



## Moonta Mines Sweet Shop

The Sweet Shop is located in the former Moonta Mines Post Office, which was built in 1946. The post office operated until the mid 1970s, when it was closed. The building was then bought by the National Trust SA, Moonta Branch for \$200 and it was used as a storeroom originally.

The sweet shop was first set up by Reg and Jean Clarke, just in time for Easter 1979 and was named Refreshments. It was run by them until 1983, when Keith and Sheila Crosby bought it. The Crosby's named and registered the business as The Old Sweet Shop, and ran it until November 1989 when Bob and Pat Haywood purchased it. Bob and Pat ran the shop until June 1996, when Michelle and John Fisher took over.

The Fisher's operated the Old Sweet Shop until October 1998 when it was closed and the name was transferred to a shop in George Street, Moonta. It was then decided by the National Trust, Moonta Branch to restore the building to its former glory. This involved lining the building, painting, putting in a concrete floor, new floor coverings, air conditioning and fittings. New fridges were hired also to complete the refit of the shop.

Bob and Pat Haywood came out of retirement to manage the shop once again and it was renamed The Moonta Mines Sweet Shop. It traded until mid 2000 when it was taken over by the District Council of the Copper Coast and run by volunteers until March 2002.

At this time it was transferred back to the National Trust, Moonta Branch and continues to enjoy great success under the management of the Trust to this day. The Moonta Mines Sweet Shop is run by a group of wonderful volunteers, who make a visit to the shop a memorable experience.