

South Australian Heritage Council

Procedure: Blue Plaque installation

OBJECTIVE:

Promote a State Heritage Place entered in the South Australian Heritage Register (the Register) via a blue plaque that is affixed to the Place.

CONTEXT:

Section 2(d) of the *Heritage Places Act 1993* (the Act) is to promote an understanding and appreciation of the State's heritage.

Section 5A(b)(v) of the Act: A function of Council is to promote the objects of the *Heritage Places Act 1993* in such manner as the Council thinks fit.

On 6 July 2023 the SA Heritage Council agreed to fund a blue plaques program for new Places confirmed in the Register commencing 1 July 2023.

APPLICATION:

Applies to the South Australian Heritage Council and department staff supporting the South Australian Heritage Council.

PROCEDURE:

Following confirmation of a State Heritage Place, Heritage SA will establish whether the owner would like a blue plaque affixed to their State Heritage Place.

Heritage SA will also liaise with the relevant Local Council or Outback Communities Authority as some run their own plaque program.

If the owner is supportive, Heritage SA will send the owner a mock up of the blue plaque with details of where it is proposed to be fixed to their building / place.

Whilst Heritage SA will accommodate amendments by the owner these will only be accepted if they align to the Summary of State Heritage Place (SSHP).

Content of Plaque

The Blue Plaque will include:

- Registered Name
- Known As Name (if different to above)
- Date confirmed in the Register
- The criteria and name of legislation it was entered under, for example "Entered under Criterion d) of section 16, *Heritage Places Act 1993*"
- Any designation information
- One or two key lines summarizing the SSHP – why is it of heritage significant?
- The Piping Shrike (Government logo)

Approvals

Following owner approval, Heritage SA to contact the relevant Local Council authority to discuss whether a Development Application is required in each case and possibility of a fee waiver.

If a Development Application is required it should include:

- A site map including the proposed location of the plaque, which can be seen without entering the property.
- A photo of the wall or fence on which the plaque will be mounted including the connection points for the plaque lugs.
- A description of the proposed design. For example: Oval shape, colour blue, Vitreous Enamel coating, dimension - Front plate: 280 mm (Width) x 205 mm (Height), lugs: 30 mm (Length) x 4 mm (Diameter), 70 word (max) inscription regarding the State Heritage Place, four lugs on the back for installation into brick or stone mortar joints.
- Fees for lodgement to Heritage South Australia for plaques to a State Heritage Place are waived.

Installation

SA Heritage Council will cover the cost of fixing the plaque to the State Heritage Place. It is recommended that an appropriately qualified person be contracted to fix the plaque, for example a stone mason for buildings.

The plaque must be fixed at a location in agreement with the owner taking into account:

- The plaques must be located in plain sight of the footpath allowing interaction between the building, the plaque and the public. The location must take into consideration the heritage buildings fabric, size and style and have minimal physical impact on the building.
- The plaques should be manufactured to include four lugs on the back. Two or four holes should be drilled into the mortar joints between the brick, stone or rendered sections of the masonry wall to

accommodate the lugs. Holes should not be made in the face of the stone or brick. The plaque should be installed using epoxy adhesive on the lugs only, no epoxy should be used on the back of the plaque plate.

Plaque maintenance and care

The care and maintenance of the plaque is the responsibility of the heritage place owner. Plaques can be cleaned using soapy water or solvent without damage to the surface. If a plaque is stolen or damaged, the owner is responsible for its replacement.

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