

# South Australian Heritage Council

## HERITAGE NEWS March 2025



Image: Salvation Army Women's Hostel, 341 – 345 Angas Street, Adelaide.

Heritage News contains updates from the South Australian Heritage Council meeting held on 27 February 2025 and other topical news relating to conserving and promoting South Australia's unique heritage.



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## Renaming of a State Heritage Place

Council has renamed a bridge in the SA Heritage Register the “Old Coach Road Bridge”.

The Council considered that its previous name “Suicide Bridge and Telegraph Line – formerly Lunatic Bridge” carried negative mental health connotations and it was appropriate to rename this bridge through an amendment to the Register.

This old coach route to Wentworth in New South Wales cut through desolate country to the north of the Murray Valley and was in use until the early twentieth century.

Its location is very remote, being not far from where the South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales borders meet, north of Chowilla Game Reserve.

The bridge is one of the few surviving structures associated with that adventurous coaching era. This item is a highly significant vernacular structure. It is made of native pine with split eucalyptus decking.

## Australian Education Union Building, 163-164 Greenhill Road, Adelaide

On 25 February 2025, the Chair of the South Australian Heritage Council gave provisional protection to the Australian Education Union Building so that it is not demolished while it is being assessed for its heritage value. The Chair did this under delegation.

The Chair considered that there is a possibility this building may meet the following criteria under section 16 of the *Heritage Places Act 1993*:

- a) Education in SA: connected to Don Dunstan’s push for better education during 1970s; major force in the post-war professionalisation of teaching; significant growth of one of South Australia’s main trade unions. Does the building demonstrate these aspects of South Australia’s history at the State level threshold?
- b) The only union building listed as a State Heritage Place is the Waterside Workers Federation Hall in Port Adelaide. Unions are of cultural significance to SA. The assessment will interrogate whether the building itself is important to the Union movement.
- e) Potentially an outstanding example of a Brutalist inspired building in South Australia, but this needs to be determined through comparison to other such places.
- g) The first bespoke headquarters built for the South Australian Institute of Teachers (SAIT), which could be argued to be a culturally significant organisation in SA’s history.

There is a proposal to develop this site by the owner.

This decision has triggered three months of public consultation, with the closing date for submissions being 4 June 2025.

You are encouraged to have your say on whether this place does or does not meet the threshold for State Heritage listing.

You can download a submission form [here](#).



## Other Heritage News

### Celebrating International Women's Week

International Women's Week from 1-8 March represented an important step forward in recognising and celebrating the vital role women play in shaping the future of South Australia.

If we take a look at the Heritage Places on the South Australian Heritage Register, women have been celebrated or recognised for their part in South Australian herstory (instead of history). The former Brighton Town Hall is an example. This place is associated with Australia's first female politician, Susan Grace Benny. As the setting of her two terms of office as Councillor between 1919 and 1922, the building is closely associated with the participation of women in the democratic process in South Australia.

Here is a sample of places listed that celebrate the role of women in our society:

Name of place	Address	State or Local	ID #	More detail:
Salvation Army Women's Hostel	341-345 Angas Street, Adelaide	State	13107	<a href="#">1487</a>
Pioneer Women's Memorial Garden	King William Road ADELAIDE	State	16177	<a href="#">1684</a>
Former Royal Adelaide Hospital (South-West Precinct) [including Sheridan Building (former Kiosk), Bice Building, Women's Health Centre (former Outpatients' Department), Allied Health Services	North Terrace ADELAIDE	State	26413	<a href="#">27070</a>

Name of place	Address	State or Local	ID #	More detail:
Building (former Admissions and Casualty Department), McEwin Building, Former Margaret Graham Nurses' Home (State Heritage Place No 13093), remnant iron-railing fence to North Terrace, and brick boundary wall to Frome Road]				
Old Parliament House	North Terrace ADELAIDE	State	10874	<a href="#">1640</a>
Magarey House	284-286 South Terrace ADELAIDE	State	26355	<a href="#">26488</a>
Office (former Menz Biscuit Factory)	82 - 96 Wakefield Street ADELAIDE	State	10816	<a href="#">1364</a>
Repatriation General Hospital	Kaurna Country, 216 Daws Road DAW PARK	State	26305	<a href="#">26974</a>
Elliston CWA (Country Women's Association) Rest Rooms	9 Memorial Drive ELLISTON	State	14204	<a href="#">16662</a>
Shandon (flats)	Kaurna Country, 88 Moseley Street GLENELG SOUTH	State	26560	<a href="#">28212</a>
Glenside Hospital - Former Men's E1 and E2 Wards; Chapel & Erindale (former Men's E1 & E2 Wards); Glenside Hospital (former Parkside Lunatic Asylum)	Kaurna Country, 226 Fullarton Road GLENSIDE	State	16188	<a href="#">8390</a>
Blackwell Funerals by Women	112 Belair Road HAWTHORN	Local		<a href="#">3517</a>
Former Brighton Town Hall	388 Brighton Road HOVE	State	26431	<a href="#">27072</a>
Time Office/Correspondence Room (Building 171), Islington Railway Workshops	Churchill Road KILBURN	State	26402	<a href="#">26124</a>
Women's War Memorial Garden, Cross of Sacrifice and Stone of Remembrance	Pennington Garden King William Road NORTH ADELAIDE	State	16182	<a href="#">1522</a>
Women's Health Centre (former two storey house)	56 Dale Street PORT ADELAIDE	Local		<a href="#">3045</a>

Name of place	Address	State or Local	ID #	More detail:
Sevenhill Complex, comprising St Aloysius Catholic Church, St Aloysius College, Sevenhill Cellars, Shrines, Weikert House (Ruin), Smithy/Dairy (Ruin) and Sevenhill Cemetery	College Road SEVENHILL	State	13056	<a href="#">14494</a>
Women's Playing Fields - sports facilities	Ayliffes Road ST MARYS	Local		<a href="#">3716</a>
Shops	Ngarrindjeri Country, 10A Albyn Terrace STRATHALBYN	State	11610	<a href="#">14945</a>

## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the sinking of the *Gothenburg*

On 24 February 1875, on its usual route from Darwin to Adelaide, *Gothenburg* ran into the Great Barrier Reef at low tide in monsoonal rain, 16 miles too far east, and sunk over the next 24 hours.

Sadly, many prominent public figures of South Australia were swept away or drowned trying to board the four lifeboats during the wrecking – including a former premier of South Australia, a French Vice-Consul, a judge and all women and children – with only 22 recorded survivors.

As many as 112 people perished, which represented one-seventh of the total European population of Darwin.

The vessel had £43,000 of uninsured gold on board that was salvaged soon after news of its sinking.

The historic shipwreck is situated in a protected zone and managed by the Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation under the Commonwealth *Underwater Cultural Heritage Act 2018*.

This event represented a significant maritime tragedy. No family in Darwin or Adelaide was left untouched by *Gothenburg's* sinking.

Among those that perished were residents of Adelaide, Port Adelaide, Woodville, Northfield, Gawler and Angaston. The South Australian Maritime Museum holds a commemorative turtle-shell plaque carved by South Australian survivor and rescuer James Fitzgerald in 1925 as a private act of remembrance of the tragedy.

Immediately after the shipwreck, Fitzgerald, along with John Cleland and Robert Brazil, were presented with gold medals and gold watches for bravery by Governor Musgrave for the South Australian Government.

He inscribed the names of the survivors on the shell, which is said to have been taken from a turtle killed for food while he and the other survivors waited on Holborne island for rescue. Fitzgerald gifted the plaque to the museum in 1932.

The *Gothenburg* shipwreck can be dived on today, but you will need a free permit which can be applied for through the [Australasian Underwater Cultural Heritage Database](#).

## Is it State Heritage, Local Heritage or neither?

One of the most frequently asked questions of Heritage SA staff is whether a place is heritage listed and if so, is it State or Local Heritage?



The good news is that there is a public online database that will tell you.

Through a "[SA Heritage Places Database Search](#)" you can search for a property or place via location or keyword.

By location, click on the "Suburb" drop down box and type in the name of the suburb or town that your search relates to. For example, if you scroll to "American River" and then select "State" under the "Heritage Class" heading, you will find there are three State Heritage Places in American River on Kangaroo Island.

A tip for using the keyword search is to put one word in each of the key word boxes. For example, if you are looking up the Bicentennial Conservatory, you would type "Bicentennial" in the first box and "Conservatory" in the second box. Click on search and you will discover it is a State Listed place by looking under the "Class" heading.

When you get to the next screen on your search, "Click Heritage No for Details" and that will take you to further information about the individual place. On this page you can also click on "Show Map" which will take you to Location SA Map Viewer. The place you have searched will be shown by a red dot (State Heritage) or a blue dot (Local Heritage).

You can do your searching here: [The South Australia Heritage Places database](#)

If your search uncovers that the place is Local Heritage and you want further information, you will need to ring the relevant Local Council authority. For example, if you search for Aldgate Oval and Hall, the database will tell you it is a Local Heritage Place and the Adelaide Hills Council is the relevant authority. You would therefore need to ring Adelaide Hills Council if you had any particular questions about this Local Heritage Place.

Give Heritage SA a ring on 08 8372 7521 if your query relates to a State Heritage Place.

Enjoy searching!

## Heritage Surveys

Through the Department for Environment and Water's website, you can access a large range of heritage surveys. Click [here](#).

These are particularly helpful if you would like to know whether a particular place was surveyed and if it was recommended for State or Local listing, and some historical points of interest.

As an example, we know "Eyre's Waterhole" is a State Heritage Place but we would like to know some more information about it. We know it is in the area of District Council of Streaky Bay, so we click on the survey "Eyre Peninsula Heritage Survey – District Council of Streaky Bay" and then, when that opens, we can do a search for "Eyre's Waterhole". The search will return two matches. The first is on page 3 as part of the contents page and the second is on page 24 which is the Heritage Survey Item Identification Sheet.

If we go to page 24 it tells us many things about Eyre's Waterhole including that it was recommended for State listing and it says "The sign for this waterhole reads: 'At this spot Baxter, after crossing the peninsula from Port Augusta, waited in dire anxiety to rejoin his leader Edward John Eyre who had ridden from Mount Arden via Port Lincoln. Reputed to be the site where the first settlement of Streaky Bay was made. On site, at one time was a 10-metre diameter stock tank with windmill.'"

We hope you find the surveys informative. They are a great educational resource. If they are used in conjunction with the South Australian Heritage Places database, it is possible to find out the historical and the current information relating to our heritage places.

The surveys are also available on Enviro Data SA – have a browse of the Heritage page [here](#).

# Tours of heritage hotspots

Autumn is a great time to get out and get some exercise but also a great time to learn about some of the history behind the heritage. You can try one of these self-guided tours or simply enrich your knowledge by reading about it online.

## Ghosts of the Port

The City of Port Adelaide Enfield has developed 'Ghosts of the Port', a self-guided walking tour, researched and written by Australia's most recognised paranormal investigator Allen Tiller.

Allow 2.5 hours for this walk. Head along to the Visitor Information Centre during opening hours to pick up your free map and guidebook, then go for a walk and investigate the ghosts of the Port!

More information [here](#).

## City of Burnside

The City of Burnside have ten self-guided walks of historical places of interest.

Beaumont House is one of the features and is the start and end point of this walk. Beaumont House is located at 631 Glynburn Road, Beaumont. Did you know that this house was built in 1849 and was home of the first Anglican Bishop of Adelaide, Bishop Augustus Short? It was later the home of Sir Samuel Davenport, politician, horticulturist and founder of the olive oil industry in SA.

For the details of these walks and to download brochures click [here](#).

## The Parade Cultural walks

The City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters invite you to explore a couple of different walks that take in many places of interest including State Heritage Places such as the Rising Sun Hotel, the Maid and Magpie Hotel and St Peters Town Hall.

Download the walking guides [here](#).

## Port Pirie Heritage Trail

Take a step back in time and explore the stories behind Port Pirie's heritage buildings. This interactive web-based map means you don't actually need to be in Port Pirie: [Port Pirie Heritage Trail Map](#)

## Heritage Places of Adelaide

The Heritage Places of Adelaide database provides an online resource for sharing listing information, stories and photographs of the City of Adelaide's heritage-listed places. It is a valuable resource and easy to use:

[Experience Adelaide | Heritage Places of Adelaide - online database of 2400+ heritage places](#)

## Mount Gambier City Heritage Walk

This self-guided walking tour visits 32 of Mount Gambier's oldest buildings, all are either State or Local Heritage.

[Heritage | City of Mount Gambier](#)



## Adelaide Hills Heritage

The Adelaide Hills are full of heritage – Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage. The visit Adelaide Hills webpage showcases many of these places including “The Cedars” Hahndorf, Marble Hill and Auchandarroch House. [Visit Adelaide Hills | History & Heritage | Visit Adelaide Hills](#)

### On this Day – 20th March

On 20 March 1942, the eyes of the world descended upon the South Australian mid-north town of Terowie when U.S. General Douglas MacArthur uttered the famous and inspiring words “I came out of Bataan and I shall return” to the Australian press whilst changing trains, after retreating from the Philippines during World War Two.



### Heritage outside Australia – spotlight on Cameroon.

Did you know that Cameroon has two sites on the World Heritage Register of UNESCO?

The Dja Faunal Reserve, inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1987, and the Lobeke National Park which was listed in 2012.

Since 2023, UNESCO has been providing micro-grants in these protected areas to strengthen local capacity and provide direct funding for locally designed projects that benefit both people and biodiversity.

New projects will support snail farming as an alternative source of protein, sustainable wild yam and honey harvesting by the Indigenous Baka people, and the organisation of traditional dances and ritual groups to promote community-based tourism, among others.

Read more about heritage in the Cameroon [here](#).

### What is out for consultation?

The following places have been provisionally entered into the South Australian Heritage Register and you are invited to have your say on whether they meet the threshold for confirmation or not.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Closing date for submissions</b>
Malcolm Reid's Emporium	187-195 Rundle Street, Adelaide	16/4/2025
Australian Education Union Building	163-164 Greenhill Road, Parkside	4/6/2025

## Heritage by numbers

South Australia has a rich and multifaceted history reflected in its tangible heritage. Here are some statistics about Heritage in South Australia, by the numbers:

- 1 World Heritage Place (Australian Fossil Mammal Sites at Naracoorte)
- 10 National Heritage Places
- 11 Commonwealth Heritage Places
- 2339 Confirmed State Heritage Places
- 10 Provisionally listed State Heritage Places
- 17 State Heritage Areas
- 30 State Heritage Objects
- 17 State Heritage Places Designated for their archaeological significance
- 40 State Heritage Places Designated (26 with geological significance, 16 with palaeontological significance and 4 with speleological significance (noting six places have more than one type of designation)).
- Over 7,250 Local Heritage Places in 27 of the 68 Local Councils of SA

## The Criteria

### ***Heritage Places Act 1993 – Section 16—Heritage Significance***

A place is of heritage significance if it satisfies one or more of the following criteria:

- (a) it demonstrates important aspects of the evolution or pattern of the State's history; or
- (b) it has rare, uncommon or endangered qualities that are of cultural significance; or
- (c) it may yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the State's history, including its natural history; or
- (d) it is an outstanding representative of a particular class of places of cultural significance; or
- (e) it demonstrates a high degree of creative, aesthetic or technical accomplishment or is an outstanding representative of particular construction techniques or design characteristics; or
- (f) it has strong cultural or spiritual associations for the community or a group within it; or

(g) it has a special association with the life or work of a person or organisation or an event of historical importance.

## More information

If you would like to know more about the work of the South Australian Heritage Council and Heritage South Australia, here are some useful links.

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