
SA Heritage Council News

The South Australian Heritage Council sends festive greetings and best wishes for a heritage filled 2022!

The Council meeting of 16 December 2021 was held via electronic means with Council members located in various places on Kaurua Country.



Image: Former West End Brewery Garden – December 2021.
Source: DEW files.

Welcome to this edition of our SA Heritage Council News. The December 2021 meeting was a busy listing meeting and finished off a productive year for the South Australian Heritage Council.

Thank you to the staff in Heritage South Australia for their excellent support of Council in 2021.

Best wishes to all for the festive season.



Keith Conlon
Chair, South Australian Heritage Council

The year at a glance:

2021 has been a busy year with the following decisions made:

Places confirmed in the SA Heritage Register: Seven (7)

- Holy Cross Catholic Church, 159-165 Goodwood Road (August 2021 meeting)
- Piggery Breeding Pens, Loveday Internment Camp (August 2021 meeting)
- Rosetta Head Whaling Station Site, Encounter Bay (August 2021 meeting)
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, 15 Pennington Terrace, Pennington (November 2021 meeting)
- Walkerville Brewhouse Tower, 107 Port Road, Thebarton (November 2021 meeting)
- Former Prospect Air Raid Precautions Sub-Control Station, Prospect (December 2021 meeting)
- Former West End Brewery Garden (Former SABCo Brewery Garden (December 2021 meeting)

Places provisionally entered in the SA Heritage Register: Four (4)

- Remains of 'Theberton Hall', Colonel Light's Cottage (May 2021 meeting)
- Green Waterhole – Tank Cave Fossil Complex (August 2021 meeting)
- Catholic Church of the Holy Name, Stepney (November 2021 meeting)
- Camp 10 Detention Cell Block, Loveday Internment Camp Complex (December 2021 meeting)

Objects Confirmed: 25 (three of these were collections)

- 21 individual Objects from the Morphett Furniture collection – intrinsically associated with Cummins House.
- Martindale Hall Billiard & Sporting Collection.
- Martindale Hall Pictorial Collection.
- Martindale Hall Heraldic Collection.
- Copper Kettle associated with the Brewhouse Tower, former West End Brewery site

Intent to Designate State Heritage Places:

- Myponga Beach Coastline Geological site (November 2021 meeting)
- Tertiary Silcrete Flora, Stuarts Creek (November 2021 meeting)

Places not recommended for listing: Seven (7)

- Southern Park 16, Adelaide Park Lands (February 2021 meeting).
- 1 Bagot Street, North Adelaide (April 2021 meeting).
- Former Bible Christian Chapel, Robe (23 April 2021 meeting).
- AESCo Transformer, Holland Street, Thebarton (August 2021 meeting)
- Nain Lutheran Church, 196 Nain Road, Nain via Greenock (December 2021 meeting)
- Camp 14 Sullage Treatment Works, Loveday Internment Camp Complex (December 2021 meeting)
- Mortuary Slab and Table, Loveday Internment Camp Complex (December 2021 meeting)

Places Removed from the SA Heritage Register: Two (2) (due to destruction by fire)

- Heritage Farm (Nitschke Farm), Cudlee Creek-Lobethal Road, Lobethal
- Klopsch Farm Complex, Neudorf Road, Lobethal

Archaeological Guidelines endorsed

The Council endorsed Archaeological Guidelines that will next be provided to the Minister for Environment and Water. This publication provides best-practice advice on the process for managing potential, newly-discovered or known historical archaeological sites or artefacts in South Australia.

Historical archaeology is the study of physical indications of past human activity. These indications, especially archaeological artefacts, may be located on land or in water throughout South Australia.

Archaeology can provide information about the past that is not obtainable by other disciplines or from other types of evidence. It can rectify biases and fill in omissions in the historical record.

This Guidelines document describes the process for undertaking historical archaeological assessments and investigations where required by the *Heritage Places Act 1993*. It applies to all land in South Australia, regardless of whether the land is designated as a place of archaeological significance or not.

National nomination of the Overland Telegraph

At its December meeting, the Council discussed its approach to recognising the Overland Telegraph through the National Heritage listing process. Council will look to consult with local communities about the approach, noting that the preparation of a National Heritage nomination is resource intensive.

On 22 August 1872, the construction of the Overland Telegraph line between Adelaide and Darwin was completed. It has been described as ‘the greatest engineering feat carried out in nineteenth century Australia’. 2022 is its 150th anniversary year.

The Overland Telegraph line was linked to the Java-to-Darwin submarine telegraph cable, and Australia’s communication time with Europe was reduced from months to hours. Australia’s isolation from the rest of the world was lessening.

The project was supervised by South Australia’s Superintendent of Telegraphs, Charles Todd.

The line required 36,000 telegraph poles and 11 repeater stations (necessary to boost the strength of the electrical signal), each about 200 kilometres apart.

The Overland Telegraph cost £239,588, almost double the original budget. Source: <https://www.nma.gov.au/defining-moments/resources/overland-telegraph>

The SA Heritage Council will help to promote the 150th anniversary and State Heritage Places connected to it during 2022.

Items Provisionally Entered in the South Australian Heritage Register

Camp 10 Detention Cell Block, Loveday Internment Camp Complex, Yeo Road, Loveday. Located on Meru Country.

The Loveday Internment Camp Complex is rare as the only purpose-built internment camp in South Australia during the Second World War, and demonstrates a way of life, social customs and land use that is of exceptional historical interest.

The Cell Block at Camp 10 is an integral component of the Camp Complex and one of only three cell blocks remaining at Loveday. It demonstrates important aspects of South Australia's role in the detention of civilian internees and prisoners of war (POWs) during the Second World War, and in particular, the experience of additional levels of imprisonment.

POWs were imprisoned in the detention cell block as punishment for a variety of 'illegal' activities, including failed escape attempts, espionage, physical violence and acts of civil disobedience. Imprisoned POWs included members of a small Nazi 'elite' who tried to gain control over the other detainees in early 1943. The walls inside some cells are inscribed with names of some of the POWs incarcerated in that cell, and in some instances dates of and reason for incarceration, while other walls have dashes or crosses. One cell also bears the names of three privates from the 25/33 Garrison Battalion who were court martialled in August and September 1942.



Image: Camp 10 Cell Block, Loveday Internment Camp Source: DEW files.

Provisional entry of this place triggers three months of public consultation. The Council is keen to hear your views.

You can read about this proposal and find out how to make written submission through this website:

<https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/heritage/sa-heritage-register/entries-confirmations>

Items Confirmed on the South Australian Heritage Register

Former Prospect Air Raid Precautions (ARP) Sub-Control Station. Located on Kurna Country.

The former Prospect ARP Sub-Control Station formed part of the Adelaide metropolitan Air Raid Precautions (ARP) emergency communications network, designed to coordinate the civilian response to expected Japanese air raids during the Second World War. As a surviving component of this network, the former Prospect ARP Sub-Control Station helps to demonstrate the community's "climate of fear" about attack from the air and the civil defence measures taken to respond to the potential threat. Documentary evidence associated with this place demonstrates the important role that ARP played in sustaining the morale of the general public in wartime.

The former Prospect ARP Sub-Control Station is a rare surviving example of a civilian air raid shelter, a structure designed to protect its occupants from airborne attack. It is also an outstanding example of an air raid shelter, retaining a high degree of intactness and integrity and displaying many of the principal characteristics of its class at a higher quality than many other examples.

Nominated by a member of the public, this place has been Confirmed as a State Heritage Place under criteria (a), (b) and (d) of section 16 of the *Heritage Places Act 1993*.



Former West End Brewery Garden (former SABCo Brewery Garden), 107 Port Road, Thebarton. Located on Kurna Country.

The former South Australian Brewing Company (SABCo) Brewery Garden and the West End Brewery Christmas Riverbank Display that is held in the garden at the end of each year, is closely associated with SABCo, formerly the State's largest and most profitable brewery.

Designed, built and maintained by SABCo employees with support from SABCo, the garden and displays have grown from a clean-up and first plantings in 1959, to fill the riverbank adjacent to the former West End brewery and demonstrate SABCo's desire to give something back to the community, while also developing a positive public image of the company.

Throughout the year, many of the permanent structures in the Christmas display sit among the finely manicured lawn and garden beds, reminding those who pass the scene what awaits them at Christmas time.

This place was Confirmed as a State Heritage Place under criterion (g) of section 16 of the *Heritage Places Act 1993*.



Image: Former West End Brewery Garden. Source: DEW files.

The West End Draught signage has now been removed. This photo was taken prior to the temporary Christmas displays for 2021 were added.

Items Rejected For Provisional Listing

Nain Lutheran Church, 196 Nain Road, Nain via Greenock. Located on Peramangk Country.

Nain Lutheran Church has associations with the establishment of the Lutheran Church in South Australia during the first two decades of the colony.

Nain Lutheran Church was built by the local Nain community in 1856, and while it displays a number of characteristics associated with nineteenth-century Lutheran churches, most of those elements are mid-twentieth century additions. In 1956, the church was substantially modified when it was stripped back to four stone walls, rebuilt and extended.

Nain Lutheran Church is also associated with Pastor August Ludwig Christian Kavel, who ministered to the Nain congregation along with other congregations in the Langmeil-Lights Pass Synod until 1858. However, Kavel was only associated with Nain Lutheran Church for two years, a relatively short span of time.



The significance of the Nain Lutheran Church has been much impacted by alterations, particularly in 1956. These changes removed much of the fabric from the original construction of 1856 and the time of Pastor Kavel's involvement with the church and congregation, including changing the scale and external appearance. For these reasons, the Council decided not to list this place as a State Heritage Place.

Nain Lutheran Church is listed as a Local Heritage Place by the Light Regional Council.

Camp 14 Sullage Treatment Works, Loveday Internment Camp Complex, Whateley Road, Loveday. Located on Meru Country.

The Sullage Treatment Works at Camp 14 was a vital aspect of the operation of the Loveday Internment Camp Complex. The appropriate disposal of human waste was important to prevent the spread of disease, while the waste water was used to fertilise the crops grown by the detainees.

Unfortunately, the condition of the Treatment Works has deteriorated leading to a reduction in its heritage value.



Due to the concrete cancer and the impact it is already having on the integrity of the place and its ability to demonstrate significant historical and other heritage values at the State level, the Council rejected the Sullage Treatment Works, Camp 14, Loveday Internment Camp Complex for listing as a State Heritage Place.

Image: Sullage pits. Source: DEW files

Mortuary Slab and Table, Loveday Internment Camp Complex, Whateley Road, Loveday. Located on Meru Country.

The Loveday Internment Camp Mortuary was located on the southern side of Camp 14 and was most likely similar to the many other huts built at the Internment Camp. A reinforced concrete table with inset drainage hole was an integral component of the hut slab.

During the operation of the Loveday Internment Camp, 134 internees and 1 POW died while detained, while 2 POWs were killed during an escape attempt from the transport train on route to Loveday.

The mortuary structure, like most of the less permanent buildings at the internment camp, was sold and relocated in the years immediately after the end of the war. The table was damaged in the c.1980s when it was broken at the base and pushed over.

The Mortuary Table is currently located within the grounds of the Cobdogla Irrigation and Steam Museum.

Heritage SnAps – Winners announced

On 3 December 2021, the winners of Heritage SnAps 2021 was announced at an event at the Noel Lothian Hall, Botanic Gardens.

South Australia's history comes alive through its heritage places.

Through photography, we can capture appealing images of our State Heritage and our maritime heritage. They can be quickly shared through social media or mainstream news outlets so they become a powerful tool for education, celebration and truth telling.

At the time of writing, there are 2,307 State heritage listed places in South Australia and 17 State Heritage Areas, but not everyone knows where to find them or why these places are considered to be significant.

Heritage SnAps has helped to showcase some of our extraordinarily diverse State Heritage Places and to tell their stories. We hope they inspire you to visit some of these places – all interesting destinations in their own right.

Look out for exhibitions of the Heritage SnAps Top 20 during the History Festival and other events in 2022.



Thanks to all 170 entrants in this year's competition for helping to promote our State Heritage Places and thank you to the community for voting for the People's Choice Award – more than 800 people voted.





Images on Page 11:

Bottom Left: Keith Conlon OAM – MC for the event.

Bottom Right: Jiayuan Liang – Overall Winner, Winner of Category 1 and Winner of Category 3 with Paula Luethen MP – Member for King

Images on Page 12:

Top Left: Jeremy Browne with Paula Luethen MP– Winner of Category 2.

Top Right: Kaylee Clancy with her brother Miles – Winner of Category 4.

Bottom: Jayson Castor, Winner of People's Choice Award with Paula Luethen MP and Keith Conlon OAM.

Acknowledgement and thanks to Robert Dettman for the photographs from the event, and thank you to Rebecca Clancy for the photo of Kaylee and Miles Clancy.

For more information and all the winning photos can be viewed here:

<https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/heritage/heritage-photo-competitions/snaps-competition-2021>

The Top 20 finalists can be viewed here:

<https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/heritage/heritage-photo-competitions/snaps-competition-2021/top-20>

The South Australian Heritage Council and Heritage South Australia thank all the entrants, the Top 20 and the Winners. A big thanks to all the sponsors of the Heritage Snaps competition as well.



Top left: Corny Point Lighthouse
by Adam Meyer

Below: Antro Woolshed,
Bimbowrie by Andy Burnell



Bottom left: Watson's Gap Train
Bridge, Port Elliot by Melissa Bean



Image: Dock 2 Luffing Cranes, Port Adelaide by Scott Jacob

Next meeting

The Council's next meeting will be held on Thursday 17 February 2022, 9:30am – 1:30pm at the Noel Lothian Hall, Botanic Gardens.

Council meetings are open to the public, and meeting agendas are available on the following webpage, approximately 7 days prior to the meeting:

<https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/heritage/sa-heritage-council/agendas-minutes>

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