

# **SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL NEWS**

## **24 June 2021 Meeting**



Image: Arkaroola. Photo credit to Adam Bruzzone.

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## **News from the 119th meeting**

The South Australian Heritage Council (Council) meeting was held on Kaurna country.

### **Flinders Ranges makes Australia's World Heritage Tentative list**

The Council was very pleased to receive a presentation on the progress to include parts of the Flinders Ranges on UNESCO's World Heritage list. The nomination has now been placed on Australia's Tentative List for World Heritage.

The details about the nomination can be read through this UNESCO website: <https://whc.unesco.org/en/tentativelists/6524/>

Over 600 million years old, the Flinders Ranges is one of Australia's magnificent landscapes.

The Adnyamathanha People (meaning hills or rock people) are the traditional custodians of the Flinders Ranges, world-renowned for its wealth of natural, cultural significance, historic and scenic values.

Particularly extraordinary are the fossils and geology of the Flinders Ranges, which display the history of our planet and the evolution of life on Earth.

Some of this critical evidence spans more than 300 million years and includes the world's finest example of the Ediacaran explosion of life, when the earliest forms of complex multicellular animal life evolved. It is these outstanding geological and palaeontological forms within the Flinders Ranges that make it an important site to pursue for World Heritage Listing.

Scientific experts have agreed that the science stands up. The Flinders Ranges is the only place on Earth where 350 million years of near-continuous geological sequence can be seen, demonstrating the rise of a habitable planet and the dawn of animal life.

Seven properties have been identified by experts that demonstrate the technical and scientific evidence required to support this narrative at the world heritage level. These are:

- Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park
- Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park
- Ediacara Conservation Park and the land acquired on Nilpena Station to create the Nilpena Ediacara National Park



- Angorichina pastoral lease
- Maynards Well pastoral lease
- Puttapa pastoral lease
- Arkaroola Protection Area



Blacksmith's shop at Nilpena being restored and will be the new visitor centre. Photo by Jason Irving.



Archaeocyath pavement found at Ajax. Photo by Jim Gheling.

Achieving World Heritage status requires that a property is aligned with very specific criteria, and strong evidence that the values being nominated are absolutely unique/not replicated anywhere else in the world.

Pursuing World Heritage status will provide an opportunity to celebrate and share the story of the Flinders Ranges on the global scale.

The next step is to prepare a nomination dossier to submit to the Australian Government.

Source: <https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/flinders-ranges-world-heritage-nomination/flinders-ranges-world-heritage-story>



Image: Arkaroola by Joshua Corke (Finalist in Heritage Snaps 2020)

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## Strategic Planning

*“South Australian’s are enriched by the Protection, Conservation and Promotion of our Heritage”*. This is the vision headlining Council’s Strategic Plan – Towards 2025 that can be downloaded here:

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

At this meeting, the Council dedicated time to developing an action plan for 2021-22 with the aim of fulfilling this vision and accompanying goals and desired outcomes.

### Martindale Hall and Ayers House

The Council was provided an update on two significant government owned State Heritage Places, both with substantial potential for further activation and expanded heritage tourism potential.

Council noted that the Martindale Hall (Protection and Management) Bill 2021 would enshrine continuing community access, with strict conditions on the future use of the Hall and surrounds. The Bill would also strengthen heritage protection for the premises.

Ayers House is listed as a State Heritage Place in the South Australian Heritage Register and the State Government will invest \$6.6million, to transform Ayers House, while preserving its significant heritage and historical value. Council noted that it would become a government led cultural and event space and there would be no loss of the main spaces for public entry and uses.



Martindale Hall



Ayers House

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## Heritage Tourism Strategy launched

Growing Our Heritage Future is a ten-year Heritage Tourism Strategy for South Australia and it was officially launched on 24 June 2021.

This is what Chairperson Keith Conlon had to say about the event:

*A big tourism industry audience heard Heritage Minister David Speirs MP embrace the economic and cultural value of celebrating our history and stories through heritage. He also announced heritage tourism grant assistance for owners.*

*It is a privilege to Chair the Heritage Tourism Alliance, the Minister's enabling expert group. Thanks to more than 400 people who created the Strategy through their input and to the Tourism Industry Council South Australia - TICSA for hosting the launch and its ongoing involvement in helping to get the Action Plan going.*

*The event was hosted in a brilliant heritage venue - Sparkke at the Whitmore. It combines an 1840s heritage pub story with edgy contemporary additions. And a microbrewery.*

*A special mention for our unanimously admired admin chief, organiser, drafter and counsellor Linda Lacey... we can't thank you enough.*

*Launched on #KaurnaCountry.*

Download a copy of the Strategy here:

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

## Heritage Snaps 2021

Get to know our State Heritage Places and have a chance to win some great prizes by entering the Heritage Snaps 2021 photo competition.

There are four categories this year:

- Category 1 – Maritime Heritage coastal and riverine (includes Shipwrecks and Heritage listed lighthouses, jetties, obelisks, wharfs and boatsheds).
- Category 2 – Heritage visits (featuring people enjoying our State Heritage Places).
- Category 3 – Professional and Edited photos of State Heritage Places
- Category 4 – Young talent (under 18) taking photos of State Heritage Places (encouraging school age kids to learn about our Heritage).

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Enter here:

<https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/heritage/heritage-photo-competitions/snaps-competition-2021>

The Council thanks the sponsors responsible for donating the great prizes on offer. They are the Botanic Gardens Café and Restaurant (premier sponsor), SmartArt, Winter Village, Rinaldi Nougat, Spring Gully, One and All Sailing Ship, Adelaide Gaol, Naracoorte Caves and SeaLink.

This competition is open until 15 October 2021.

### **Get to know your SA Heritage Council members**

Information about each of the eleven Council members (nine full members and two deputies) can be read through the following (click the word “here”):

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

### **Friday Forum – “Contrasting Challenges in Conservation” by Ian Hamilton - 16th July 2021**

Come along and hear Ian Hamilton, Director of Arcuate Architecture, talk about two very different conservation challenges in two very different buildings on opposite sides of the world – the Smyth Chapel, West Terrace Cemetery here in Adelaide and the St. Vincent Street Church in Glasgow.

Importantly there will be time for catching up, given it has been over a year since the last face to face forum – nibbles and drinks provided.

RSVP is essential. Limit of 100 tickets available. Your RSVP will guarantee your name at the door and entry to the venue.

Date: Friday 16th July

Time: 4:30pm – 7:00pm

Location: Drill Hall, Torrens Parade Ground.

Price: \$5 for non-drinkers, \$10 for drinkers

RSVP: By 6 July 2021 via Email to [DEWHeritage@sa.gov.au](mailto:DEWHeritage@sa.gov.au) or phone David on 8226 2127.



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## Save the Date

Dr Susan Marsden will be the guest speaker for the Forum held on Friday 20 August 2021. Her talk is titled 'The Twentieth-Century Historic Framework: A Tool for Assessing Heritage Places'. This will help guide the assessment of that century's significant heritage at regional, national and world levels. A very significant piece of work.

Here is a link to the framework where you can download it:  
<https://gty.art/TCHTF>

Put a place saver in your diary.

## In case you missed it

Did you know that each week (usually on a Saturday afternoon), through the Heritage South Australia Facebook page, there is a Heritage Who Am I post?

Here is last week's if you missed it:

### Heritage Who Am I

Name this State Heritage Place with the aid of these hints:

- I was originally built in 1847 under a different name.
- One of my most famous visitors was the explorer John McDouall Stuart who stayed overnight on 16 December 1862.
- I was badly damaged by fire, rebuilt in 1880, and called what I am now known as.
- I am in a historic mining town.
- You can stay a night or more in the heritage listed rooms upstairs.
- Does the photo help?



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If you are on Facebook, look up and like Heritage South Australia's page!

### **Next meeting**

The Council's next meeting will be held on Thursday 5 August 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>

### **Contact**

Feel free to contact David Hanna, Executive Officer of the SA Heritage Council for any information about the SA Heritage Council via email [david.hanna@sa.gov.au](mailto:david.hanna@sa.gov.au) or telephone 8226 2127.

*David can tell you if you have guessed the correct answer to the Heritage Who Am I (above).*