

South Australian Heritage Council

HERITAGE NEWS – FEBRUARY 2023



Image: Semaphore Carousel, Semaphore. Source: DEW files

Heritage News contains news from the South Australian Heritage Council meeting and other topical news relating to conserving and promoting South Australia's unique heritage.

The South Australian Heritage Council (Council) met on 16 February 2023.



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Introduction

Welcome to the first Heritage News of 2023. It reports on the 16 February meeting and some other heritage happenings.

While the meeting was designated as a strategy session (alternating with listing meetings) there were two State Heritage Place nominations that were dealt with as urgent.

The public nomination of a beachside icon led its provisional entry in the South Australian Heritage Register. The 95 year old Semaphore Carousel certainly adds to an already diverse list. It's thought to be the only one manufactured in our state and joins a whaler's well, an underwater fossil collection and a POW Camp Piggery to emphasise that it's not about how grand it is. (It IS about satisfying one of the criteria under section 16 of the *Heritage Places Act 1993* – you can read them at the end of this Heritage News).

On the other hand the rejection of another public nomination, the Rosary School Hall at Prospect, again raised the issue for the need for reform of the listing process. It may have satisfied one or more of the Local Heritage Place criteria but that avenue could not be pursued because it involves Local Government recommending a place and an expensive opaque process. The Heritage Council has consistently recommended a simple and transparent system where, in this case, the School Hall could have been referred to a local heritage panel for swift consideration. With a demolition approval in place already, the School and Catholic Education will now advance its project.

I hope you will find time to join us for a March Friday Forum on the architect behind many of our city and suburban picture theatres, and also delve into a fascinating survey of the shipwrecks along the wild West Coast. There have been 126 to date, and the publication is the result of great contributions from academics, institutions, dive groups and community members. It is a fine work of marine archaeology and recounts stories that would otherwise fade away like the old sailors and locals.

Please browse other heritage related news through this web page:

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

Thanks for your continuing interest in heritage matters.

Enjoy!



Keith Conlon

Chair,

SA Heritage Council

Provisional Entries in the South Australian Heritage Register

Semaphore Carousel, Esplanade, Semaphore

On Kaurna Country.

At its February meeting, the Council provisionally entered the Semaphore Carousel as a State Heritage Place under criteria (a) and (b) of Section 16 of the *Heritage Places Act 1993*.

The Semaphore Carousel demonstrates important aspects of the State's history of leisure and entertainment, specifically the development of seaside resorts as places for South Australians to use new leisure time for daytrips and holidays.

The Carousel was first located at Henley Beach from 1928 before being permanently relocated to the Semaphore foreshore in 1938.

The Semaphore Carousel is a rare surviving example of the carousels that were a popular attraction at South Australia's seaside resorts and followed the traveling show circuit. It is also the only carousel known to have been manufactured in South Australia, albeit with horses carved in Melbourne.

This decision of the Council triggers three months of community consultation, starting 24 February 2023 and closing 24 May 2023. To make a submission visit this webpage:

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

The Carousel is open on weekends.

More information: <https://www.visitportadelaideandcoast.com.au/semaphore-carousel/>



Nominations not entered in the South Australian Heritage Register

Rosary School Hall, 9-19 Gladstone Street, Prospect

On Kaurna Country.

On 28 October 2022, Heritage South Australia received a public nomination for Rosary School Hall, 9-19 Gladstone Road, Prospect. The nominator believed that Rosary School Hall met several criteria under s16 of the *Heritage Places Act 1993* for listing as a State Heritage Place in the South Australian Heritage Register.

At this meeting, the Council considered the nomination submission and an assessment report prepared by Heritage South Australia. The Chairperson gave Ms Denise Schumann an opportunity to address the Council. This was granted in case there was new information that Ms Schumann could draw to the attention of Council, supplementary to the written nomination. For fairness, Catholic Education was also given an opportunity to address the Council. A representative of Catholic Education addressed the Council, outlining the case for why they believed the Rosary School Hall should not be registered as a State Heritage Place.

After careful consideration and discussion, the Council determined that the Rosary School Hall did not meet the threshold for listing under any criteria. This decision means that the place is not protected, allowing Catholic Education to demolish the Rosary School Hall.

The Council thanks Ms Anna Graves and Ms Denise Schumann for their submissions during the meeting. The Council also thanks Catholic Education for deferring demolition works to allow the Council to consider this place for State Heritage listing.

Image: Rosary School Hall, Prospect. Source: DEW files.



Meeting with the Lord Mayor

During this meeting, the Council had a very good discussion with the Lord Mayor, the Hon Dr Jane Lomax Smith AM.

The City of Adelaide has many similar views to the Council in regards to heritage conservation and reform. The Council discussed with the Lord Mayor how the two organisations could complement each other in their policy and work.

The City of Adelaide has a substantial number of Heritage Places within its jurisdiction. There are 464 State Heritage Places within the City of Adelaide out of a total of 2316 State Heritage Places (20% of the total).

The Council and the Lord Mayor discussed matters of mutual interest including adaptive reuse, demolition by neglect, listing and protection of heritage precincts under Planning legislation, protecting the heritage values of the Adelaide Park Lands and promoting the value of heritage.

The City of Adelaide has a comprehensive policy documents on Heritage – and these can be downloaded through this web page: <https://www.cityofadelaide.com.au/development-infrastructure/city-heritage/heritage-strategy/>

The Council thanks the Lord Mayor for her attendance.

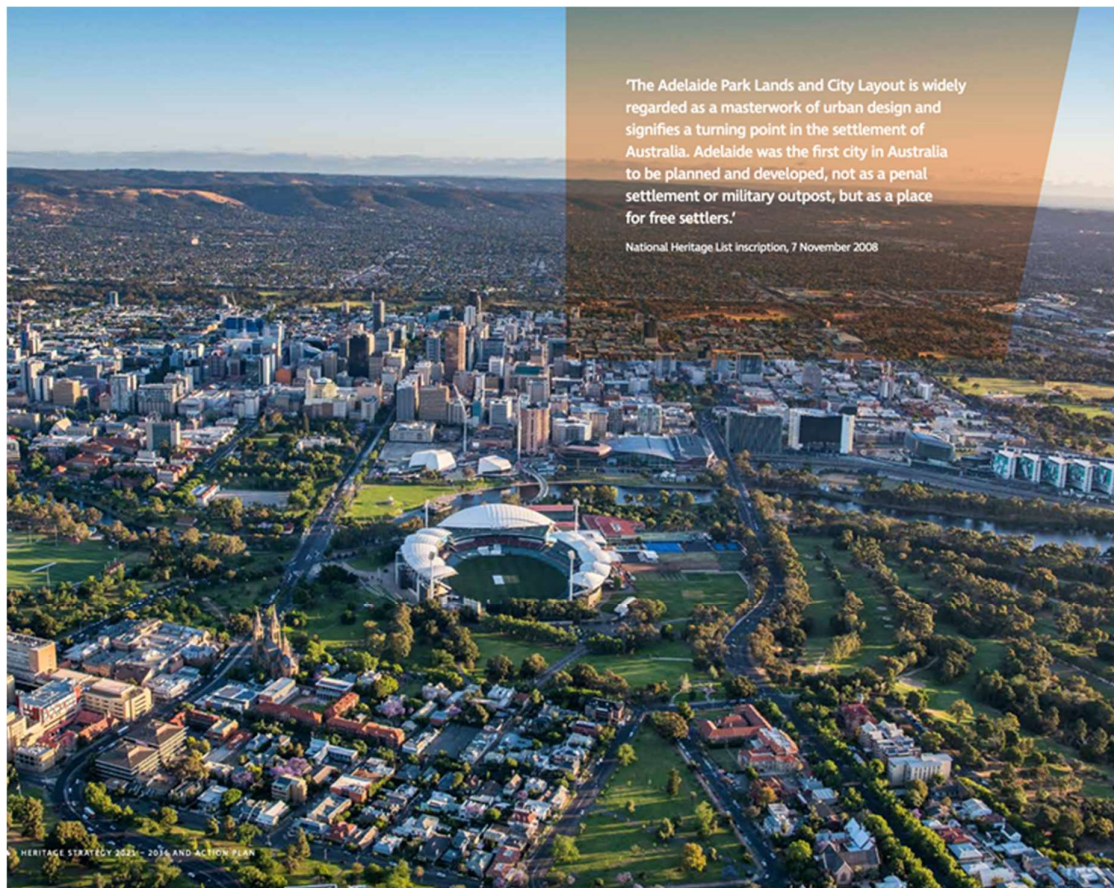


Image: City of Adelaide Heritage Strategy

Other Heritage News / Events

Heritage Friday Forum

You are invited to a Friday Forum that will take us back to the hey day of Adelaide's picture theatres. The guest speaker is Heritage South Australia's Chris Burns (talking about another Chris):

Topic: 'A man of vision': life and work of Chris A. Smith

With no formal architectural training, Port Adelaide-born architect Chris A. Smith rapidly established himself, before the age of thirty, as South Australia's leading architect of theatres and civic buildings. Smith produced a vast body of work between 1914 and 1942, including more than forty picture theatres and town halls, many of which are now listed in the South Australian Heritage Register. This talk by Chris Burns drawing on new research, traces Smith's career, examines his works and introduces some of his many collaborators.

Date: Friday 17 March 2023

Time: 5pm for arrival, nibbles and drinks, with the talk starting at 5:45pm.

Venue: Drill Hall, Torrens Parade Ground.

RSVP is essential. Please RSVP to David Hanna via email david.hanna@sa.gov.au or phone 8226 2127 by Tuesday 14th March.

Cost is \$10 (if you are having a beverage) or \$5 if not drinking. Please bring cash for payment at the door. The Torrens Parade Ground will be available for car parking if required.



Image: Hindmarsh Town Hall – designed by Chris A. Smith. Source: DEW photos.

History Festival – still time to register for an event

The History Festival is running again this year in May 2023!

The theme for South Australia's History Festival 2023 is Wonder, and the History Trust is inviting you to consider the word in all of its many meanings. Let Wonder inspire ways to encourage feelings of amazement provoked by something beautiful or something unfamiliar. Consider ways that Wonder encourages us to ask questions and invite curiosity.

If you would like to enter an event, there is still time for an online entry. Details of how to apply can be found through here: <https://festival.history.sa.gov.au/>

Once again, there will be many interesting events you can participate in. The launch will occur on 12 April 2023 so keep an eye out for the program!

Thanks to all the hard working staff at the History Trust of South Australia that make this event a reality! And thanks to the hundreds of volunteer history and heritage groups who mount the events.

Archaeological layer for South Australia project

The South Australian Property and Planning Atlas (SAPPA) is a free map based application which displays planning spatial 'layers' of information. Heritage South Australia has provided Phase 1 *archaeological potential* data to Planning and Land Use Services (PLUS) for inclusion in the SAPPA.

Work on Phase 2 of the archaeological layer has begun, which will map the *archaeological potential* of Southern Adelaide, which will include the CBD and some of the surrounding Parklands.



Image: Queen's Theatre archaeological dig. Source" DEW files

Archaeological guidelines

Historical archaeological sites have enormous potential to inform us about our history, often giving us information that is not available from other sources.

Archaeological sites are an important aspect of our heritage and the study of these sites is often the only means of finding out how past societies lived.

Archaeological Guidelines and fact sheets are now available to assist you in decision making in relation to archaeological finds or when working where archaeological remains are likely to be disturbed.

You can view the Guidelines here:

<https://cdn.environment.sa.gov.au/environment/docs/Heritage/Archaeology/Archaeological-Provisions-Guideline-HP-Act-1993.pdf>

Without a permit, it is unlawful under the *Heritage Places Act 1993* to excavate or disturb a State Heritage Place which has been designated as a place of archaeological, geological, palaeontological or speleological significance.

Archaeological sites may occur anywhere in the landscape, not just within State Heritage Places, and their location may not be known, so a project may not be automatically referred to DEW for assessment.

Permits are also needed to excavate or disturb any other land with the intention of searching for or recovering archaeological artefacts of heritage significance, or to excavate and disturb any land where potentially significant archaeological deposits will be impacted.

A permit is also needed to alter or dispose of an object, such as archaeological artefacts.

Further information and archaeology fact sheets can be found here: <https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/heritage/archaeology>

Image: Guadalupe Cincenegui holding a bottle from the cellar at the Theberton Cottage site, former West End Brewery. Source: DEW files.



West coast shipwreck survey

A fascinating report into shipwreck sites along the West Coast, from Cape Catastrophe to the Western Australian border, has now been completed.

The region's numerous bays and inlets, vast stretches of coastline with high cliffs, treacherous reefs and offshore islands that are buffeted by the relentless surge of the Southern Ocean and its high-energy oceanic swells have contributed to the wrecking of many ships. Some pre-date the State's colonisation.

Shipwrecks of South Australia's West Coast provides detail of 126 ships that are known to have wrecked along these shores, resulting in at least 28 deaths and 11,500 tonnes of lost shipping. The earliest shipwreck in the region is probably a scattering of unidentified wreckage at the Head of the Bight, reported by the explorer Edward John Eyre in March 1841. The earliest confirmed shipwreck is the whaling brigantine *Camilla* (1844), while the most recent is the fishing vessel *Pisces* (May 1999).

The shipwrecks reflect the patterns and periods of human activity and settlement along the West Coast, which are markedly different that those of other areas of South Australia.

This report is the sixth in a series of regional shipwreck surveys of the state undertaken by Heritage South Australia to provide essential data to preserve and promote the state's historic shipwreck resource.

You can read the report here:

<https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/heritage/maritime-heritage/shipwrecks-of-sas-west-coast>

Image: Wreck of the Magic II. Wrecked 8 August 1990.
Source: DEW files.



National Heritage List - call for nominations

On 20 February 2023, the Minister for the Environment and Water, the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, opened the call for nominations of places for the National and Commonwealth Heritage Lists for the 2023-24 assessment period.

Nominations will be open until 19 April 2023.

The Minister has decided to defer consideration of a theme until the 2023-24 Assessment period.

Nomination forms, the nomination guide and listing processes are available at: www.dcceew.gov.au/heritage-nominations.

South Australian places on the National Heritage list are:

- Adelaide Cornish Mining Sites (Burra and Moonta)
- Australian Fossil Mammal Sites (Naracoorte)
- Ediacara Fossil Site – Nilpena
- Witjira-Dalhousie Springs
- Koonalda Cave, Eyre Peninsula.
- South Australian Old and New Parliament House, North Terrace, Adelaide
- The Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout
- The Burke, Wills, King and Yandruwandha National Heritage Place, Birdsville Track.

South Australian Places on the Commonwealth Heritage List are:

- Adelaide General Post Office
- Cape Du Couedic Lighthouse, Kangaroo Island
- Cape Northumberland Lighthouse, Port Macdonnell
- Cape St Alban Lighthouse, Kangaroo Island
- Headquarters Building 32, Keswick Barracks, Anzac Highway
- North Adelaide Post Office
- Parafield Airport Air Traffic Control Tower
- Port Pirie Post Office
- Renmark Post Office
- Strathalbyn Post Office

A Symposium on 4 March – German WW11 Internees in SA

A Symposium will be held on Saturday 4 March featuring the history of the Loveday Internment Camp with a focus on German WWII Internees from Persia and their fate here in South Australia and more broadly across Australia.

The Berri Barmera Council and the Loveday Internment Camp committee are hosting this symposium and exhibition by Western Sydney University.

This event is free at the Bonney Theatre and Barmera Soldiers Memorial Hall from 9am until 4.30pm.

It will include morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

A dinner at the Barmera Club has also been organised. Attendees will need to cover the cost of their meals.

Bookings for the symposium can be made through:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/german-wwii-internees-from-persia-and-their-fate-in-australia-symposium-tickets-536844746087?fbclid=IwAR0970Uc-6CGMNCbPrTbOa15rBWcSIZUeQUtrXP6-5GxsOETmG-lzsizlw>

More information through the Berri Barmera Council web page here:

<https://www.berribarmera.sa.gov.au/our-community/events/whats-on/events/loveday-internment-camp-symposium-and-exhibition?fbclid=IwAR3hb68FBMN-17In8oKjYAXBOc8aUUAfDPm0xg-3gzpnWC5l2ZvN6SMBQSY>

The Loveday Internment Camp general site is a State Heritage Place.

On the traditional lands of the First Peoples of the River Murray and Mallee Region.



Image: Loveday Internment Camp as it looked in 1996. Source DEW files.

The Criteria

Heritage Places Act 1993 – Section 16—Heritage Significance

A place is of heritage significance if it satisfies one or more of the following criteria:

- (a) it demonstrates important aspects of the evolution or pattern of the State's history; or
- (b) it has rare, uncommon or endangered qualities that are of cultural significance; or
- (c) it may yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the State's history, including its natural history; or
- (d) it is an outstanding representative of a particular class of places of cultural significance; or
- (e) it demonstrates a high degree of creative, aesthetic or technical accomplishment or is an outstanding representative of particular construction techniques or design characteristics; or
- (f) it has strong cultural or spiritual associations for the community or a group within it; or
- (g) it has a special association with the life or work of a person or organisation or an event of historical importance.

More information

If you would like to know more about the work of the South Australian Heritage Council and Heritage South Australia, here are some useful links.

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