

# SA Heritage Register

Nomination form



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## NOMINATION FORM

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To help your nomination be successful, please fill out this form with as much information as possible.

Feel free to expand the answer fields as much as you require or append information to the form.

It is important that you attach images and a map of what you are nominating by email or by fax.

Please note that places which have been nominated during past three years will not be reconsidered by the South Australian Heritage Council unless you can provide significant new information not provided through the previous nomination and assessment.

For assistance with this form you may contact:

Your local historical society or heritage adviser may be of assistance OR you may telephone an assessment officer in Heritage South Australia on (08) 8124 4960.

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### A. Nominated Place

<b>1. Name</b>	
Name of Place:	Nain Lutheran Church and Cemetery
Any other or former name(s):	
Is the place already on another heritage list?	Light Regional Council local Heritage Register

<b>2. Location</b>					
Street Address:	196 Nain Road				
	Suburb / Town: Nain via Greenock SA				
	Post Code: 5360				
Local Council Name:	Light Regional Council				
Land Description: (if known)	Title:	Volume: 5813	Folio: 375	Parcel Type:	Parcel No:
	Plan Type:	Plan No:	Section: Pt 127	Hundred: Nuriootpa	
GPS Location/s: (If known) (Greenock)	Longitude / Easting / X 138 deg 8 min East		Latitude / Northing / Y (Datum = ) 34 deg 27 min South		

<b>3. Ownership</b>	
Name of Owner(s):	
Contact person: (if different from owner explain relationship)	
Postal Address:	
Phone Number:	
Ownership History:	

<b>4. Nominator (your details)</b>	
Your Name/s:	
Organisation/Position:	
Daytime Phone:	
Fax:	
Postal Address:	

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### B. Description

5. Description of nominated place	
Description of the nominated place and its current condition:	Rectangular church complete with a Church Hall and Norman Style bell tower. The property has always been kept in good condition. The exterior walls are painted and were last painted in 2001.
Are you aware of any modifications or additions to the place? Can you provide dates for these changes?	The church was built in 1856 and initially had a thatched straw roof until 1871. The Church Hall was added in 1954. In 1956, the church was stripped to bare walls, replastered inside and out, new roof and ceiling installed and addition of the Norman style bell tower.
Do you believe there may be historical items under the ground? Should an archaeological investigation be considered?	No apart from an adjacent underground water tank which is still in use.
Date you Inspected the place:	I have been a member of the congregation since 1971
Have you had any contact with the Owner?	
Current use of the place:	Use as a church for regular weekly services
Original or former use(s):	No other former use
Are there any current or long term threats to the nominated place?	No
Name of Builder:	FW Nitschke in 1856
Any other information:	

### C. History

6. Origins and history	
Years of Construction:	Start: 1856      Finish: most recent renovations in 1956
Name of Designer / Architect:	
History of the nominated place:	It was built as a Lutheran Church in 1856 to serve the local community and continues to operate in that manner. It is now the oldest dedicated Lutheran Church in active use in the Southern Hemisphere. The founding Lutheran minister in SA, Rev ALC Kavel, dedicated many Lutheran churches in SA from 1838 until his death in 1860. Nain is the only one of those churches still in active use.

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### Historical sources used to support

#### your nomination:

Please attach copies of pages from publications or newspaper articles as appropriate.

Lands Titles records, Lutheran Church history records including early records of the congregation.

A detailed history publication of the Nain Church for its centenary in 1956.

Greenock and District 1846 -1986 history publication written by GB Saegenschnitter [REDACTED]



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### D. Heritage Significance

#### 7. Statement of State Significance - Why is the place important to South Australia?

It is of State heritage significance because of its age as a continuous Lutheran Church building. It was built of local stone and mortar. The foundation is a layer of large stones topped at ground level. The church building has no reinforcing in the walls and no cracks. This is remarkable considering its age. It is the oldest dedicated Lutheran Church building still in active use in South Australia.

#### 8. Significance Criteria

The South Australian *Heritage Places Act 1993* lists seven criteria by which places are assessed as 'State significant.' Please tick the criteria you feel the place demonstrates and explain your reasons.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> It demonstrates important aspects of the evolution or pattern of the State's history.   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It has rare, uncommon or endangered qualities that are of cultural significance.  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It may yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the State's history, including its natural history.  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It is an outstanding representative of a particular class of places of cultural significance.   | It is still in very good condition considering its age and style of wall foundation.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It demonstrates a high degree of creative, aesthetic or technical accomplishment or is an outstanding representative of particular construction techniques or design characteristics. | It has a very simple foundation of large stones that has stood the test of time with no cracks in the church walls.                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It has strong cultural or spiritual associations for the community or a group within it.  | A significant majority of current members of the congregation are descendants in some way of the pioneer members of the congregation. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It has a special association with the life or work of a person or organisation or an event of historical importance.  | It is a significant historical Lutheran Church building within the Lutheran Church of Australia.                                      |



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### E. Additional Information

#### 9. Images/Maps/Diagrams/Site Plans

A full range of images including maps, site plans, and photographs will help your nomination.

Please provide:

- a clear outline of the place being nominated within any maps or plans provided
- high quality images of the place (please list the total number of images being provided)
- the subject of each image
- the date each image was created
- the author of each image, and
- the copyright holder of each image (if known)

Paste images here:

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The South Australian Heritage Council is committed to transparency in relation to the listing process and wishes to enhance public confidence in the nomination, listing and decision-making process. The Council's policy is to make nominations for State heritage listing and submissions on provisional entries publicly available via webpage or to interested parties. The Council will adhere to the Privacy Principles and your name and personal details will not be released.

I/we [redacted] nominate Nain Lutheran Church and Cemetery to be heritage listed.

The information I/we have provided is correct to my/our knowledge.

Your Signature/s: [redacted]

Date: 15/8/19

A heritage officer may contact you to discuss aspects of the nomination.

### Nomination Form Checklist

**Please check that your nomination includes:**

- ☐ A clear indication of the location of the place (including map/s). Where a number of features are nominated, show the location of each and/or a boundary surrounding the significant elements of the site.
- ☐ A history of the place explaining important aspects relevant to the nomination.  
This should generally help support arguments of cultural significance.
- ☐ A clear description of the nominated place.
- ☐ A statement of significance and indication on how the place satisfies one or more of the significance criteria.
- ☐ A heritage officer may contact you to discuss aspects of the nomination.

Email: [DEWHeritage@sa.gov.au](mailto:DEWHeritage@sa.gov.au)

Post: Executive Officer, South Australian Heritage Council

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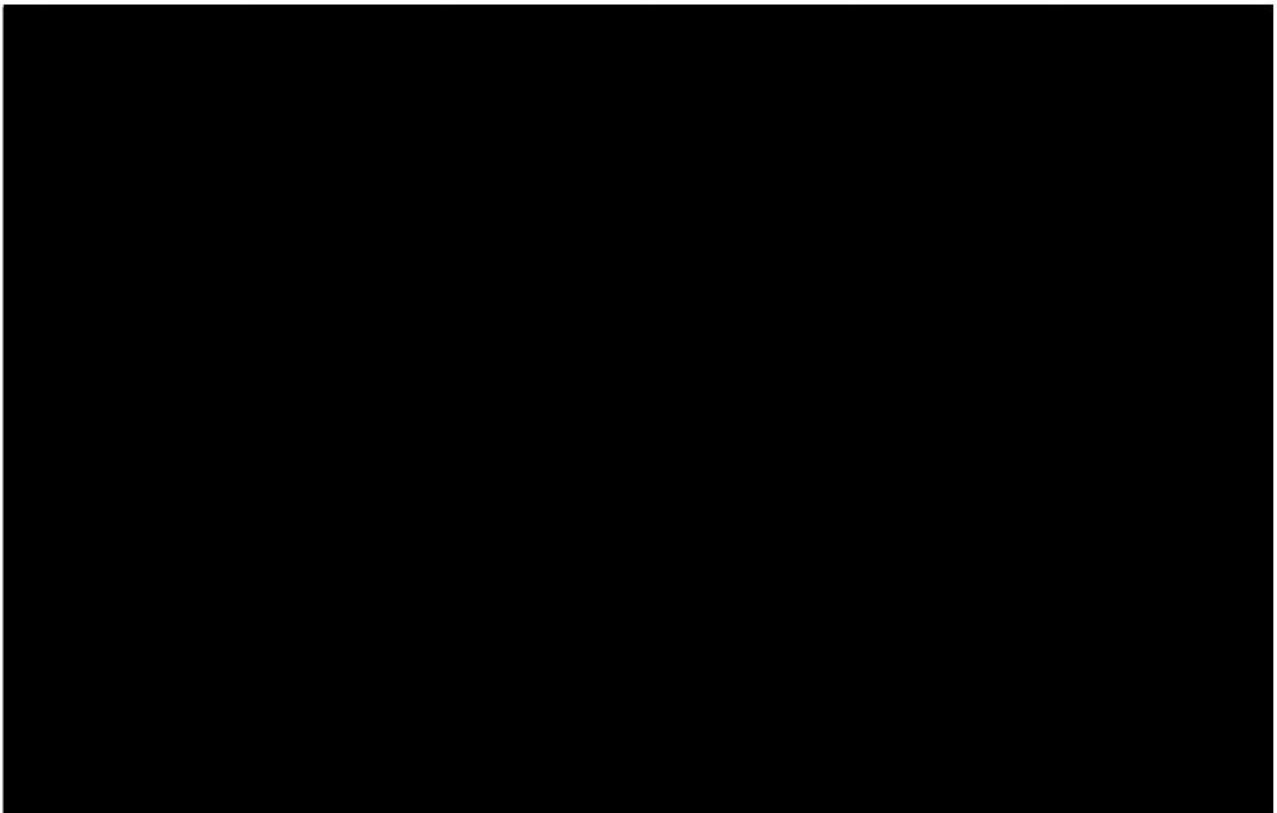
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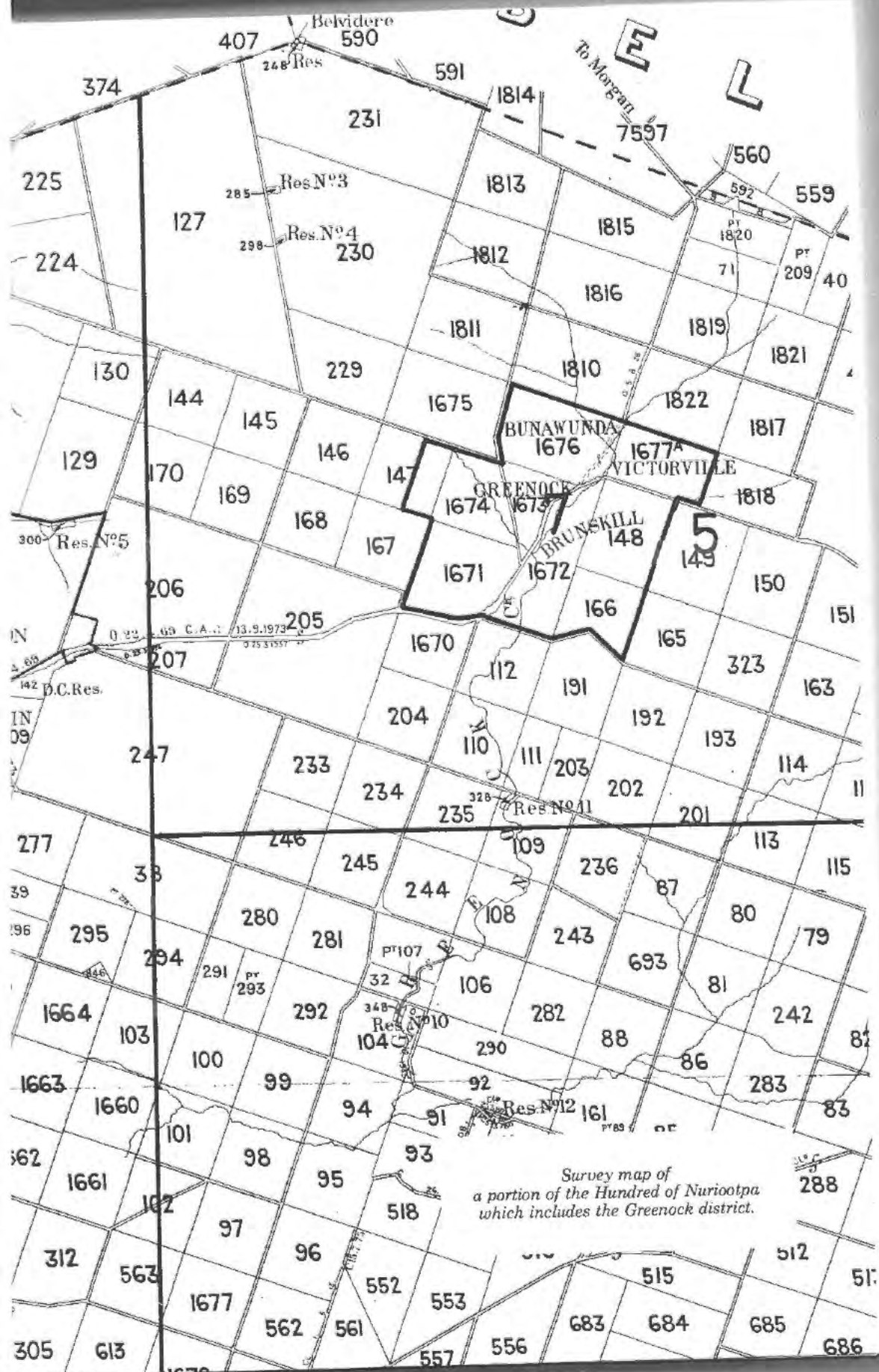
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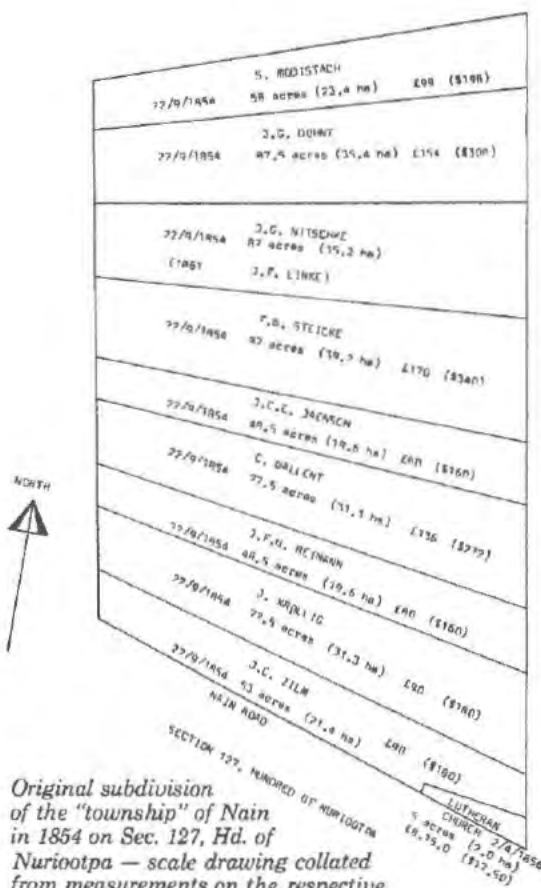
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Please find enclosed documentation relative to our application to have the Nain Lutheran Church included in the State Heritage Register.









Original subdivision of the "township" of Nain in 1854 on Sec. 127, Hd. of Nuriotpa — scale drawing collated from measurements on the respective Land Titles.

## NAIN

The settlement or "township" of Nain originally referred to Section 127 Hd. of Nuriotpa, comprising 640 acres (259 ha.). That Section was purchased from the Crown by Johann Gottlieb Steicke and Johann Gottlieb Dohnt on 1st June 1853 for 1047 pounds (\$2094). The land was subsequently subdivided into seven separate segments and purchased by Lutheran settlers who were members of Pastor Kavel's congregation initially at Hahndorf and later Langmeil (Tanunda). The subdivided land was not renumbered but identified as Pt. Section 127.

Further land was taken up in the near vicinity within a short period and the locality was believed to have been named Nain by those pioneers after the village of that name near Nazareth in Palestine.

A detailed account of the establishment of the Nain Lutheran Church is given in the chapter on religious denominations on page 111.

The index of the Nain subdivision on Sec. 127 is recorded in the Lands Dept. Register of townships as distinct from the Country Hundreds Register.

The map below represents an approximate plan of the Nain settlement on Sec. 127 and includes the names of original settlers, date of purchase, cost and area of property in each segment.

In a further subdivision in 1856, five acres (2 ha.) of J.C. Dohnt's property was purchased for 9 pounds (\$18) for the establishment of the Nain Lutheran Church, Cemetery, School and minister's residence.

Although the Linke family were not amongst the foundation settlers at Nain, J.F. Linke purchased his first parcel of land within Sec. 127 from Johann Gottlieb Nitschke in 1861 and five generations of that family have now lived on that property since that time.

The Nain settlement has always been a church centred rural community. A church school functioned there until 1917 and thereafter until 1940 as a Public School but there has never been a Post Office in the locality. A division occurred in the Nain Lutheran Church in 1861 which resulted in a second church being established there which functioned from 1861-1893. That church also served as the school building during the greater part of the existence of a church and secular school in the district. An account of the Nain schools is given in the chapter on education.

The Nain Lutheran Church building was extensively renovated during its centenary year, 1956. It is now recognised as the second oldest Lutheran Church in Australia still in active use which was originally built as a Lutheran Church. Although very few current church members live in the district originally known as Nain, its active membership comprises over 100 baptised souls.

Many Lutheran pioneers were laid to rest in one or other of the Nain Cemeteries and many family researchers have referred to congregational and cemetery records for personal details of their forebears.

The name NAIN does not appear to have ever been included on Hundreds maps relative to Section 127, Hd. of Nuriotpa. However, it has been included on the same maps on Section 309 at Daveyston for many years but its significance to that Section is not known. There were a number of early references at Daveyston to "Old Nain" including the Old Nain Hotel conducted by Mr. Matt. Dienhoff, the "Old Nain" school at Daveyston as recorded on its