

# SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL

## MINUTES

The 69<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the South Australian Heritage Council (the Council) was held on Wednesday 17 February 2016 in the Coorong Room, Level 2, 1 Richmond Road, Keswick.

### *Statement of Acknowledgement*

*We acknowledge this land that we meet on today is the traditional lands for Kauma people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the Kauma people as the custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kauma people today.*

### PRESENT

**South Australian Heritage Council:** Chair: Mrs Judith Carr; Deputy Chair: Ms Carolyn Wigg; Members: Mr Rob Donaldson (via telephone), Professor Alison Mackinnon, Mr Michael Queale (departed at 11:00am), Ms Sara Beazley and Mr Gavin Leydon (departed at 11:30am).

Apologies: Mr Jason Schulz.

**Secretariat:** Mr David Hanna, Executive Officer, State Heritage Unit, DEWNR and Ms Beverley Voigt, Manager Heritage and Major Reform, State Heritage Unit, DEWNR.

### **Guests:**

Mrs Anna Pope, State Heritage Unit, DEWNR

### WELCOME

The Chair welcomed all present.

### 1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Agenda adopted with the addition of 'Update of SA Heritage Council delegations' to be discussed under Any Other Business.

### 2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

#### Motion to confirm minutes of 9 December 2015 meeting

The minutes of the 9 December 2015 meeting of the Council were confirmed as a true and correct record subject to some minor amendments as follows:

- change 'Mrs Voigt' to 'Ms Voigt';
- ensure 'park lands' is written as two words; and
- amend fourth paragraph under item 4.3 to read 'It was noted that Paul Kelly (singer/songwriter) learnt to swim at the pool and his song 'Deeper Water' is in part a reference to that experience.'

### 3. ACTION ITEMS

Council members noted the status of the action list.

#### 3.1 SA HERITAGE COUNCIL ACTION PLAN

Ms Voigt spoke to the action plan and noted the following:

- The deadline for the budget bid to Treasury was 12 February, however DEWNR is still seeking permission to provide a late submission in order to upgrade the heritage database.
- Noted that the letters to owners are being re drafted by the State Heritage Unit.
- The Heritage and Tourism Working Group had their first meeting on 3 February. The next meeting will be held on 23 March and it was noted that a representative from the South Australian Tourism Industry Council and the South Australian Tourism Commission will attend.
- It is anticipated that the Commonwealth will make an announcement about the listing of the Cornish mining site within the next few months.
- Ms Voigt and the Chair will be attending a Heritage Chairs and Officials meeting in Brisbane in April.
- Tourism Discussion Paper to get on Yoursay – noted that approval process is a bit longer than anticipated. Bev will engage with Council out of session to get that moving.

### 4. PROVISIONAL ENTRY IN THE REGISTER

#### 4.1 ST PETER'S COLLEGE – SENIOR SCHOOL HISTORIC BUILDINGS, HACKNEY ROAD, HACKNEY

Mrs Pope was welcomed to the meeting. Mrs Pope advised that the State Heritage Unit had undertaken additional work to update the draft Summary of State Heritage Place following the December 2015 meeting of the Council, including discussion with owners.

The State Heritage Unit recommended that the place be provisionally entered under criteria (a), (d), (e) and (g) of section 16 (1) of the *Heritage Places Act 1993*.

Council discussed the proposal.

Council agreed that the place satisfies criterion (a).

Council agreed that the place satisfies criterion (d).

Council agreed that the place satisfies criterion (e).

Council determined that the place did not meet criterion (g).

In regard to the Summary of State Heritage Place the Council resolved to make the following amendments:

##### Name of Place

Resolved to name the place 'St Peter's College – Big Quad Precinct'.

##### Statement of Heritage Significance

- In the first sentence include the words 'The Big Quad Precinct at St Peter's College, including the 'Old School House' (State Heritage Place 10540), forms the heart of...'
- Delete the words 'the first' and replace with 'one of the earliest' in the first sentence.
- Delete the words 'over more than 160 years' and replace with 'since 1847'



- In the first sentence of the third paragraph delete the words 'relatively consistent quality and design' and replace with 'consistency in architectural quality and design'.

#### Criterion (a)

- Under criterion (a) delete the words 'Unlike some of the other early private schools' in the second paragraph.

#### Criterion (e)

- Delete the words 'for the time they were constructed' at end of first paragraph.

#### Criterion (g)

- Remove from the Summary.

#### Extent of Listing

The extent of listing includes the following components that are considered to have significance in the context of the Place:

1. Big School Room;
2. Chapel and Bell;
3. Memorial Hall, excluding post 1985 fabric fittings;
4. Da Costa Hall (former gymnasium);
5. The Chemistry Building, external fabric only;
6. The Eastern Classrooms, external fabric only;
7. 1957 Southern and Western Cloisters and Memorial Arch, including memorial plaques;
8. Jury Fountain;
9. Stables, external fabric only; and
10. 1985 Eastern cloisters.

Note: The precinct includes the Old School House, St Peter's College (SHP 10540) registered as State Heritage Place in 1980.

The extent of listing excludes:

any building or landscape on the grounds of St Peter's College that lies outside the boundary of the Big Quad precinct (as defined in the Site Plan).

#### Site Map

- Amend the orange outline at the northern end of the map to ensure it does not pass through any buildings not intended to be listed.

#### Site Details

- Delete the words 'Old School House' from within the Description of Place and instead include the following at the end of the list: 'Note: The precinct includes the Old School House, St Peters College (SHP 10540) registered as State Heritage Place in 1980'.
- Change the 'SA Heritage Register Status' section to refer to the status of this place.

#### Photos

- Page 10 – include reference to the Cloisters in the description of the top photo.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **Provisionally entered the St Peter's College – Big Quad Precinct, Hackney Road, Hackney, SA, 5069 (SGM2\_71), as described in the Summary of State Heritage Place, in**

the South Australian Heritage Register as a State Heritage Place, pursuant to section 17(2)(a) of the *Heritage Places Act 1993*, as it satisfies criteria (a), (d) and (e) under section 16 (1) of the Act:

- (a) it demonstrates important aspects of the evolution or pattern of the State's history;*
- (d) it is an outstanding representative of a particular class of places of cultural significance; and*
- (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*
- **Approved** the proposed 'Summary of State Heritage Place' subject to amendment discussed above, for the **St Peter's College – Big Quad Precinct, Hackney Road, Hackney, SA, 5069 (SGM2\_71 H105100)** including the statement of heritage significance, discussion of relevant criteria and site plan.

## 5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### 5.1 TOP 10 HERITAGE PLACES IN THE ADELAIDE SQUARE MILE

Ms Voigt and Mrs Wigg gave a summary of the discussion of the first working group meeting in relation to promoting heritage through tourism in the city.

Council discussed and agreed to recommend three pilot projects:

- promotion of heritage through conferences at the Adelaide Convention Centre;
- promotion of heritage through the development of a Top 10 heritage attractions on North Terrace; and
- promotion of heritage through sport in Adelaide by targeting people visiting Adelaide for events such as football, cricket and soccer.

It was agreed that Council would write to the Minister to suggest these three pilot projects. Council agreed that they would like to recommend to the Minister that heritage tourism be promoted in the regions following the development of the pilot project in the city.

It was noted that the impending national listing of the Cornish Mining site would be a good opportunity to promote heritage tourism.

Mr Queale noted that an App has been developed relating to the City of Melbourne whereby you can compare how the city landscape was in 1945 with today's landscape.

It was agreed that the South Australian Tourism Commission will be an important partner in developing heritage tourism.

In the letter to the Minister note should be made of the various groups that the Council and State Heritage Unit are working with to further the heritage tourism agenda.

Action: State Heritage Unit to draft correspondence to the Minister regarding the heritage tourism pilot project and send to the chairperson for review and signature.

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **ENDORSED** three pilot project concepts to recommend to the Minister (as discussed above).



- **AGREED** to write to the Minister to recommend these ideas for a pilot project.

## 5.2 PREPARATION FOR THE HERITAGE / TOURISM WORKSHOP

Ms Voigt noted that at the working group meeting on 3 February there was unanimous support to hold a public heritage tourism workshop.

It was noted that the Minister had agreed to open the workshop which will be held in the Hawke Centre on North Terrace.

Ms Voigt asked Council to think about potential speakers to invite to address the workshop.

It was noted that the Queen Elizabeth cruise liner had recently berthed at Port Adelaide and the passengers are spending time sight-seeing in and around Adelaide. There is a heritage tourism opportunity here if it can be tapped into. Mr Donaldson indicated he could provide the contact details of some people in the South Australian Tourism Commission that might be able to assist with making a connection with passengers coming off these large cruise ships.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **NOTED** the current status of preparation and format of the heritage tourism workshop scheduled for 20 April 2016.
- **AGREED** to provide feedback on the format of the agenda or possible speakers to Mrs Voigt out of session by Friday 4 March 2016.

## 5.3 REGISTER AUDIT – STATE HERITAGE PLACE NAMES

It was noted that an audit of the South Australian Heritage Register had occurred in relation to place names. The audit of 2,285 State Heritage Places had uncovered approximately thirty anomalies between the gazetted name and the name listed on the Register.

Council agreed not to action this given the minimal reward for much effort. It was noted that if the work was to be done it would require an audit of the gazetted name against what was endorsed by the Authority at the time which would be very difficult.

Council reiterated the importance of ensuring all future entries in the Register reflect the decision of the Council.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **AGREED** not to take any action to resolve the approximate thirty entries that do not reflect the gazetted name.

## 5.4 DRAFT REPORT TO MINISTER RE HERITAGE TRENDS

Ms Voigt gave an overview of the draft report to the Minister that had been prepared for the Council's consideration.

Council made the following recommendations:

- Move the 'shortcomings' section to the end of part two;

- Remove the section on page 11 titled 'Consistency of places entered in the South Australian Heritage Register'
- Ensure consistent language is used throughout
- Be clear about the message from Council in relation to page 3 – planning bill

Ms Voigt asked the Council to consider what their top three 'opportunities' to highlight the Minister might be.

Ms Voigt asked for further feedback to be provided out of session by Friday 26 February.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **AGREED** to provide further comments to Mr David Hanna by Friday 26 February.
- **NOTED** that following a collation of Council member's comments, a final draft report and a cover letter will be provided to the Chairperson for signature.

#### **5.5 CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY**

Mrs Pope gave an overview of the development of the customer engagement strategy. The State Heritage Unit are seeking the Council's input to the strategy.

Mrs Pope talked about the possible benefits of a Facebook page.

Mrs Pope suggested that there could be savings, through legislative change, to publicise state heritage place confirmations through electronic means rather than print.

Mr Queale suggested the State Heritage Unit look at the Victorian model called Heritage Chat.

It was agreed that Council members would consider the strategy out of session and provide any comment to Mr Hanna by 26 February 2016.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **AGREED** to provide comment to Mr Hanna by 26 February 2016.
- **AGREED** to support the Customer Engagement Strategy in principle.

#### **5.6 REVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE DECISION MAKING**

The Chair noted previous discussions by Council around governance of their policies. The suite of policies that the Council have endorsed are considered robust. There has been an enormous body of work to prepare these policies. The Council's main concern is that the State Heritage Unit are aware of them and are guided by them in the course of their work.

It was suggested that the State Heritage Unit do a full annual review of policies to ensure they are up to date; however the Unit can also consider how decisions made by Council at each meeting may be able to improve policies on a case by case basis.

Council discussed their dual role of provisional listing and confirmation. It was noted that the Register Committee membership was by and large heritage experts which assisted in decision making at provisional entry stage. It was noted that having one body to perform both functions reduces the amount of expertise to interrogate and assess nominations for listings.



**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **REQUESTED** the State Heritage Unit review the Council's policies and procedures as a matter of good governance and bring it to the attention of Council if there are any requirements to update them.

**6. REPORT FROM DEWNR**

Ms Voigt provided a summary of the report from DEWNR.

Ms Voigt noted that the State Heritage Unit will develop a communication plan regarding the Adelaide Park Lands assessment.

Ms Voigt indicated that the Chair of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy has requested that the Council also write to the Adelaide City Council in relation to the assessment of the park lands.

It was noted that the contractor that will undertake the assessment of the park lands will have a dual role. The first will be to determine whether the park lands meet the criteria for a State Heritage Place; and the second role is to determine whether the park lands meet the criteria to be entered as a State Heritage Area.

Noted that the Council will advise the Minister about the assessment of the Park lands.

It was noted that Crown Law advice had been requested in relation to the Council's ability to remove a State Heritage Place from the SA Heritage Register that was listed under previous heritage legislation. This was triggered when a report was provided by Dr Peter Bell in relation to the listing of Douglas Park Farm at Salisbury. It was noted that a listing "is no longer justified" only where information has come to light since listing, or some event has taken place since listing, that makes the entry "no longer justified". The only way Douglas Park Farm could be removed from the Register by the Council is if it can be proved that the reasons for original listing were not correct.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **NOTED** the report provided by the State Heritage Unit, DEWNR.

**7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**Update of SA Heritage Council Delegations

The State Heritage Unit tabled a paper regarding an update of the Council's delegations.

It was noted that the delegations had been updated to reflect new employee position numbers. The State Heritage Unit also included an additional delegation around the waiving or reduction of fees in relation to section 7 (2) of the *Heritage Places Regulations 2005*.

Council agreed to approve the amended delegations.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **APPROVED** the amended South Australian Heritage Delegations for the Chairperson's signature.

**CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Chair thanked all in attendance and closed the meeting at 12:15pm.



**Mrs Judith Carr**  
**Chair**

**Date:** 18.3.16