

South Australian Heritage Council

HERITAGE NEWS – NOVEMBER 2022



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 10 November 2022.

Image: Squirrel, part of the decoration of Pilgrim Uniting Church, 12 Flinders Street, Adelaide (on Kurna Country).



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Introduction

Welcome to the November 2022 edition. Did you spot the squirrel carved into the column on our front page photo? We will get to its origins shortly.

This was a shorter meeting of the Council, arranged as an additional meeting to catch up on matters that we were not able to discuss at our 13 October meeting.

The Council discussed the enabling legislation for the new Women's and Children's Hospital which has now been passed by Parliament. The Council decided to write again to the Deputy Premier expressing disappointment as you will read below.

At this meeting the Council was pleased to progress its Heritage Themes for South Australia. These themes serve to remind us why it is important to list and protect a variety of State Heritage Places to conserve and help tell the story of South Australia's history. We hope you find the illustrated examples in this edition of Heritage News interesting and informative.

The Council met in the Hall behind the Pilgrim Uniting Church, located at 12 Flinders Street, Adelaide.

The Church itself is a State Heritage Place. It was completed in 1867 as a memorial to Reverend Thomas Stow who died in 1862. He was a founding figure of Congregationalism in South Australia, and so the building is also a symbol of the non-conformists attracted to a new colony offering freedom of religion.

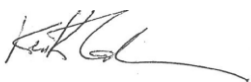
And the squirrel on its central porch pillar? It was carved by stonemason Samuel Peters who added it at the suggestion of the architect. He had bought a pet squirrel all the way from the UK.

Please browse other heritage related news through this web page:

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

If you enjoy getting information from social media please see further links at the end of this edition.

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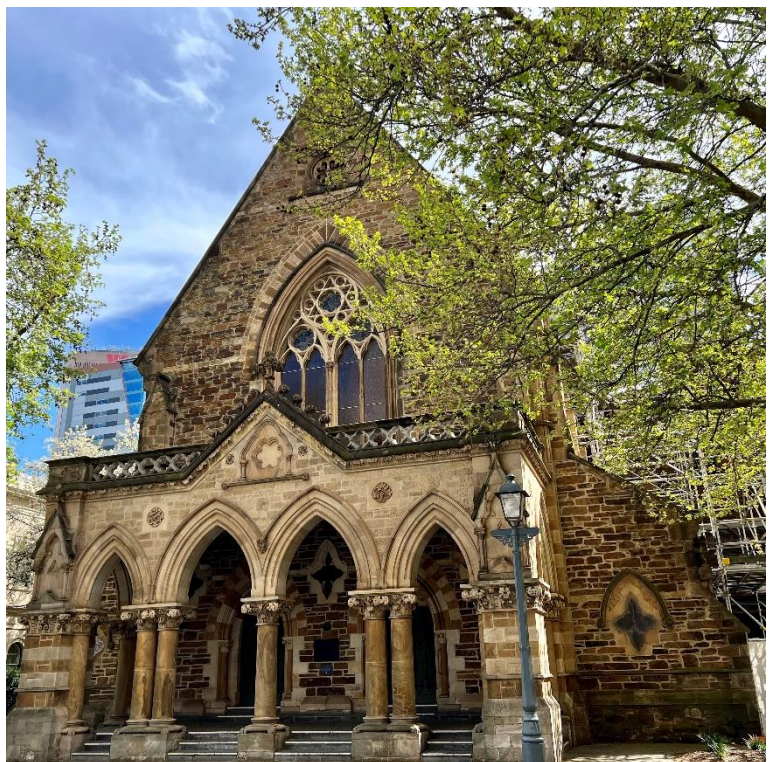


Keith Conlon

Chair,

South Australian Heritage Council

Image: Pilgrim Uniting Church, 12 Flinders Street, Adelaide. Photo by Keith Conlon.



Thebarton Police Barracks

On Kurna Country.

The South Australian Heritage Council (the Council) discussed the legislation that had passed the Upper House of Parliament in relation to the building of the new Women's and Children's Hospital. The Council is disappointed that a portion of the Adelaide Park Lands could possibly be granted to the Police Minister for the operations of the Mounted Police.

Council agreed to write to the Deputy Premier on this matter, including seeking constructive consultation on any consideration to excise parts of the Park Lands for the operations of the Mounted Police.

Historic Themes of South Australia

Council considered draft Historic Themes for South Australia at this meeting.

This document will be an update on the 1979 Historical Guidelines. These Historic Themes consider alignment with the Australian Thematic Framework, updated to reflect periods of time after 1979, themes that are no longer regarded as culturally important, and to recognise important themes that are missing.

The purpose of the historic themes is to assist in the identification of gaps in the South Australian Heritage Register and to assist in prioritising places for assessment for State Heritage listing.

Council agreed to some minor amendments and decided the Historic Themes for SA will be made available on its webpage in the near future.

There are six themes in the document, and in this edition of Heritage News we provide an illustrative representative example of each theme.

Theme 1: Natural Environment

Theme 2: Peopling Places and Landscapes

Theme 3: Governing South Australia

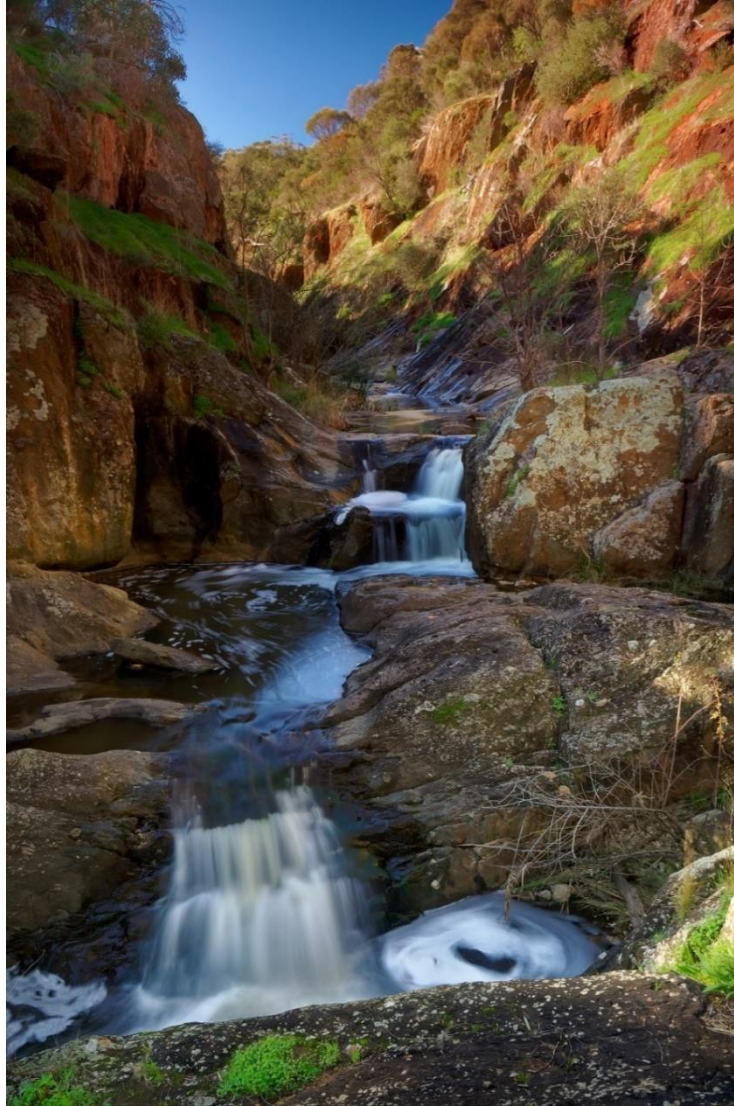
Theme 4: Building Settlements, Towns and Cities

Theme 5: Developing South Australia's economies

Theme 6: Developing Social and Cultural Life (Supporting and building communities)

Theme 1: Natural Environment

South Australia's distinctive geology, landscapes, flora and fauna have evolved over millions of years and traces the factors that have made South Australia's natural environment an important part of Australia's biodiversity. This theme includes First Nations People's traditions about how the land and its features were created and the use and appreciation of the natural environment since contact and colonisation.



Sturt Gorge Waterfall. Photo by Andrew Moore. On Kurna Country.

The Sturt Gorge glaciation in Sturt Gorge Recreation Park is listed on the South Australian Heritage Register as a geological monument because it shows evidence of glaciation – or an ice age – about 800 million years ago in the period now known as Snowball Earth.

South Australian geologist Walter Howchin showed in 1901 that the rock strata in Sturt Gorge was glacial. This became known as Sturt tillite, in recognition of this location. Located on Kurna Country.

Theme 2: Peopling Places and Landscapes

Understanding the many ways people have arrived and settled in South Australia and the successive waves of migration that have built our State.

This theme includes 'adapting to diverse environments' and is represented through irrigation schemes and water management sites such as tanks, wells, pumping stations, aqueducts, weirs and drainage schemes; land clearance, managing drought, subterranean housing such as at Burra and Cooper Pedy.



Image: Torrens Weir. Source: Keith Conlon. On Kurna Country.

The Torrens Weir was officially opened on 21 July 1881. The Weir transformed the Torrens Valley into a picturesque lake and a feature of the City. It also allowed for a number of aquatic recreational pursuits.

Theme 3: Governing South Australia

Covers the phases of government in South Australia's history and the varied sites associated with defence, law and order and local government. It includes the granting of rights such as Aboriginal rights and Women's suffrage.



Image: Brighton Town Hall. Source: DEW files. On Kaurna Country.

The former Brighton Town Hall demonstrates the establishment of local government and the development of social and cultural life in Brighton. It is closely associated with the formation of the community of Brighton, which was amongst the earliest of the inner metropolitan Adelaide suburbs. The place is associated with Australia's first female politician, Susan Grace Benny. As the setting of her two terms of office as Councillor between 1919 and 1922, the building is closely associated with the participation of women in the democratic process in South Australia.

Theme 4: Building Settlements, Towns and Cities

Development of mining towns and agricultural service centres, the emergence of Adelaide and Port Adelaide, creating private and government towns, parklands town model, garden suburb, post-war new town (Elizabeth) and regional centres developed as a consequence of post-war industrialisation and growth, impact of deindustrialisation.

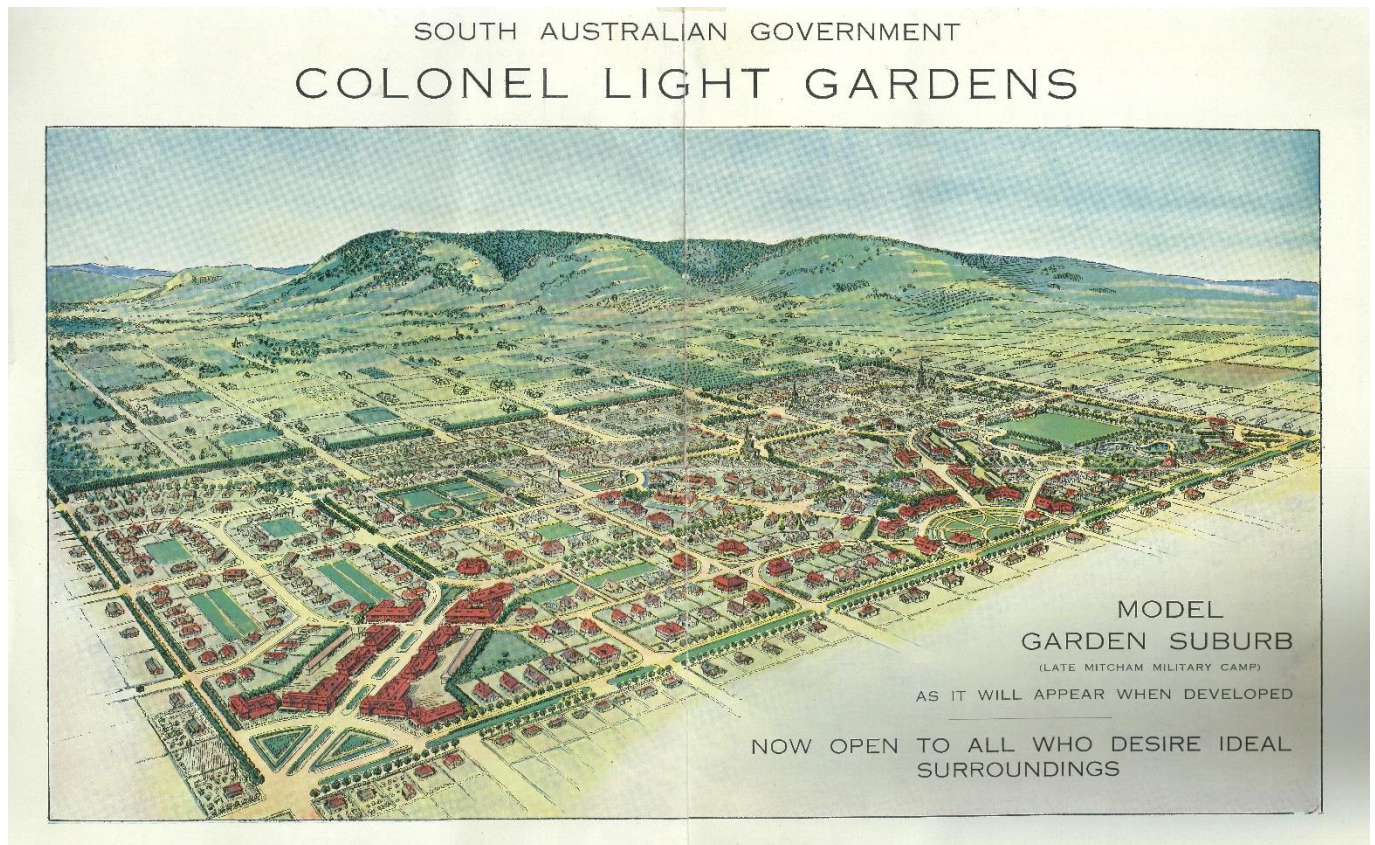


Image: Colonel Garden Gardens brochure. On Karna Country.

Colonel Light Gardens is a State Heritage Area. The suburb exemplifies the theories of town planning of the early 20th century based on the Garden City concept, and is considered the most complete and representative example of a Garden Suburb in Australia, combining both town planning, aesthetic and social elements into coherent plan. The public and private spaces of the suburb meld to create a distinctive three-dimensional suburban design.

It represents the best work of Charles C. Reade, who was the first appointed Town Planner in Australia and South Australian Government Planner from 1916-1920. Reade was the leading exponent of the Garden City Movement to practice in Australia.

Theme 5: Developing South Australia's economies

Building the South Australian economy through primary, secondary and tertiary (service) industries, and the institutions that support economic development such as banking and finance.

It includes mining which has been so important for South Australia's growth since European settlement.



Moonta Bay Mines. Image by Paul Sheriff. On Ngadjuri Country.

The Moonta Mines State Heritage Area encompasses the site of one of the largest commercial mining enterprises in colonial South Australia, which generated vast wealth and wages from the sale of copper ore.

The opening of the copper mines at Moonta led to a rapid influx of skilled miners and other artisans from Cornwall and the area became known as 'Australia's Little Cornwall'.

For a time exports of copper surpassed those of wheat, and the town of Moonta and the mines area contained the largest urban population outside Adelaide. Considerable remnants of the mining venture remain, illustrating many aspects of copper mining and processing.

Theme 6: Developing Social and Cultural Life (Supporting and building communities)

Highlights the role of churches, schools, hospitals, philanthropic and community organisations and institutions in transferring old-world belief systems to a new colony. It also covers the rich legacy of creative culture and the arts as a part of South Australia's history and identity including arts, sports, popular culture and science.



Image: Shri Ganesha Temple. Source: DEW files. On Kaurna Country.

The Shri Ganesha Temple is located at 3A Dwyer Road, Oaklands Park. It was the first Hindu Temple built in South Australia. It is a State Heritage Place.

A metre-high granite statue of Lord Ganesha – chosen as the primary deity as He is universally worshipped by all sections of the Hindu community – was donated and brought from Mahabalipuram in South India. The deity was installed on a concrete pedestal after a simple but authentic Prathishta ceremony in July 1986. Source: <https://hindusociety.sa.com.au/history/>

Planning System Implementation Review – Council Draft Submission

Mr. John Stimson, Presiding Member of the Expert Panel wrote to the Council on 14 October 2022 to invite the Council to make a deputation to the Panel on 6 December 2022.

The Council's deputation will reference and elaborate on a written submission to the Panel which was the subject of discussion at this meeting.

The Council is very supportive of this review by the Planning Minister and will be making some clear requests around improvements to the system to support the protection of heritage.

Engagement with First Nations People

Council endorsed a draft Guideline relating to a process for consultation with First Nations people in relation to the State heritage listing process.

The Guideline has a strong emphasis on the requirements of consultation prior to the Provisional Entry of a Place in the Register. The Guideline is about consultation above and beyond the formal requirements of the *Heritage Places Act 1993*.

Council is pleased to formalise this engagement approach as it is committed to truth telling and providing the Aboriginal context to our State Heritage listings where relevant.

Council will now consult further with the State Aboriginal Heritage Committee and other key stakeholders to ensure the Guideline is fit for purpose.



Image: Raukkan Hall and Church. Source DEW files. On Ngarrindjeri Country.

Heritage Friday Forum – 2 December 2022

At the time this Heritage News went to publication, we had sold 165 of the 200 tickets available for this forum.

Here are the details:

The Council, in partnership with Heritage SA, is pleased to invite you to:

What has the Theberton Cottage archaeology project revealed?

What do we now know about Colonel William Light, Maria Gandy and their home by the Torrens / Karrawirra Parri?

Keith Conlon discusses the process and findings with Guadalupe Cincunegui, the Archaeologist and Heritage Consultant who has undertaken excavation of the remains of Colonel Light's home – Theberton Cottage.

Nibbles and drinks provided.

RSVP is essential.

Date: Friday 2 December 2022

Time: 4:45pm – 6:45pm

Location: Drill Hall, Torrens Parade Ground. Car parking will be available on the Parade Ground.

Price: \$5 for non-drinkers, \$10 payment includes an alcoholic beverage (please bring cash for payment)

RSVP: By Friday 25th November 2022 to Executive Officer, Mr David Hanna via email david.hanna@sa.gov.au or phone 8226 2127 or via Email to DEWHeritage@sa.gov.au

Other Heritage News / Events

Tea Tree Gully Heritage Museum

For the final opening of the year, the Tea Tree Gully Heritage Museum will be holding a Twilight Christmas Fair.

On Sunday 20th November from 3pm until 8pm the museum gardens will become a colourful, festive market place. There will be many stalls offering craft, gifts, plants, festive food and more. A sausage sizzle and Devonshire Tea will keep you fed and watered. Entry will be by a Gold Coin donation. On Kurna Country.

<http://www.ttgmuseum.on.net/events.html>

Anlaby Station

Established in 1839, Anlaby is proud to be South Australia's oldest merino stud and one of the great South Australian heritage properties.

Located about 15kms north of Kapunda and about an hour out of Adelaide, Anlaby is a State Heritage Place.

Twice a week, Anlaby is now running House and Garden Tours including Devonshire Tea. Put it on your to do list for the summer holidays.

More details about how to book here: <https://anlabyaustralia.com/anlaby-house-and-garden-tour/>



Image: Anlaby House and Garden. Source Anlaby. On Ngadjuri Country.

Adelaide Zoo

Most of you have already likely been to the Adelaide Zoo, but did you know there are five State Heritage Places within its bounds? These are:

- The Main Gates and Walling
- Rotunda
- Administration Building (former Director's Dwelling)
- Elephant House
- Head Keeper's Cottage

The Adelaide Zoo opened in 1883, making it the second oldest Zoo in Australia.

Did you know that the Rotunda was erected in 1884 as the result of a donation from Sir Thomas Elder, then President of the Royal Zoological Society and an important benefactor to many worthy causes during his lifetime?

Find out more about your visit to Adelaide Zoo here: <https://www.adelaidezoo.com.au/>



Image: Elephant House, Adelaide Zoo. Source DEW files. On Kaurna Country.

Cleland Wildlife Park

Named after Sir John Burton Cleland, a distinguished Adelaide scientist and naturalist, the Cleland Conservation Park covers 891 ha of bushland stretching from Waterfall Gully to the summit of Mount Lofty. Initially created to conserve the native vegetation in the area, the park also contains many varied sites of cultural heritage value. More substantial sites include the Waterfall Gully kiosk (registered place 13675) built in 1912, and Flinders' Column, erected in 1885 as a survey mark and dedicated to the memory of Matthew Flinders in 1902 on the centenary of his explorations.

It is recommended that you take a trip to Cleland as the weather starts to warm up (at last).

More details through the Cleland webpage here: <https://www.clelandwildlifepark.sa.gov.au/>



Image: Woolshed Ruins, Cleland Wildlife Park. Source DEW files. On Kurna Country.

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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