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The Hon David Speirs MP

Minister for Environment and Water

This annual report is to be presented to Parliament to meet the statutory reporting requirements of *the Public Sector Act 2009*, *the Public Sector Regulations 2010*, *the Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* and meets the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular *PC013 Annual Reporting*.

This report is verified to be accurate for the purposes of annual reporting to the Parliament of South Australia.

Submitted on behalf of the South Australian Heritage Council by:

Keith Conlon

Chairperson

Signature

Date

18.9.18

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Section A: Reporting required under the *Public Sector Act 2009*, the *Public Sector Regulations 2010* and the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*

Agency purpose or role

The South Australian Heritage Council (Council) is established under the provisions of the *Heritage Places Act 1993* (the Act) and ensures that South Australian places and related objects with heritage significance are protected through entry in the South Australian Heritage Register (Register). This mechanism promotes public understanding and appreciation of the State's heritage.

The functions of the Council are set out in Section 5A of the Act, and include administration of the Register, advice to the Minister for Environment and Water on heritage matters, advice to the Minister responsible for Planning, and the initiation and support of community awareness programs that promote public understanding and appreciation of the State's heritage.

Objectives

- To recognise the importance of South Australia's heritage places and related objects in understanding the course of the State's history, including its natural history; and
- To provide for the identification and documentation of places and related objects of State heritage significance; and
- To provide for and promote the conservation of places and related objects of State heritage significance; and
- To promote an understanding and appreciation of the State's heritage; and
- To encourage the sustainable use and adaptation of heritage places in a manner consistent with high standards of conservation practice, the retention of their heritage significance, and relevant development policies.

Key strategies and their relationship to SA Government objectives

Key strategy	SA Government objective
Transparent and rigorous consideration of nominations to the Register, and effective maintenance of it	Legislative requirement
Provision of strategic advice and policy development for heritage matters under the Act and the <i>Development Act 1993</i> .	Legislative requirement

Key strategy	SA Government objective
Promotion of the linkages between heritage and tourism to attract more tourists.	The development of a Heritage Tourism Strategy
Education and interpretation of State Heritage Places through partnerships with the National Trust of South Australia, SA Tourism Commission, History Trust of South Australia, local governments and similar organisations.	The development of a Heritage Tourism Strategy and working in partnership with the National Trust of South Australia

Agency programs and initiatives and their effectiveness and efficiency

Program name	Indicators of performance/effectiveness/efficiency	Outcome for South Australia
Advice to the Minister for Environment and Water	Provided advice in the form of a communique on the outcomes of each meeting.	To provide for and promote the conservation of places of State Heritage significance to the Minister.
To administer the Register and to identify places, and related objects, of State Heritage significance, and to enter them in the Register.	<p>3 places were provisionally entered in the Register.</p> <p>1 object was provisionally entered in the Register.</p> <p>4 places were confirmed in the Register.</p> <p>8 places were considered and rejected for entry in the Register.</p> <p>1 place was removed from the Register as directed by the Minister by instrument in writing.</p> <p>1 place was assessed and deemed justified to remain on the Register.</p>	Promotes understanding and appreciation of South Australia's heritage.

Program name	Indicators of performance/effectiveness/efficiency	Outcome for South Australia
To provide advice on the development and effectiveness of heritage conservation programs, policies, initiatives and incentives.	<p>Provided advice to the incoming Council in February 2018.</p> <p>Provided advice to the Australian Heritage Council about places of possible National Heritage significance in SA.</p> <p>Provided advice to the Australian Heritage Council regarding the protection of commemorative places and monuments.</p> <p>Conducted a forum at the Adelaide Town Hall on 29 June 2018 to celebrate 40 years of heritage protection legislation in South Australia.</p> <p>Provided advice to Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure on minimum competencies required of accredited heritage professionals.</p> <p>Supported the Heritage Snaps photo competition administered by the Department for Environment and Water</p>	Contributes to sound heritage conservation programs that benefit the public good.
The operation and enforcement of the Act.	The Council's policies and procedures are subject to continuous review as a matter of good governance. The Council agreed that its policies and procedures are made available to the public through its website.	Sound governance gives the public confidence in the decision making of the Council.

Legislation administered by the agency

Heritage Places Act 1993

Organisation of the agency

In accordance with Section 5 of the Act, the Council consists of nine members and three acting members appointed by the Minister for Environment and Water.

The Council membership and remuneration is reported in the South Australian Government Board and Committee Information Annual Report.

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

Other agencies related to this agency (within the Minister's area/s of responsibility)

The Council is supported in its administration of the Act by the Department for Environment and Water.

Employment opportunity programs

The Council has no staff of its own and utilises the services of the Department for Environment and Water. Reporting on this matter is contained in the agency's Annual Report 2017-18.

Executive, administrative and project support were provided to the Council from existing resources of the Department for Environment and Water.

Agency performance management and development systems

Performance management and development system	Assessment of effectiveness and efficiency
Department for Environment and Water staff supporting the Council's operations undertake a performance review and development program with their managers.	Two sessions are held on an annual basis. This is considered to be effective.
Induction of Council members	The Department for Environment and Water conducted an induction session on 18 May 2018 for all Council members. This included a presentation by Ms Kate Costello of Governance Matters.
Heritage Assessment Report quality management	The Department for Environment and Water has implemented a range of measures to ensure the quality of heritage assessment reports which inform the decisions of Council about the entry of nominated places in the Register.

Work health, safety and return to work programs of the agency and their effectiveness

Program name and brief description	Effectiveness
The Council abides by the relevant health and safety policies and procedures that have been adopted by the Department for Environment and Water to meet whole of Government legislative requirements.	Reporting on this matter is contained within the Department for Environment and Water Annual Report 2017-18

Work health and safety and return to work performance

	2017-18	2016-17	% Change (+ / -)
Workplace injury claims			
Total new workplace injury claims	0	0	0%
Fatalities	0	0	0 %
Seriously injured workers*	0	0	0%
Significant injuries (where lost time exceeds a working week, expressed as frequency rate per 1000 FTE)	0	0	0%
Work health and safety regulation			
Number of notifiable incidents (<i>WHS Act 2012, Part 3</i>)	0	0	0%
Number of provisional improvement, improvement and prohibition notices (<i>WHS Act 2012 Sections 90, 191 and 195</i>)	0	0	0%
Return to work costs**			
Total gross workers compensation expenditure (\$)	0	0	0%
Income support payments – gross (\$)	0	0	0%

*number of claimants assessed during the reporting period as having a whole person impairment of 30% or more under the *Return to Work Act 2014 (Part 2 Division 5)*

**before third party recovery

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/south-australian-heritage-council-annual-report-data>

Fraud detected in the agency

Category/nature of fraud	Number of instances
It is declared that there were no instances of fraud detected in the activities undertaken by the Council in this reporting period.	0

Strategies implemented to control and prevent fraud

Strategies to detect instances of fraud are reported in the Department for Environment and Water Annual Report 2017-18.

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/south-australian-heritage-council-annual-report-data>

Whistle-blowers' disclosure

Number of occasions on which public interest information has been disclosed to a responsible officer of the agency under the *Whistle-blowers' Protection Act 1993* 0

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/south-australian-heritage-council-annual-report-data>

Executive employment in the agency

Executive classification	Number of executives
SAES Level 1	0

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/south-australian-heritage-council-annual-report-data>

The [Office of the Commissioner of Public Sector Employment](#) has a [data dashboard](#) for further information on the breakdown of executive gender, salary and tenure by agency.

Consultants

The Council is supported in its administration of the Act by the Department for Environment, and Water. Consultants, as applicable, are reported in the agency's annual report.

Consultancies below \$10,000 each		
Business name	Purpose	\$0
	Subtotal	\$0

Consultancies above \$10,000 each		
Business name	Purpose	\$0
	Subtotal	\$0
Total all consultancies		\$0

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/south-australian-heritage-council-annual-report-data> See also the Consolidated Financial Report of the Department of Treasury and Finance <http://treasury.sa.gov.au/> for total value of consultancy contracts across the SA Public Sector.

Contractors

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged by the agency, the nature of work undertaken and the total cost of the work undertaken.

Contractor	Purpose	Value
Nil	N/A	\$0

Data is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/south-australian-heritage-council-annual-report-data>

The details of all South Australian Government-awarded contracts for goods, services, and works are displayed on the SA Tenders and Contracts website [here](#).

The website also provides details of across government contracts [here](#).

Financial performance of the agency

The Council is a statutory body; it is not a corporate entity and has no funds of its own.

Reporting on this matter is contained within the Department for Environment and Water Annual Report 2017-2018.

Other financial information

Nil to report.

Other information requested by the Minister(s) or other significant issues affecting the agency or reporting pertaining to independent functions

Nil to report.

Section B: Reporting required under any other act or regulation

Name and date of act or regulation
Nil to report.

Section C: Reporting of public complaints as requested by the Ombudsman

Summary of complaints by subject

Public complaints received by the South Australian Heritage Council	
Category of complaints by subject	Number of instances
All complaints	0

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/south-australian-heritage-council-annual-report-data>

Complaint outcomes

Nature of complaint or suggestion	Services improved or changes as a result of complaints or consumer suggestions
Nil	Nil

Appendix: Audited financial statements 2017-18

Financial services are provided to the Council by the Department for Environment and Water. Finances are audited annually as part of the DEW's financial statements.

Annual report information (including financial statements) is available on the DEW website.

