

# SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL NEWS

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Image: Shop (former Sands & McDougall building)

## Sands & McDougall building façade provisionally listed

The Shop (former Sands & McDougall building) on King William Street, Adelaide, was nominated by a member of the public for the South Australian Heritage Council's (Council's) consideration. At its August 2020 meeting, the Council determined to provisionally enter the facade and awning only (not the entire building) under criterion (e) of section 16 of the *Heritage Places Act 1993*.

This criterion reads 'it demonstrates a high degree of creative, aesthetic or technical accomplishment or is an outstanding representative of particular construction techniques or design characteristics'.

During the three month period while a place is provisionally entered in the South Australian Heritage Register, the heritage legislation states that requests can be made to the Minister responsible for Heritage to remove the entry in the public interest.

Such a request was made by the owner to the Minister, the Hon David Speirs MP. The Minister consulted the Council and a number of other parties and announced on 15 October 2020 that he would not intervene in the process.

The legislation also provides for the making of submissions to Council for all provisional listings, and as of 15 October, six written submissions have been received in favour of confirmation of this listing in the South Australian Heritage Register.

If you would like to make a submission in relation to the provisional entry of the façade and awning of the Sands & McDougall building – information about how to do this can be found here:

<https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/heritage/sa-heritage-register/entries-confirmations#nominationsprovisionallyentered>

The closing date for submissions is 24 November 2020.

## News from the 112th meeting

The South Australian Heritage Council held a meeting on 24 September 2020. This meeting was held via video link on Kaurna country, Adnyamathanha country and Nadjuri country.

### Decision re nomination of 28 Sturt Road, Brighton

The Council received a nomination for the dwelling at 28 Sturt Road, Brighton. At this meeting the Council considered the nomination and an assessment report prepared by Heritage South Australia. The place is under threat from demolition, with sub division applications already lodged with the City of Holdfast Bay, and therefore Council convened this extra meeting to consider this in a timely manner.

28 Sturt Road is one of a number of Federation bungalows built in South Australia during the interwar period.

Council discussed the associations with CP Wauchope and through him Balfour, Wauchope Ltd (bakery and cafés); architect Louis Laybourne Smith who designed the house; and Lance and Liora Le Cornu of Le Cornu Ltd (furniture manufacturer and shops). Council also discussed the importance of this dwelling to the local community.

The Council determined that the place did not meet any of the criteria for listing as a State Heritage Place under section 16 of the *Heritage Places Act 1993*.

The assessment report details the reasons why this place did not meet the strict criteria under the *Heritage Places Act 1993* to be listed as a State Heritage Place.

If you are interested in reading the assessment report in relation to this place, it is available for download via the Heritage South Australia web page:

<https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/heritage/sa-heritage-register/entries-confirmations#nominationsnotentered>

At the meeting, Mr Keith Conlon (Chair) pointed out it is difficult for the Council and Heritage South Australia, working with limited resources, to process nominations that come in at the eleventh hour. It takes time to do a

comprehensive assessment of a place, and therefore people are encouraged to get their nominations in early and in a proactive manner.

There is need for reform regarding assessment of local and state heritage.

The Council has advocated consistently for an integrated system with clear and benchmarked criteria, which would allow for a simple and transparent procedure for listing Local Heritage Places similar to the one that operates for State Heritage Places.

Communities are encouraged to look at the places they value in their area. Do they warrant protection? If you think they might be of heritage value please consider being proactive and nominate them to the relevant body before the bulldozers move in.



Image: 28 Sturt Road, Brighton

### **Vale Mr. Sydney Sparrow**

The Council pays its respects to the late Syd Sparrow who sadly passed away on 12 September 2020.



Syd was the Chair of the State Aboriginal Heritage Committee and will be sorely missed not only by his committee members, but also the Ngarrindjeri people and the state of South Australia.

Sydney Sparrow was a Ngarrindjeri man with extensive knowledge of Aboriginal heritage and deep experience in advocating for its protection and preservation.

He oversaw important amendments to the Aboriginal Heritage Act and he was an outstanding advocate for Aboriginal youth justice.

In the Council meeting of 24 September, Mr Conlon noted with sadness that the Council was about to embark on some work with Mr Sparrow through a joint working group of the two Councils.

Council agreed to write to the State Aboriginal Heritage Committee, and to also write directly to Mr Sparrow's family to express its condolences at Mr Sparrow's passing.

### **Next meeting**

The Council's next meeting will be held on Thursday 22 October 2020, 9am-11am, face to face on Level 10, 81 – 91 Waymouth Street, Adelaide.

Council meetings are open to be observed by the public. The agenda for meetings are available on the following web page approximately 7 days prior to a meeting:

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