

# South Australian Heritage Council

## HERITAGE NEWS – NEW YEAR 2025



Image: Adelaide Oval Scoreboard (State Heritage listed). The tour of the Scoreboard is one of many suggestions featured in this holiday edition of the Heritage News. Source DEW files.

**Heritage News contains updates from the South Australian Heritage Council meeting held on 12 December 2024 and other topical news relating to conserving and promoting South Australia's unique heritage.**



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# Provisional Entries in the South Australian Heritage Register

## Former Jean Flynn Presbyterian Church, 106 Goodman Road, Elizabeth South. On Karna Country.

Jean Flynn Presbyterian Church demonstrates the important role various religious denominations played in forming communities at the Elizabeth new town, developed by the South Australian Housing Trust (SAHT) north of Adelaide from 1955. Elizabeth was built to support the industrialisation of the South Australian economy and was achieved in large part through the settlement of migrants, many from Britain and deliberately recruited by the SAHT. Community and the establishment of a 'stable social unit' was essential to the SAHT's plan, and churches were encouraged to establish at Elizabeth before or soon after residents moved in.

Built in 1957 and associated with Elizabeth South, the first of ten neighbourhood units built at Elizabeth, Jean Flynn Presbyterian Church was the third church to open and is the second-oldest remaining. As well as serving as a place of worship and religious fellowship, Jean Flynn Presbyterian Church was a focal point for community activities during Elizabeth's establishment phase, including community meetings, social gatherings, amateur theatre, organised sporting competitions, and kindergarten. Jean Flynn Presbyterian Church offered not only a place where new migrants could worship, but also one where new migrants, including those who were non-churchgoers, could meet new people, form friendships and contribute to building community.

The Council provisionally entered this place as it meets criterion (a) of section 16 of the *Heritage Places Act 1993*. This decision triggers three months of community consultation closing on 17 March 2025. You are encouraged to have your say. You can read more about this place and download a submission form [here](#).



Image: Jean Flynn Presbyterian Church

Source: DEW Files, 15 July 2024

## Former Elizabeth South Methodist Church Hall, 114 Harvey Road, Elizabeth Grove. On Kurna Country.

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Opened in 1956 and associated with Elizabeth South, the first of ten neighbourhood units ultimately built at Elizabeth, the former Elizabeth South Methodist Church Hall was both the first church and the first community hall to open at Elizabeth. As well as serving as a place of worship and religious fellowship, the former Elizabeth South Methodist Church Hall was a focal point for community activities during Elizabeth's establishment phase, including community meetings, social gatherings, film entertainment, and various indoor and outdoor sporting competitions. The former Elizabeth South Methodist Church Hall offered not only a place where new migrants could worship, but one where new migrants, including those who were non-churchgoers, could meet new people, form friendships and contribute to building a community.

The Council provisionally entered this place as it meets criterion (a) of section 16 of the *Heritage Places Act 1993*. This decision triggers three months of community consultation closing on 17 March 2025. You are encouraged to have your say. You can read more about this place and download a submission form [here](#).



Image: Former Elizabeth South Methodist Church Hall  
Source: DEW Files, 28 June 2024

## Christ Church Uniting (church), 26 King William Road, Wayville. On Karna Country.

Designed by Colin Norton of Brown Falconer and opened in 1983, Christ Church Uniting (church) is an outstanding, innovative example of late twentieth-century ecclesiastical Modern Movement architecture in South Australia.

Responding to the emergence of informal worship styles in Protestant denominations during the 1970s, Christ Church Uniting (church) established a precedent for many churches that followed through its flexible-use chapel and associated community facilities, which blurred the boundaries between sacred and secular space. Christ Church Uniting (church) has a special association with the Uniting Church, which formed in 1977 and has been South Australia's third-largest religious denomination since then.

Built to serve both as a local parish church and as a chapel for the former Parkin-Wesley Theological College, Christ Church Uniting (church) was the first bespoke worship complex completed by the Uniting Church in South Australia and embodies the progressive values of the organisation in its built form.

The Council provisionally entered this place as it meets criteria (e) and (g) of section 16 of the *Heritage Places Act 1993*. This decision triggers three months of community consultation closing on 17 March 2025. You are encouraged to have your say. You can read more about this place and download a submission form [here](#).



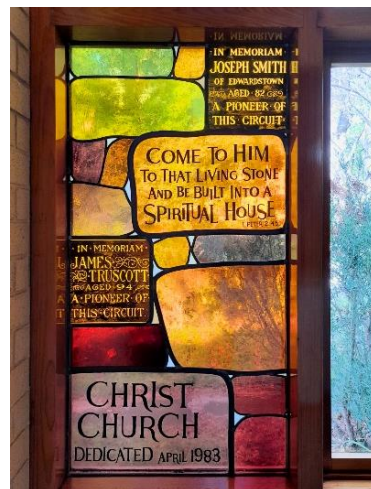
Foyer with entry doors on left



Sanctuary area



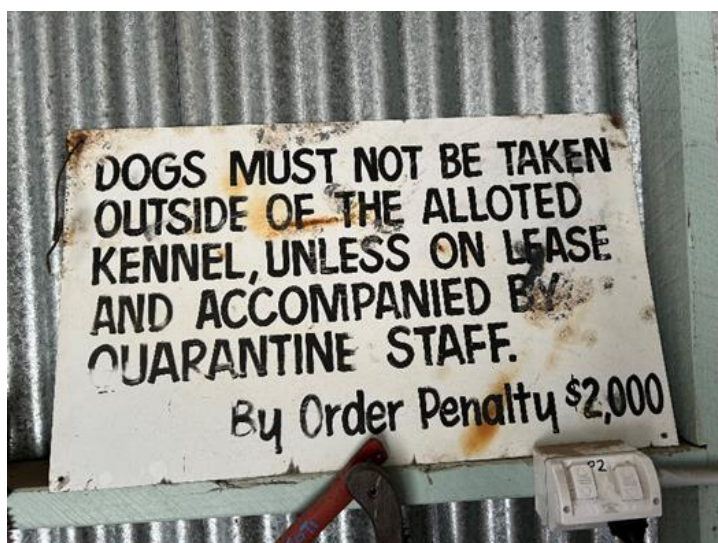
Organ case



Sanctuary stained glass by Cedar Prest

## Torrens Island Quarantine Station Collection of Objects

The Torrens Island Quarantine Station was established in 1855 as the first line of defence against the transmission of infectious diseases into the colony and is associated with human and animal quarantine practices in South Australia during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Developed over the course of a century, the Torrens Island Quarantine Station Complex is the only example of its class to exist in South Australia and retains a faithful representation of structures dating from the 1870s until the 1970s.



Images. Top right: Tramway Trolley 1925 – 1945. Top right: Grave marker of Frederick Charles Smith. Bottom left: Sign from animal quarantine. Bottom right: Beds displayed in the 1878 Accommodation Cottage.

The Torrens Island Quarantine Station Collection is intrinsically related to the practice of human and animal quarantine at the Torrens Island Quarantine Station during the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The collection is predominantly comprised of objects dating from the 1910s when the Commonwealth government took over the management of the station through to the closure of animal quarantine in the 1990s. From grave markers to animal specimen boxes, the wide-ranging collection demonstrates several aspects of the quarantine experience in South Australia such as administration, daily experiences of patients and staff, disinfection processes, disease management, and the fatal effects of infectious diseases prior to the advent of mass immunisations.

The Council provisionally entered this collection of objects as it is intrinsically related to the heritage significance of the Torrens Island Quarantine Station. This decision triggers three months of community consultation that closes on 19 March 2025. You are encouraged to have your say. You can read more about this place and download a submission form [here](#).

## Places not entered on the SA Heritage Register

### Former Parafield Gardens Uniting Church, 3 Shepherdson Road, Parafield Gardens. On Karna Country.

In August 1965, Salisbury Methodist Church parishioner Elsie Quick donated five acres of land on the corner of Shepherdson Road and Salisbury Highway, Parafield Gardens to the Church Trust, on the condition that the land would be used to build both a church and future 'homes for the elderly.'

In the late 1970s, Rev Murray Chambers led the creation of the Uniting Church Homes for the Aged, Parafield Gardens Incorporated, with the intention of fulfilling Elsie Quick's wishes by establishing an aged care centre on church land at Parafield Gardens. In 1980, this organisation invited the North Adelaide-based Helping Hand Centre Incorporated, a Uniting Church-run aged care organisation, to develop an aged care facility and a new church at Parafield gardens as a joint project.

The foundation stone of the new Parafield Gardens Uniting Church was laid on 5 August 1984 by Rev Michael Sawyer, Moderator of the South Australian Synod of the Uniting Church in Australia. The new church was dedicated and opened on 31 March 1985, while Stage 1 of the Helping Hand Centre Incorporated Parafield Gardens Aged Care Centre was opened on 2 June 1985.

The former Parafield Gardens Uniting Church is associated with the establishment and consolidation of the Uniting Church in Australia. The inauguration of the Uniting Church in Sydney on 22 June 1977 effectively ended the existence of the Methodist Church in Australia, substantially reduced the extent and membership of the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches and resulted in the creation of the first church to be created in and of Australia. The Uniting Church has since been, consistently, the third-largest denomination in Australia.

The Council determined that this nomination did not meet the threshold for listing as a State Heritage Place. You can read more information about this place [here](#).



Image: Former Parafield Gardens Uniting Church. Source: DEW files.

## Pleasant Banks Homestead Complex, Basham Beach Road, Port Elliot.

Pleasant Banks Homestead Complex in Port Elliot is associated with mixed farming in South Australia during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The homestead was established by Charles Abraham Basham in 1856 and subsequently developed as a mixed farm with assorted crops and livestock between the 1850s and 1920s. Like many other homesteads around South Australia, various structures were erected at the site, including a house, stables, dairies, water trough, poultry shed and blacksmiths' forge. These structures remain extant in varying degrees of intactness.

Pleasant Banks Homestead Complex is also associated with the dairy industry during the twentieth century. Like other farmers around South Australia, the Basham family shifted their focus from mixed farming to specialised production during the twentieth century. Between 1927 and 1973, the Bashams operated a Guernsey stud and dairy at Pleasant Banks Homestead Complex. They were among a handful of other dairy farmers to introduce Guernsey cattle to South Australia and were successful at their husbandry, as shown by the multiple awards they received, including at the Royal Adelaide Show.

The Council determined that this nomination did not meet the threshold for listing as a State Heritage Place. You can read more information about this place: [here](#).



Image: Trough and Dairy One (pictured right)



# Other Heritage News

## Heritage Grants – now open!

Two grant programs are currently open to receive applications for funding heritage conservation projects.

The **Heritage Conservation Grants (HCG) Program** is open to private, commercial, community or local government entities who own a State Heritage Place. It will close **2:00pm Monday 31st March 2025** with successful applicants notified in May. Government owned State Heritage Places are not eligible for this grant program.

South Australia is home to over 2330 confirmed State Heritage Places. These grants provide financial assistance for essential conservation work on State Heritage Places.

Last year, grant funding contributed to a direct investment of \$1.25m into conservation works across the state.

For more information, please visit the [DEW website](#).

The **Government Owned Heritage Fund (GOH Fund)** grant program for 2025-26 will close **2:00pm Thursday 10 April 2025**. Applicants will be notified of outcomes in July. This grant program is for Government owned State Heritage Places only.

Funding supports the conservation of some of the state's most significant and recognised landmarks. These properties often require substantial work, which can be financially prohibitive for government agencies.

Funds have already been committed for this year (the 2024-25 financial year), with funding resulting in a direct investment of \$5.07m towards the conservation of 20 State Heritage Places, including the Torrens Building and Supreme Court in Victoria Square, Carrick Hill, Alberton Railway Station, and Yatala Labour Prison.

Further information can be found on the [DEW website](#).

## What's On!

There are many heritage related activities on throughout summer 2025. Here is a small selection:

### Around Adelaide

Chuhily's *Garden Cycle* glass exhibition in the Botanic Gardens: [information here](#).

Visit Carrick Hill: [information here](#).

Check out Cleland Wildlife Park: [information here](#).

Visit Hahndorf – a State Heritage Area [information here](#).

Take a drive to – the Birdwood Motor Museum [information here](#).

Take a tour of the heritage listed Adelaide Oval Scoreboard through the "Stadium Tour": [information here](#).

## **Flinders Ranges**

Beltana – a State Heritage Area: [information here](#).

Nilpena Ediacara – a new attraction with old things: [information here](#).

An old copper mine in Blinman: [information here](#).

## **South East**

Naracoorte Caves – World Heritage! [information here](#).

Walk the Umpherston Sinkhole at Mt Gambier: [information here](#).

Discover rich maritime history: [information here](#).

## **River Murray**

Enjoy a guided tour of Ngaut Ngaut: [information here](#).

Visit the Renmark Hotel – a State Heritage Place: [information here](#).

Learn about the River Murray locks: [information here](#). The William R Randell Lock (Lock 1) & Weir, Blanchetown is State Heritage listed.

## **Eyre Peninsula**

Head west to the Port Lincoln Railway Museum: [information here](#).

Marvel at Murphy's Haystack: [information here](#).

Wonder at the majestic Pildappa Rock: [information here](#).

## **Yorke Peninsula**

Learn about the Clan Ranald shipwreck tragedy: [information here](#).

Visit Port Julia (the Port Julia Jetty and its associated cargo shed are important relics of the old South Australian grain industry and the coastal ketch trade): [information here](#).

Delight in Corny Point Lighthouse: [information here](#).

## **History Trust of SA attractions**

Maritime Museum of SA: [information here](#).

National Motor Museum: [information here](#).

Migration Museum: [information here](#).

Centre of Democracy: [information here](#).

## **National Trust of SA – places to visit**

The National Trust of SA own many historic and heritage properties throughout South Australia and you are encouraged to scour the lists on the webpage. Good luck trying to choose! The website breaks up the list of properties into regions to make your choice a bit easier: [information here](#).

## **South Australia's History Festival**

It is time to Register! The Print Registration Deadline is **Sunday 9 February 2025**.

In 2025, South Australia's History Festival will dive deeply into the decisions that have shaped South Australia – as an ancient meeting place, and as a state. You are invited to reflect upon these decisions – the good and the bad, the challenging and the intriguing – and discover how historic decisions impact contemporary society.

The History Festival runs from **1st May to 31st May**.

More information and how to register [here](#).

## New publications

In 2022, England's heritage sector is estimated to have contributed £44.9 billion in Gross Value Added (GVA) to the UK economy and supported the employment of over 523,000 worker. Read more here: [English Heritage and Economy](#)

With more focus on the social and environmental benefits of heritage, these reports commissioned by Victorian Heritage include how heritage improves wellbeing and helps the environment. Read more here: [Heritage Council Victoria | Valuing Victoria's heritage](#)

The Victorian Heritage Council and Heritage Victoria have developed resources to care for heritage sites and objects in a changing climate. You can read more here: [Heritage Council Victoria | Heritage and climate change](#)

## Happy New Year

The Council extends greetings to all readers for a happy and heritage filled 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
- 8 Provisionally listed State Heritage Places
- 17 State Heritage Areas
- 31 State Heritage Objects
- 17 State Heritage Places Designated for their archaeological significance
- 38 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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