

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL

MINUTES

The 153rd Meeting of the South Australian Heritage Council (the Council) was held via Microsoft Teams (electronic means) on Thursday 23 January 2025.

Statement of Acknowledgement

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

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

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 153rd meeting of the South Australian Heritage Council (the Council).

There will nil apologies.

It was noted that further to Ms Voigt and Mr Hanna attending from the department, Ms Kym Pryde, Director; Mr Leonard Blazeby, Principal Policy Officer and Mr Michael Queale, Principal Heritage Architect were present at the meeting.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Agenda

The agenda was adopted.

Declarations of conflict of interest

No declarations of conflict of interest were received.

3 IN CAMERA DISCUSSION

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

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4 For Discussion / Decision

4.1 Local Council Survey

Ms Bev Voigt noted that on 6 April 2024, the Council approved its projects for 2024-25. One of these projects related to local councils and consisted of a survey and workshop.

A draft survey was provided to Council members for review.

The purpose of the survey is to source data for the stocktake of the current provisions for local heritage as well as opinions on the overall function of heritage management within Councils.

It was agreed that the survey would, in the first instance, be sent to a few Local Councils as a pilot or test case. It was agreed that it would be sent to the City of Adelaide, the City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters and two regional Councils that are not as well-resourced as these two suburban Local Councils.

Council discussed the questions that will be asked as part of the survey. It was agreed that the survey would ask for the role / position of the person who is filling in the survey.

There was discussion about asking Councils if they monitor for any signs of neglect in its heritage stocks. It was noted that question 18 asks this in an open-ended manner and that Heritage SA would consider adding an additional question that was more pointed.

It was suggested that a question be included about the level of engagement with the community on heritage and whether there is a correlation between the community support and resourcing for heritage.

Action: The survey will be updated and sent to Ms Walters, Mr Brooks and Professor Lee for final review before sending out to the pilot Councils.

It was agreed that a cover letter would be sent with the survey to describe the purpose of it as well as appending a “Frequently Asked Question” section to the survey to assist people navigate the heritage terminology used in the survey.

RESOLUTIONS

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **Considered** the questionnaire and provided input to it.
- **Approved** the testing of these questions with pilot Councils.

- **Nominated** Mr Brooks, Ms Walters and Professor Lee to be involved in the final review of the questions.

5 Any Other Business

New format for Heritage News

Heritage SA showcased to Council members a new Electronic Direct Mail (EDM) format for sending out the Heritage News newsletter. The Council suggested that two images would work better in the banner than the several images shown in the mock up version, particularly for people reading on mobile phones. It was also agreed that the words “Learn how we are protecting South Australia’s heritage” would be removed from the banner. Action: Heritage SA will discuss with the department’s visual communication team.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Ms Verschoor closed the meeting at 3pm.



Ms Sandy Verschoor

Date: 27 February 2025

Chair