

**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

The 148<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the South Australian Heritage Council (the Council) was held on Level 10, 81 – 95 Waymouth Street, Adelaide on Thursday 1 August 2024.

*Statement of Acknowledgement*

*The Chairperson acknowledged that the land that the Council members meet on today is the traditional lands for Kaurna people and that the Council respect their spiritual relationship with their country. The Chairperson also acknowledged the Kaurna people as the custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kaurna people today.*

**Heritage Council:** Chair: Ms Sandy Verschoor Members: Dr Stephen Schrapel, Mrs Deborah Lindsay, Mr David Brooks, Ms Eleanor Walters, Mr Jamie Botten, Professor Gini Lee and Ms Michelle Toft and Mr Tim Lloyd (via Teams).

**Secretariat:** Mr David Hanna, Executive Officer, Heritage South Australia, Department for Environment and Water (DEW) and Ms Beverley Voigt, Manager, Heritage South Australia (DEW).

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Ms Verschoor welcomed all to the 148<sup>th</sup> meeting of the South Australian Heritage Council (the Council).

There were nil apologies.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

**Agenda**

The agenda was adopted.

**Declarations of conflict of interest**

Mrs Deborah Lindsay declared a conflict of interest for the In-Camera matter.

**3 PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL TRUST**

Ms Sandy Verschoor welcomed Mr Paul Leadbeter, President of the National Trust (the Trust) of South Australia to the meeting.

The following is a short summary of his talk:

- The Trust is a not-for-profit organisation with its headquarters located in the Baptist Church on Tynte Street, North Adelaide.
- The role of the Trust under legislation.
- There are 43 sub-branches of the Trust.
- The Trust has 24 nature reserves and approximately 70 buildings within its ownership.
- The Trust has its own Register of places and significant Trees.
- The work of volunteers is critical to the Trust.
- A public Heritage Living magazine it produces three times a year.
- Income sources of the Trust which include access to donations, bequests and access to grant monies.
- The Silver to Seaway and the Moonta Mines projects.
- Succession planning for positions in sub-branches.
- Advised that the National Trust took custodianship of Ayers House on 1 July.
- Challenges facing the Trust.

Ms Verschoor thanked Mr Leadbeter for his comprehensive presentation.

#### RESOLUTION:

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **Noted** the presentation from Mr Leadbeter

#### 4 PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Council considered the draft minutes of 27 June 2024 meeting and approved them with the following amendments:

- Include an additional resolution for Item 6.1, noting that the Council would not write a letter of support in relation to the World Heritage bid for Portable Buildings at this point in time.

#### RESOLUTION:

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **Approved** the minutes of 27 June 2024 subject to the above.

#### 5 ACTION ITEMS

##### RESOLUTION

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **Noted** the status of the action list.

## 6 IN CAMERA DISCUSSION

The Council had an in-camera discussion pursuant to section 7 (6) of the *Heritage Places Act 1993*.

*The Council approved the following text for release at its 14 August 2025 meeting.*

### 6.1 St John Vianney's Catholic Church Appeal

Mrs Deborah Lindsay departed the meeting at this point due to her declared conflict of interest.

It was noted that the Council received advice from Heritage SA via a new report, in relation to the application of criterion (e), the difference between criterion (d) and (e), particularly with regard to the inclusion of architectural style as an aspect of class of place in criterion (d); and further comparative analysis on the use of welded steel portal frames.

Council thanked the Department for providing the information.

Council requested that some supporting text be added to the structural steel information sheet to provide context around how the making of steel came about? Was SA early adopters or late adopters? When did Australia start to produce plate steel, and for what purpose? The people who crafted the portals learnt the technology and skills from where, and why? Do we know who built the portals?

It was noted that it takes a high degree of skill and technological knowledge to accurately cut, bend and continuously weld a hollow tapering steel beam.

It was noted that there will be a conciliation conference in the ERD Court on Monday 5 August 2024.

The Council advised Ms Pryde that its position was to maintain the listing against criteria e).

Council instructed not to provide the structural report at the conciliation conference on 5 August 2024.

#### **RESOLUTION:**

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **Provided** instructions to Ms Kym Pryde in relation to the St John Vianney Catholic Church appeal.

### 6.2 Amendments to *Heritage Places Act 1993*

Mrs Deborah Lindsay returned to the meeting at this point.

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Mr Blazeby noted he has been provided the draft Bill and would like to make a time for Council to provide any comments on it.

Action: Mr Hanna to send a meeting request to Council for 7<sup>th</sup> August from 11am – 11:45am.

**RESOLUTION:**

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **Agreed** to meet out of session on 7 August to be consulted on the proposed amendments to the *Heritage Places Act 1993*.

**7 ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION****7.1 SA Heritage Council Annual Report**

It was noted that the Council is required to prepare an annual report on its operations at the end of each financial year for the Minister responsible for the *Heritage Places Act 1993* to table in the Parliament of South Australia.

It was noted that the report must be provided to the Minister by 30 September 2024.

The Council requested a contextual sentence be added in relation to the Better Heritage Information list that is provided in the report.

**RESOLUTION:**

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **Approved** its Annual Report for 2023-24.
- **Noted** that, subject to the suggested change, the Annual Report will be signed by the Council's Chair and submitted to the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water.

**7.2 For Review - Policy: Removal of alteration of designation**

Council reviewed this policy and approved the changes suggested in the agenda paper.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **Considered** the Policy: Removal of alteration of designation.
- **Approved** the changes suggested in tracked changes.
- **Noted** that the updated policy will be made available on the Council's webpage.

### 7.3 Guideline: Registration at State level not justified

Council reviewed this guideline and endorsed the changes recommended in the agenda paper. Council also requested that the Guideline indicate that information relating to Council's intention to remove or alter an entry in the Register ought to be promoted through its website.

#### RESOLUTIONS:

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **Considered** the Guideline: Registration at State level not justified.
- **Approved** the changes suggested in tracked changes and the additional amendment described above.

### 7.4 Guideline: Designation as a place of local heritage value

Council endorsed the recommendation to put the review of this guideline on hold pending updated Crown Solicitor advice.

#### RESOLUTIONS:

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **Considered** the Guideline – Designation as place of local heritage value.
- **Approved** the recommendation to put the review of this Guideline on hold.

### 7.5 Guideline: Designation as place of local heritage value – submission form

Council reviewed this guideline and endorsed the changes recommended in the agenda paper.

#### RESOLUTIONS:

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **Approved** the recommendation to put this Guideline – submission form on hold.

### 7.6 Procedure: Issuing of Permits under the *Heritage Places Act 1993*

Council reviewed this guideline and approved the suggested tracked changes as proposed in the paper.

Council also requested that a note be added under the heading "Issuing a Permit" to advise that standard conditions will apply.

#### RESOLUTION:

The South Australian Heritage Council:

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- **Considered** the Procedure: Issuing of Permits under the *Heritage Places Act 1993*
- **Approved** the suggested amendments to the Procedure and the additional amendment as described above.

**7.7 Guideline: Stop Orders**

Council reviewed the suggested amendments to the Guideline: Stop Orders and approved them.

**RESOLUTION:**

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **Considered** the Guideline: Stop Orders.
- **Approved** the suggested amendments to Guideline: Stop Orders.

**7.8 Capturing the Public Value of Heritage – Kate Clark**

Ms Sandy Verschoor welcomed Ms Kate Clark to the meeting.

Ms Clark is an industrial archaeologist with a rich career in museums and heritage management in the public, private and voluntary sectors, in Australia and the UK.

Ms Clark has written about a wide range of heritage topics including conservation planning, industrial archaeology, heritage management, research and evaluation, landscapes, building conservation and sustainable development. She has an interest in the value of heritage, in how values are reflected in public policy and decision-making, and how organisations create value for the public, their peers and partners.

Ms Clark is currently undertaking a PhD at the University of Canberra, jointly funded by Australia ICOMOS, on the role of cultural heritage in wider public policy and it was on this matter that she provided an insightful and informative presentation to Council.

It was noted that Ms Clark was going to be the guest speaker at the Heritage Forum on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at the Torrens Training Depot. All Council members were invited to attend.

It was noted that Ms Verschoor departed the meeting part way through the presentation to attend a funeral. Ms Eleanor Walters assume the role of Chair of the meeting.

Ms Walters thanked Ms Clark for her presentation and indicated it was timely given that Council will be discussing its Strategic Plan in the near future.

**RESOLUTION:**

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **Noted** the presentation from Ms Clark.

## 7.9 SA Heritage Council Strategic Plan and Action Plan

Ms Voigt introduced this item.

Council agreed to have a separate meeting on the Strategic Plan and run it as a workshop. Action: Mr Hanna to arrange a workshop in November 2024.

It was noted that that the Heritage SA Assessment Team will focus on Better Heritage Information reports located in urban corridors and Greater Adelaide as they are the places that might be impacted by development pressure.

### Action Plan 2024-25

The Council provided the following comments:

- Add PDI Act to 1.1b.
- Under “Promote” – how do we actually promote the heritage listings? What is the other layer of promotion apart from Heritage News – so people understand what the Heritage Council does. Another layer of communication.
- Council supports and advocates the delivery of Heritage Tourism.
- Agreed to remove 9.2b from Action List.
- Discussed Government’s role and accountability in financial management.

Action: Mr Hanna to circulate amended Action Plan with tracked changes.

Council requested the following actions associated with its review:

- Action: Communication Strategy to be provided to a future meeting of Council.
- Action: Provide Heritage Tourism Action Plan as one of the documents for consideration in preparation for the strategic plan workshop.

## RESOLUTIONS:

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **Agreed** to discuss a new Strategic Plan at a workshop in November 2024.
- **Provided** comment on the draft Action Plan for 2024/25.

## 8 ITEMS FOR NOTING

### 8.1 DEW Report

Council noted the report provided by the Department for Environment and Water (DEW).

Mrs Lindsay thanked Mr Queale for providing a response to her out of session comments on the draft Mt Torrens Heritage Standard.

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Council noted that owners within a State Heritage Area can seek heritage advice from the Department for Environment and Water for both conservation and development matters. This could be strengthened in the Mt Torrens Heritage Standard.

Council agreed it would be beneficial for owners if there is a clear reference to how/where to seek further information. There needs to be a clear link / understanding for people of where to go to get the 'heritage' specific information they may need.

It was agreed that the webpage that contains the Heritage Standards ought to cross reference other heritage guidelines and where to find them.

**RESOLUTION:**

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **Noted** the status of assessments.

**8.2 Correspondence**

The Council noted the incoming and outgoing correspondence.

**RESOLUTION:**

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **Noted** the correspondence.

**8.3 Delegations Report**

Noted.

**RESOLUTION:**

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **Noted** the delegations report.

**8.4 Heritage Tourism grants**

Noted.

**RESOLUTION:**

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **Noted** the media release related to Heritage Tourism grants.

**9 Any Other Business**

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Ms Voigt noted that the Martindale Hall Conservation Plan has been released for comment. Action: Mr Hanna to circulate to Council members out of session and Council to review and advise whether it would like to provide a response.

**CLOSE OF MEETING**

Ms Eleanor Walters closed the meeting at 1:30pm.



**Ms Eleanor Walters**

**Date:** 5 September 2024

**A/Chair**

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