
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL NEWS

23 April 2021 Meeting



The new South Australian Heritage Council – appointed April 2021 by Minister for Environment and Water, David Speirs MP (Minister responsible for Heritage).

***From left sitting – Peggy Brock, Jan Ferguson and Stephen Schrapel.
From left standing - Keith Conlon, Marcus Rolfe, Eleanor Walters, Gavin Leydon and
Simon Weidenhofer***



***Absent from main photo are from left - Katrina McDougall, Deborah Lindsay and
Rob Donaldson***

News from the 117th meeting

The South Australian Heritage Council meeting was held on Kaurna country. This meeting was the first of this membership group of Council with the member's term of appointment expiring 1 April 2024.

Nominations for the South Australian Heritage Register

1 Bagot Street, North Adelaide

The building nominated is a two storey office built in 1964 in Modernist style.

A member of the public nominated this place for consideration by Council as they believed it met criterion (e) and (g) under section 16 of the *Heritage Places Act 1993*. (The criteria are included at the end of this news item for your information.)



Image: Office Building, 1 Bagot Street, North Adelaide

Source: DEW Files 3 March 2021

The Council determined that this place did not meet the threshold for listing at the State level. It agreed with a Heritage Assessment Report prepared by Heritage South Australia that the place did not meet any of the criteria under section 16 of the *Heritage Places Act 1993*. The Council acknowledged it had some excellent architectural attributes but had been altered too much to meet

the threshold for entry in the South Australian Heritage Register. It was noted that the place was designed by well known architect John Chappel. The Council discussed the test for listing and agreed that this particular place does not have a special association with architect Jon Chappel, given his work is better represented through his residential designs.

Council thanks the nominator and the owner of the building for oral submissions it received at this meeting.

A comprehensive assessment report about this property can be downloaded through the following web link:

https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/files/sharedassets/public/heritage/sa_heritage_register/her-reg-office-1-bagot-st-north-adelaide-assessment.pdf

Former Bible Christian Chapel, Robe

The former Robe Bible Christian Chapel is a two-storey three-bay nonconformist chapel constructed in local stone in 1869.

This place was nominated by a member of the public on behalf of the Robe Branch of the National Trust of South Australia. The nominator believed the Chapel met criteria (a), (c), (f) and (g) of s16 of the *Heritage Places Act 1993* for listing as a State Heritage Place, in the South Australian Heritage Register.



Image: Former Robe Bible Christian Chapel, 6 August 2013, showing north elevation with porch and reinstated blind gable opening.
Source: Nominator

The Council discussed the place's associations with faith and education and agreed it was important to the local region but not to the whole of South Australia and determined that it did not meet the threshold for entry in the South Australian Heritage Register.

A comprehensive assessment report about this property can be downloaded through the following web link:

https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/files/sharedassets/public/heritage/sa_heritage_register/her-assessment-bible-christian-chapel-robe.pdf

Other News

Heritage and Planning Reform

Council is pleased that a Heritage Reform Advisory Panel has been established to further the recommendations on Heritage Reform of the Environment, Resources and Development Committee of Parliament. The Council is represented on the Panel by Chairperson Keith Conlon.

The recommendations of the ERD Committee can be read here:

<https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/files/sharedassets/public/heritage/heritage-reform-inquiry-report-2019.pdf>

Deputy Chair appointed

The South Australian Heritage Council is pleased to advise that Ms Jan Ferguson nominated and was again appointed to the role of Deputy Chairperson of the Council for a period of one year.

Getting up to speed

The Council received comprehensive training on its responsibilities and functions from Heritage South Australia and a "Heritage Handbook" containing strategic, governance and legislative documents relevant to the role of Council.

May is History Month!

A reminder that the History Festival is on throughout the month of May. You are encouraged to attend one or more of the great events happening throughout South Australia. Details here: <https://festival.history.sa.gov.au/>

As part of History Month - the top 20 Heritage SnAps photos from our 2020 competition will be on display in the Adelaide Arcade from 4 May – 30 May.

Thanks to the History Trust of South Australia for convening such a great program of events and promoting the stories behind the places!

Next meeting

The Council's next meeting will be held on Thursday 20 May 2021, 9:30am-1:30pm, face to face on Level 10, 81 – 95 Waymouth Street, Adelaide.

Council meetings are open to the public and the agenda for meetings is available on the following webpage, approximately 7 days prior to the meeting:

<https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/heritage/sa-heritage-council/agendas-minutes>

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.