

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL

MINUTES

The 87th Meeting of the South Australian Heritage Council (the Council) was held on Thursday 5 July 2018 in the Noel Lothian Hall, rear of tram barn, Botanic Gardens, Adelaide.

Statement of Acknowledgement

We acknowledge this land that we meet on today is the traditional lands for Kaurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the Kaurna people as the custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kaurna people today.

PRESENT

South Australian Heritage Council: Chair: Mr Keith Conlon; Members, Ms Kate McDougall, Ms Jan Ferguson OAM, Ms Robyn Taylor, Mr Jason Schulz, Mr David Stevenson and Mr Marcus Rolfe.

Apologies: Professor Alison MacKinnon, Mr Michael Constantine and Ms Wendy Cornell.

Secretariat: Mr David Hanna, Executive Officer, Heritage South Australia, Department for Environment and Water (DEW) and Ms Beverley Voigt, Manager Heritage South Australia, DEW.

Guests: Dr Patrick O'Connor, O'Connor NRM, Mr Glen Scholz, DEW, and Dr Louise Bird, Heritage South Australia, DEW.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed all present and noted the apologies of Professor Alison Mackinnon, Mr Michael Constantine and Ms Wendy Cornell.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The agenda was adopted with the following additions:

- Port Augusta Court House - condition
- Pewsey Vale – site visit

IN CAMERA DISCUSSION

3.1 COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Council had a short in camera discussion.

4. STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT - WORKSHOP

Dr Patrick O'Connor and Mr Glen Scholz were welcomed to the meeting.

Mr Scholz introduced the use and benefits of a Program Logic design approach to underpinning any well formed strategic plan and Dr O'Connor facilitated the session with Council members.

Council discussed and workshopped a draft program logic based on its responsibilities laid out under the *Heritage Places Act 1993*, the priorities of the government, advice from outgoing Council, issues under discussion in development of the 8th Report on Heritage Protection and its previous Strategic Plan.

Action: Heritage South Australia to take the Logic outcome from today's discussions, identify any key gaps and provide to Council for further deliberation before determining a Council Strategy and action plan.

RESOLUTION:

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **Workshopped** a program logic design to form the basis of a strategic plan for 2018-2021; and
- **Noted** that Heritage South Australia will provide a draft strategy based on the workshop deliberations for Council's consideration out of session.

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The Council approved the minutes of the 7 June 2018 without amendment.

RESOLUTION:

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **Approved** the minutes of 7 June 2018 meeting.

6. ACTION ITEMS

Mr Conlon discussed progress against actions outstanding.

RESOLUTION:

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **Noted** progress of the action items.

7. CHAIRPERSON REPORT

The Chair spoke of the success of the 40th Anniversary Celebration, held at the Adelaide Town Hall on Friday 29 June 2018.

It was noted that History Month will again be held in 2019 in the month of May and will be used as a promotional tool to celebrate the 40th anniversary celebrations.

Action: Heritage South Australia to provide Council members with the details of up and coming Friday Forums, some of which are to be listed as 40th anniversary events.

8. SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE REGISTER

8.1 UPDATE ON MATTERS FOR ASSESSMENT

Dr Louise Bird was welcomed to the meeting. Dr Bird advised the Council that on 22 May 2018, Heritage South Australia received a public nomination for the Bureau of Meteorology building and garden, as a State Heritage Place.

The building is located at 25 College Road, Kent Town. It was designed by Jim Ward, Architect for the Commonwealth Government Department of Works, and constructed between 1975 and 1977 in the late modern high-tech style.

The nominator proposed that the Bureau of Meteorology building meets criteria (a), (b), (d), and (e) under section 16 of the *Heritage Places Act 1993* and has provided some evidence in support of the nomination. The evidence relates to the architectural merit, style, "rare" features/elements of the building, the landscape award and a brief history of the Bureau of Meteorology in South Australia.

This property is the subject of a current large-scale development proposal that has been approved by the State Commission Assessment Panel (SCAP). On 24 August 2017, SCAP approved a Development Application including permission to demolish the building located at 25 College Road, Kent Town.

Heritage South Australia provided the Council with limited information against each of the criteria as it wanted first to seek the Council's direction on how to progress this matter, given the potential for demolition.

Dr Bird noted that the building has aesthetic merit as an exemplar of late modern high-tech architecture in South Australia. It is an early example of the style and one of few remaining examples built in the 1970s and 1980s. However, there is sufficient 'disconnect' between the courtyard or northern elevation and the other three elevations to potentially compromise its ability to clearly illustrate the stylistic representation.

Heritage South Australia recommended that the place may meet the threshold for criterion (e) under section 16 of the *Heritage Places Act 1993*. An internal inspection however is required to verify this.

Mr Keith Conlon acknowledged the presence of Mr David Cargill in the public gallery representing the owners. Mr Conlon invited Mr Cargill to speak to the matter. Mr Cargill thanked the Council for the opportunity to be present during their deliberations. He noted:

- his presence at the meeting was to report back to the owner and therefore had no power to make any agreements on behalf of the owner,
- many internal fixtures and fittings have been removed from the building,
- reuse of the existing building was considered and it was deemed too cost prohibitive, and
- partial demolition of the interior has occurred.

Council considered the options put to them from Heritage South Australia and determined to bring a new motion:

Motion: Heritage South Australia will undertake an internal inspection as soon as possible, subject to approval of owner, and then advise the Council whether a full assessment is warranted. Alternatively the inspection may result in a recommendation to Council to reject the nomination. Furthermore, if rejections results, SAHC intend to consider undertaking discussions with the owner as soon as possible about recording the site prior to demolition given it was recognised in the top 100 of best architecture buildings in SA.

Council agreed that if there is enough evidence to warrant a full assessment following the site inspection, Council approval is granted to proceed.

Mr Schulz moved the motion, Mr Stevenson seconded the motion and all in favour.

It was noted by Council that it would be preferable to avoid these time pressured decisions about whether a place ought to be registered as a State Heritage Place. Council therefore instructed Heritage South Australia to analyse the Australian Institute of Architects (SA Division) 'Register of Significant Twentieth Century Architecture' to determine whether any places warranted consideration for listing and protection.

RESOLUTION:

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **Requested** Heritage South Australia undertake an internal inspection of the nominated place as soon as possible (subject to access being granted by the owner) and if there was insufficient evidence to support the nomination that the Council receive a paper through an extraordinary meeting to consider the matter.
- **Agreed** that, if a recommendation is made by Heritage South Australia for a full assessment, Heritage South Australia will proceed with that full assessment as soon as possible.
- **Noted** that Ms McDougall would work with Heritage South Australia to analyse the Australian Institute of Architects (SA Division) 'Register of Significant Twentieth Century Architecture' for places of possible state heritage significance.

9. 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF HERITAGE PROTECTION IN SA

9.1 IDEAS FOR EVENTS IN 2018/19

The Chair noted that 6 July 2018 marks 40 years in heritage protection legislation in South Australia and this date will be the catalyst for celebrating this milestone throughout the 2018/19

year.

It was noted that if Council members are aware of any heritage related events that could be badged with the 40 year celebration – please advise the staff in Heritage South Australia.

RESOLUTION:

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **Noted** the update in relation to the 40th anniversary of heritage protection celebration in SA.

10 ITEMS FOR NOTING

10.1 CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

RESOLUTION:

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **Noted** the correspondence sent and received since its last meeting.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Communique

Noted that the executive officer will draft a communique for the Chair's approval.

Port Augusta Court House

Ms Voigt noted that the Council had received a complaint from a concerned member of the public about the condition of the Port Augusta Court House – a State Heritage Place. It was noted that Heritage South Australia will contact the owner to discuss with them options for conservation.

It was also suggested an option could be to talk to the Local Council about boarding up the property.

Noted if it is a fire hazard a fire protection officer can assess it; and alternatively, if wild animals are entering the premises, the Local Government has powers to prevent this intrusion.

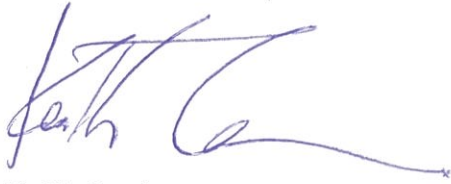
Action: Heritage South Australia to follow up and provide feedback to Council on progress.

Pewsey Vale

Ms Voigt noted that Heritage South Australia will be seeking access to the Pewsey Vale premises through authority of the Minister given the owner is refusing access.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair closed the meeting at 13:45pm.



Mr Keith Conlon

Chair

Date: 27.8.18