# SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL NEWS 18 February 2021 Meeting



Image: Holy Cross Catholic Church, 21 January 2021 Source: DEW Files

## Farewell and thank you to this Council:



<u>From Top Left:</u> Chair Keith Conlon, Deputy Chair Jan Ferguson, Katrina McDougall, Michael Constantine, Jason Schulz, Robyn Taylor, Allison Mackinnon, David Stevenson, Marcus Rolfe, Acting Members – Ali Ben Kahn, Wendy Cornell and Deborah Lindsay.

## News from the 115th meeting

The South Australian Heritage Council's first meeting of 2021 was held on Kaurna country. This meeting was also the last meeting of this membership group of Council with the member's term of appointment expiring 1 April 2021.

#### Holy Cross Catholic Church, 159 – 165 Goodwood Road, Millswood

All State Heritage Places are special, but some are recognised for their significance in a number of ways and the Council has provisonally entered the 1969 Holy Cross Catholic Church under <u>three</u> criteria for listing under the South Australian Heritage Places legislation.



Image: View of worship space from main entrance Source: DEW Files 21 January 2021

The Council determined that the Church meets criterion (d), meaning it is an outstanding representative of a particular class of places of cultural significance – in this case the class of place is post-war churches.

The Church meets criterion (e), as it is an outstanding example of late twentieth-century ecclesiastical Modern Movement architecture in South Australia. The church was constructed during a period of radical experimentation in the plan and form of Catholic places of worship following the conclusion of the Second Ecumenical Council of the Vatican (1962-1965) (Vatican II).

The third criterion the Church meets is (g), as it has significant associations with the life, work and Catholic faith of notable South Australian émigré religious artist Voitre Marek, who served as artistic consultant during construction and designed and created the church's many sacred artworks and liturgical fixtures.

You are now invited to have your say through the public consultation period with the three months starting from the date of advertisment in the Advertiser -3 March 2021.

To make a submission, use the submission form available here: <u>Make a submission</u>.

## Piggery Breeding Pens, Loveday Internment Camp

Almost immediately after Italy entered the Second World War, Loveday in the Cobdogla Irrigation Area near Barmera was identified as the site for the South Australian internment camp. It operated from 1941 to 1946 and became the biggest such complex in Australia, with a peak population of some 6000 detainees and 1400 military personnel.

At Loveday, many Italian, German and Japanese citizens in Australia were interned and the Piggery Breeding Pens became an important agricultural component of this intern camp. They made a vital contribution to production at a time of critical labour shortages.

Built and operated initially by Japanese and then both Japanese and Iranian-German POWs between 1943 and 1946, the breeding pens were an integral part of piggery operations and contributed to South Australia's food supplies. At the end of the war, the piggery became a civilian operation and the breeding pens continued to be used in the post-war years.



Japanese detainees constructing the breeding pens in October 1943 Source: AWM The Council provisionally entered the Piggery Breeding Pens, Loveday Internment Camp in the South Australian Heritage Register as it is deemed to meet criterion (a) - it demonstrates important aspects of the evolution or pattern of the State's history; and (b) - it has rare, uncommon or endangered qualities that are of cultural significance, under the Heritage Places legislation.

You are encouraged to read more about this very interesting story and are also invited to have your say through the public consultation period with the three months of consultation starting from the date of advertisment in the Advertiser -3 March 2021.

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## Southern Park 16, Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi, Adelaide Park Lands

The Council considered a nomination for a southern portion of the Park Lands within Victoria Park. The nomination was an attempt to prevent the construction of wetlands proposed for the area.

Council rejected the nomination on the grounds it did not provide sufficient evidence to justify an assessment of this place for listing nor evidence that it would meet the threshold for listing under section 16 of the *Heritage Places Act 1993* in its own right.

The Council also has previously resolved that it will not consider parts of the Adelaide Park Lands for entry in the Register as it has recommended it be designated as a State Heritage Area.

#### 1 Bagot Street, North Adelaide

A member of the public nominated this place for consideration by Council as they believe it meets criterion (e) and (g) which relate to architectural merit and its association with the life or work of an individual – in this case architect John S Chappel.

At this meeting the Council heard that the owner has already lodged plans with the City of Adelaide for demolition and is therefore against the proposal to list. The Council considred and approved a request from the owner to be given the opportunity to provide written and oral submissions to Council when it considers an assessment of this place. The owner will therefore attend Council's next meeting on the 8 April 2021 for this purpose. The nominator will also be invited to submit.

#### **Climate Change matters**

The Council received an informative presentation from Ms Diane Favier, Manager Climate Change Policy and Strategy, DEW. Council was pleased to note the targets established for reducing South Australia's impact on the climate in the Action Plan 2021-2025. The Council resolved to work in partnership with the Climate Change Council on areas of overlap such as protecting heritage buildings for their embodied energy and other environmental benefits, as well as heritage value.

Read more about the State's Climate Change Action Plan here

# Twentieth-Century Historic Thematic Framework: A Tool for Assessing Heritage Places

The Council were very pleased to note the completion of this Thematic Framework by renowned Adelaide historian Dr Susan Marsden and co-author Emeritus Professor Peter Spearritt.

While it has international application, this framework can be used locally to survey and assess places within the context of the twentieth century and to conduct comparative analyses of places.

It is pleasing that the Getty Conservation Institute, working in collaboration with the ICOMOS Twentieth-Century Heritage International Scientific Committee, commissioned this important piece of work from the authors. The framework can be read <u>here</u>.

#### End of Council's term of appointment

The Council members' term of appointment comes to an end on 1 April 2021, and therefore this was the last meeting of this particular group of members.

The Minister for Environment and Water will soon appoint members for the next three years. Current members had the option to reapply and therefore the new Council could include some existing and some new members.

#### Next meeting

The Council's next meeting will be held on Thursday 8 April 2021, 9:30am-1:30pm, face to face on Level 10, 81 – 95 Waymouth Street, Adelaide.

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https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/heritage/sa-heritagecouncil/agendas-minutes