
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL NEWS
10 December 2020 Meeting



Image: Martindale Hall - Mortlock Coat of Arms.

News from the 114th meeting

The South Australian Heritage Council's last meeting of 2020 was held via video link on 10 December 2020. This meeting was held on Kurna country. The agenda was primarily about listing matters.

Sands & McDougall building frontage, 64 King William Street

Thank you to the 14 individuals / organisations that provided a submission in favour of confirming this place on the South Australian Heritage Register. The Council was pleased to confirm it as a State Heritage Place.

It was also pleased to note that the developers of this site have produced a suitable design that incorporates this important art deco facade into the new build.



Image: Shop former Sands & McDougall Building

Rosetta Head Whaling Station Site, Encounter Bay, via Victor Harbor

The Rosetta Head Well and Whaling Station Site is on the lands and waters of the Ramindjeri people of the lower Fleurieu Peninsula, who are a part of the Ngarrindjeri nation.

At this meeting the Council provisionally entered this site as a State Heritage Place and also indicated its intent to designate it as a place of archaeological significance.

The site represents a once significant early industry that no longer exists in South Australia. Planned by the South Australian Company in London before settlement, it was founded in 1837 and continually operated until 1851, it was the longest-running whaling station in the State. The whaling operation below the Bluff played an important role in the establishment of the industry in South Australia as a prototype for other whaling stations making a notable contribution to the fledgling colony's economic development.

This was also an important early contact site as one of the first places in South Australia where European colonists and the Ramindjeri Aboriginal people worked side by side.

Members of the public will be invited now to comment on these proposals as part of a three month public consultation process.

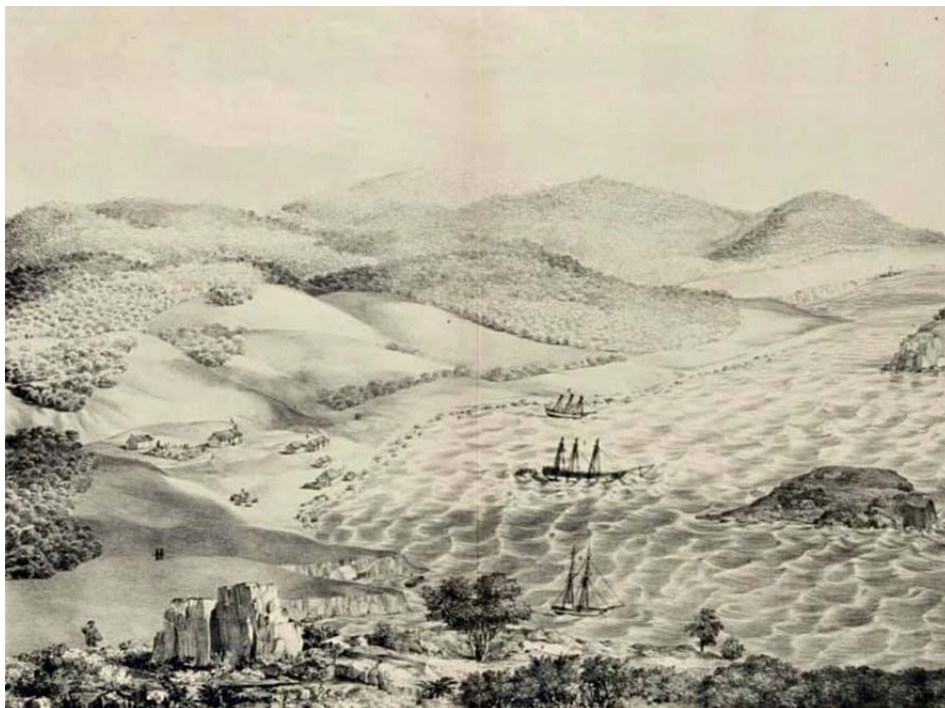


Image: The 'South Australian' in Encounter Bay worked at the Rosetta Head Whaling Station. The ship was wrecked 8 December 1837. Photo Credit: National Library of Australia

Martindale Hall

Martindale Hall, located on Nadjuri country, is an outstanding example of the grand country mansions constructed by wealthy pastoralists, namely the Bowman family and then the Mortlock family, and represents the 'baronial' lifestyle achieved by them. Designed by a London architect, it was completed in 1879 -1880.

At this meeting, the Council confirmed the Mortlock Weapons Collection as a State Heritage Object in the Register. The Mortlock Weapons Collection is comprised of 123 weapons. The weapons in the collection have a similar provenance and were collected by William Tennant Mortlock and his son John (Jack) Andrew Tennant Mortlock. The Smoking Room at Martindale Hall, originally the Library, was reconfigured by the Mortlocks' as a trophy/smoking room where the weapons collection was and still is prominently displayed.

The Council also **provisionally entered** three collection of objects associated with Martindale Hall - Billiard & Sporting Collection, the Pictorial Collection and the Heraldic collection.

The Billiard & Sporting collection includes the Billiard table, table light, scorer, poster (rules of the game) and a billiard cue.



*Billiard table and 6-pendant light fitting in the Billiard Room, Martindale Hall
Source: DEW Files 19 August 2019*

The Pictorial Collection includes a variety of original artworks and machine-woven tapestries used to decorate the house in a manner fitting a grand country mansion. Of particular note are the Mortlock family portraits that hang in the first floor gallery above the hall. There is also a series of photographs depicting the lifestyle and interests of the Mortlock family, including their sporting pursuits, travel and the prize winning rams that supported the success of their pastoral empire.



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Image of the hall taken by Collyer in 1936 showing a number of the artworks hung on the walls at Martindale Hall

Source: SLSA B 46415

The Heraldic Collection is a testament to the successful ongoing management of the intergenerational pastoral empire created by the Mortlock family. The grant of arms (1936) and other heraldic pieces related to the family's coat of arms were acquired by the Mortlock family in the first half of the twentieth century.

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Blumberg nomination

The Council considered a nomination for a number of ruins associated with the German settlement of Blumberg, now known as Birdwood, for listing as a State Heritage Place. The ruins that were proposed for State Heritage listing included a number of the first buildings and structures built at Birdwood in the late 1840s and early 1850s, namely the first Lutheran church, Traveller's Inn blacksmith/stables, C Krueger's home, cemetery and a swing bridge.

Council agreed this nomination did not meet any of the criteria for provisional entry.



Image: The blacksmith/stable is the only remaining structure associated with the Traveller's Inn at Blumberg.

Source: Googlemaps, 2019.

Normanville Coastal Dune Geological Park – First Additional Area

The Council **confirmed an alteration** of the Normanville Coastal Dunes Geological Site - First Additional Area, through the removal of allotments 115, 116 and 117 from the listing of this State Heritage Place.

These three allotments were developed as part of the caravan park (prior to its heritage listing) and only make up a small portion of the overall listing associated with this important dune system.

With advice from geological, native vegetation and coastal experts, the Council determined that the removal of these three allotments would not impact on the dune system. The Council thanks the three individuals that provided written submissions in relation to this matter.

Next meeting

The Council's next meeting will be held on Thursday 18 February 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>

The South Australian Heritage Council wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a heritage filled 2021!



Image: Mortlock Library Christmas Tree. Photo credit Keith Conlon 2020