

SA Heritage Register

Place Nomination form

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A place is eligible for entry in the Heritage Register if it meets one or more of the criteria in Section 16(1) of the *Heritage Places Act 1993* (Act). Using the table below, please explain why you believe the place should or should not be entered into the Register, using the said criteria. The South Australian Heritage Council invites your submission regarding the entry of this place. For help in making a submission, please refer to the Guidelines for Interpreting State Heritage Criteria (**Attachment E**) and also available online: [Guidelines-for-Interpreting-State-Heritage-Criteria-2024.pdf](#)

How to help your nomination be successful:

- Fill out this form with as much information as possible.
- Expand answer fields as required and append information to the form.
- Include images, maps, diagrams, plans and photos where possible.

For assistance, contact:

- Your local historical society or heritage adviser.
- Heritage SA - Assessment Officer on **8372 7521**

Please note:

- Places which have been previously nominated during the past three years will not be reconsidered by the South Australian Heritage Council, unless you can provide significant **new** information.

A. Nominated Place

1. Name	
Name of place:	Former Church Building, 238–240 Franklin Street, Adelaide
Former name/s:	Former Christian church (denomination under archival research)
Is the place already on another heritage list?	No

2. Location					
Street Address:	238–240 Franklin Street, Adelaide SA 5000				
	Suburb / Town:	Adelaide SA		Post	
	Code:	5000			
LGA (Council Name):	Adelaide City Council				
Land Description (if known):	Title Type:	Volume No:	Folio No:	Plan Type:	Plan No:
	Not known at	Not known	Not known		Not known

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	the time of nomination			Not known	
	Allotment Type not know:	Allotment No: Not known	Hundred Name: Hundred of Adelaide		
GPS Coordinates (if known):	Longitude / Easting / X Not provided		Latitude / Northing / Y (Datum = Not provided Not provided		
3. Ownership					
Name of Owner/s:					
Contact person (explain relationship to property if not owner):	Not applicable				
Postal Address:					
Phone Number:					
Ownership History:	The place was originally constructed and used as a church during the mid-nineteenth century and remained in ecclesiastical use for a significant period. In later years, the building has been adaptively reused for community and cultural purposes, including arts-related uses. The property has recently changed ownership; however, full ownership details are not confirmed at the time of this nomination.				

4. Nominator (Your details)					
Your Name/s:					
Organisation / Position:					
Phone No:					
Postal Address:					

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	Suburb / Town: [REDACTED]	Post
	Code: [REDACTED]	
Email Address:	[REDACTED]	

B. Description

5. Description of nominated place	
Description of the nominated place and its current condition:	The nominated place is a substantial bluestone church building constructed circa 1848. It remains one of the oldest surviving church structures within the Adelaide CBD and retains its original scale, form, and external stone fabric. The building appears to be in generally sound condition, with its historic character and streetscape presence largely intact.
Are you aware of any modifications or additions to the place and can you provide dates for these changes?	Some internal modifications may have occurred during later adaptive reuse for community and cultural purposes; however, no specific dates are confirmed. The external form and primary historic fabric appear substantially intact.
Do you believe there may be historical items under the ground, and do you think an archaeological investigation should be considered?	Yes. Given the mid-nineteenth-century construction date and long-term use of the site, there is potential for subsurface archaeological material. An archaeological investigation may be warranted if ground disturbance is proposed.
Date you inspected the place:	Not physically inspected internally; external observation and publicly available information used
Have you had any contact with the Owner?	No
Current use of the place:	Vacant / not in active use at time of nomination
Original or former use/s of the place:	Christian church; later adaptive reuse for community and cultural purposes
Are there any current or long-term threats to the nominated place?	Potential redevelopment or alteration that may result in the loss or compromise of historic fabric, architectural integrity, and heritage significance.
Name of Builder:	Unknown

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Any other information:	The building makes an important contribution to the historic character of Franklin Street and provides a rare surviving example of early ecclesiastical architecture within the Adelaide CBD.
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C. History

6. Origins and history	
Years of Construction:	Start: circa 1848 Finish: circa 1848
Name of Designer / Architect:	Unknown (likely a local colonial architect or builder)
History of the nominated place:	The building was constructed during the early colonial period of Adelaide's development, circa 1848, and reflects the establishment of religious and community institutions within the emerging city. It served as a church for many decades and formed part of the social, cultural, and spiritual life of the local community. In later years, the place was adaptively reused for community and cultural purposes, demonstrating its ongoing relevance while retaining its historic fabric. The building remains a prominent and enduring element of the Franklin Street streetscape and provides a tangible link to Adelaide's mid-nineteenth-century history.
Historical sources used to support your nomination (please attach copies of pages from publications or newspaper articles as appropriate):	Publicly available historical records, newspaper reporting, and secondary sources relating to early church construction in Adelaide, including contemporary media articles and general historical context for mid-nineteenth-century ecclesiastical buildings in South Australia. Further archival research may be undertaken during assessment.

D. Heritage Significance

7. Statement of State significance - Why is this place important to the State of South Australia?

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This place is of State Heritage significance because it demonstrates important aspects of South Australia's historical development through its early construction date, its association with the establishment of religious and community institutions in the colony, and its survival as a rare example of mid-nineteenth-century ecclesiastical architecture within the Adelaide CBD. The building retains a high degree of integrity in its external fabric and form, contributes significantly to the historic character of Franklin Street, and provides a tangible physical link to the formative years of the State.

8. Significance criteria

The South Australian *Heritage Places Act 1993* lists seven criteria by which a place is assessed. Please tick the criteria you feel the place demonstrates and explain your reasons.

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| ☒ X. It demonstrates important aspects of the evolution or pattern of the State's history. | The place demonstrates important aspects of South Australia's historical development through its association with early colonial settlement and the establishment of religious and community institutions in nineteenth-century Adelaide. |
| ☐ It has rare, uncommon or endangered qualities that are of cultural significance. | |
| ☐ It may yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the State's history, including its natural history. | |
| ☒ X. It is an outstanding representative of a particular class of places of cultural significance. | The building is a representative example of mid-nineteenth-century ecclesiastical architecture, illustrating traditional church design and construction methods used in early South Australia. |
| ☒ X. It demonstrates a high degree of creative, aesthetic or technical accomplishment or is an outstanding representative of particular construction techniques or design characteristics. | The bluestone construction, scale, and architectural form demonstrate the aesthetic and technical qualities of early colonial building practices and contribute to the historic character of the Franklin Street streetscape. |

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☐ X. It has strong cultural or spiritual associations for the community or a group within it.	The place has long-standing associations with religious worship and community life and has continued to serve community and cultural purposes over time.
☐ It has a special association with the life or work of a person or organisation or an event of historical importance.	

E. Additional Information

9. Images, maps, diagrams, plans and photos

A full range of images, maps, diagrams, plans and photos will help your nomination.

Please provide:

- a clear outline of the place being nominated within a map or plan
- high quality images of the place
- a list and description of the images being provided (including file name, subject, date created, author and copyright holder (if known))

Paste images here or attach separately:

Street-level photographs and a location plan have not been personally taken at the time of nomination. Images and mapping material can be provided upon request or sourced by Heritage SA during assessment.

Refer to publicly available imagery and mapping, including online mapping services and contemporary media coverage, for external views of the nominated place.

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The South Australian Heritage Council is committed to transparency in relation to the listing process and wishes to enhance public confidence in the nomination, listing and decision-making process. The Council's policy is to make nominations for State heritage listing and submissions on provisional entries publicly available via webpage or to interested parties. The Council will adhere to the Privacy Principles and your name and personal details will not be released, unless authorised or required under the privacy principles.

I do not want my personal details to be released when this nomination / submission is published on the Department for Environment and Water's webpage, noting the above requirements.

I/We,

nominate the following placeFormer Church Building, 238–240 Franklin Street, Adelaide SA

for listing on the South Australian Heritage Register.

The information I have provided is correct to my knowledge.

Signature:

Date:

29/12/2025

Nomination Form Checklist

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Please check that your nomination includes:

- ☐ X. a clear indication of the place's location and significant elements within it, by marking points and boundary lines on a map;
- ☐ X. a history of the place explaining important aspects relevant to the nomination (which help supports arguments of cultural significance);
- ☐ X. a clear description of the nominated place;
- ☐ X. a Statement of Heritage Significance, explaining why the associated State Heritage Place is important to the State of South Australia;
- ☐ photograph/s of the object;
- ☐ Have you discussed your nomination with a heritage assessment officer before submitting?

Please forward your nomination form to the

Board and Policy Officer, South Australian Heritage Council

Via email: DEWHeritage@sa.gov.au

Or via post: **GPO Box 1047, Adelaide SA 5001**