the district, St James in Jetty Rd. Normanville, in 1850, and proposed to form a town with a church, a blacksmith shop and a hotel.

In 1855 town blocks were surveyed and a million bricks were made of clay from the banks of the Bungala River, from which to erect houses and other buildings. Land was also offered for a police station and approaches for a jetty.

Norman built a chapel, now a private residence at 51 Norman Avenue, he and his family are buried nearby. A plaque marking the spot can be seen on Robert Norman Avenue.

This reserve was established by the Rotary Club of Yankalilla in 1988.



SLSA B27912 Chapel circa 1925



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