

South Australian Heritage Council

Procedure: Better Heritage Information

OBJECTIVE:

Provide accurate information about the heritage values of State Heritage Places entered in the South Australian Heritage Register (the Register).

CONTEXT:

There are approximately 1500 State Heritage Places that do not have an authorized Statement of Significance. Under s14(6) of the Heritage Places Act, the South Australian Heritage Council (the Council), 'may include other information in the Register, or hold other information in association with the Register, as the Council thinks fit'.

Council agreed at its 17 February 2022 meeting to include the Statements of Heritage Significance in the Register but not as part of the entry for a place or object, notifying interested persons.

This sits squarely within the statutory authority of the Council in s 14(6) to "include other information in the Register, or hold other information in association with the Register, as the Council thinks fit". The Statement of Heritage Significance in relation to each place or object does not form part of its entry in the Register.

SCOPE:

A Statement of Significance and other supporting information is to be prepared for all State Heritage Places that do not have such documentation. The information will be

held in association with the Register and will not form a part of the Register Entry.

APPLICATION:

This procedure applies to Heritage South Australia, Department for Environment and Water (DEW) and the South Australian Heritage Council (the Council).

PROCEDURE:

A Better Heritage Information Summary of State Heritage Place (BHI SSHP) is to be prepared for each State Heritage Place that does not have a Statement of Significance approved by the Council and/or its predecessors at the time of entry in the Register.

In preparing a BHI SSHP the heritage assessment officer will refer to existing documentation including (where applicable):

- Heritage surveys and data sheets
- Register nomination reports
- Research materials held in the 'pink files'
- Images
- Minutes of the Council and/or predecessor bodies

Supplementary historical research is to be carried out as necessary.

Content of BHI SSHP

The BHI SSHP will include the following information:

- Register Name

- Known As
- Address (including First Nations Country, street address and land title)
- Date confirmed in the Register
- Statement of Significance
- Criteria Statements for any s16 criteria the Council or predecessor bodies entered the Place in the Register under.
- Indicative Criteria Statements for any criteria the State Heritage Place might be considered to meet if it were to be entered in the Register now.
- Site Plan
- Physical Description
- Elements of Significance
- History of the Place
- Chronology
- References
- Site Details
- Photos/Images

Error(s) in Register Entry

Any error(s) found in the Register Entry are to be corrected in accordance with Council's '21 Procedure: Correction of Errors'.

The Council will be advised of any errors discovered during the preparation of a BHI SSHP, with all proposed corrections to be approved by the Council in accordance with s21 of the Heritage Places Act.

Notification of Interested Parties

The Council has elected to notify interested parties about the preparation of BHI SSHP. Interested parties are considered to be:

- Any party identified as an 'owner' under the definition of 'owner' in the Heritage Places Act
- The relevant Local Government Authority where the State Heritage Place is located

Notification in writing will be sent from Heritage SA to interested parties to advise that this process is being carried out. This is an opportunity to advise them of other related heritage information such as Conservation Grants, where relevant.

Owners will also be invited to provide supplementary information about the State Heritage Place. If provided this will be kept in the file for the relevant State Heritage Place.

Following Council endorsement of the BHI SSHP, a second letter will be sent to interested parties.

A link to the BHI SSHP will be provided to interested parties and will remain publically available on the Heritage South Australia website for 12 months from the date of notification.

Thereafter, an electronic or hard copy will be provided on request (until a new platform for the Register is developed, at which time all BHI SSHP will be available online).

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