

SA Heritage Council News

The South Australian Heritage Council (Council) meeting of 17 February 2022 was held via electronic means with Council members located in various places on Kurna Country, with one member participating from Port Lincoln on Barnarla Country.

Aboriginal Engagement

In what was an historic occasion, the Council met with Mr Mark Koolmatrie, Chair of the State Aboriginal Heritage Committee and Mr Toby Forde, Manager of Aboriginal Affairs, Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Together, we had an engaging and productive discussion about reconciliation, truth telling and how the two Council's can work together in partnership to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes.

Council also made progress on a 'Statement of Intent', acknowledged the Department for Environment and Water's Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan, adopted its vision and adopted those actions within it that are relevant to the role of Council.

The Council is committed to engaging with Aboriginal communities and truth telling through its listings of heritage places and its telling of stories. The Council endorsed the national Dhawura Ngilan (Remembering Country) document in 2020. This provides an opportunity for jurisdictions to collectively work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to identify, protect, conserve, present and transmit for future generations the unique heritage of Australia. This vision identifies key areas of focus, which take the form of recommendations, to guide the actions of all Australian governments for the next decade.

You can download Dhawura Ngilan from the web here:

[Dhawura Ngilan: A vision for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage in Australia and the Best Practice Standards in Indigenous cultural heritage management and legislation - DAWE](#)

Item Provisionally Entered in the South Australian Heritage Register

The criteria for heritage listing are included at the end of this Heritage News for your information.

St Margaret Mary Catholic Church, 286 Torrens Road, Croydon Park

St Margaret Mary's Church is an outstanding example of a post-war church as it retains a high degree of integrity and intactness, and displays many of the principal characteristics of the class at a higher quality than many other examples.

It also represents the substantial concentration of European migrants post World War II in the expanding industrial area.



Images Source: DEW files.

This Church also has significant associations with the life, work and Catholic faith of notable South Australian émigré artist Voitre Marek. The Council agreed to provisionally enter this place in the South Australian Heritage Register under criteria a), d), e) and g) of section 16 of the *Heritage Places Act 1993*. This decision triggers three months of community consultation.

Find out more about the Church and its services here:

[Croydon Park Parish – St Margaret Mary's, St Patrick's and Mater Dei Church](#)

Place Not Entered in the South Australian Heritage Register

‘Aviemore’, 158 Stephen Terrace, Gilberton

‘Aviemore’ was nominated by a member of the public on 18 January 2022 and was assessed and considered by Council in an expeditious manner given that a demolition application had been lodged by the owner.

‘Aviemore’ was acknowledged as having a link with Sir Ross and Sir Keith Smith, the brothers who made the historic flight from England to Australia in 1919. They lived at the property between 1911 and 1914 (Ross) and c.1916 (Keith).

The majority of Council members agreed with the Heritage SA assessment that ‘Aviemore’ has only incidental associations with Sir Ross and Sir Keith Smith and their historic flight from England to Australia. Further, ‘Aviemore’ does not demonstrate through its physical fabric, any connection to the famous brothers.

Council agreed that the place did not meet any criteria for listing.

Council made it clear that its decision in no way detracts from the extraordinary achievement of the Smith brothers and noted their feat was already recognised through the listing of the Sir Ross Smith Memorial near the Adelaide Oval on the South Australian Heritage Register.

Council also requested that Heritage SA assess the Vickers Vimy G-EAOU Aircraft and the John Dowie sculpture at their current Adelaide Airport home for future consideration for listing as State Heritage Objects. They are intrinsically associated with the Memorial to Captain Sir Ross Smith.

Intent to Designate a Place for Entry in the South Australian Heritage Register

Hallett Cove Conservation Park & Sandison Reserve at Hallett Cove

At this meeting, the Council was pleased to indicate its intent to designate the Hallett Cove Conservation Park & Sandison Reserve as a site of geological significance under s14(7)(a) of the *Heritage Places Act 1993*, thus given this nationally recognised geological site further protection.



Image: The Sugarloaf - source: State Library of South Australia

The Hallett Cove Conservation Park & Sandison Reserve at Hallett Cove, was entered in the South Australian Heritage Register as a State Heritage Place in 1993, under the *South Australian Heritage Act 1978*. At that time, there was not yet provision for designation and permit protection for State Heritage Places.

This place represents early continent building in Australia and ancient glaciation periods.

Council highly recommends you take the time to visit the Hallett Cove Conservation Park. “An interpretative walking trail describes the park's cultural and geological heritage, including evidence of an Australian ice age some 280 million years ago. The outstanding glacial pavements along the northern cliff tops are recognised as the best record of Permian glaciation in Australia and have international significance.”

Council recognises the cultural significance of this site to the Kurna community and will consult directly with the Kaura Yerta Aboriginal Corporation. Council will also extend an invitation to comment to the Field Geology Club, the Geological Society of Australia (SA Division) and the broader community will be able to have a say through a general call for submissions.

More information about this State Heritage Place can be read through the National Parks and Wildlife webpage here:

[Hallett Cove... - National Parks and Wildlife Service South Australia](#)

Next meeting

The Council's next meeting will be held on Thursday 7 April 2022, 9:30am – 1:30pm.

Council meetings are open to the public, and meeting agendas are available on the following webpage, approximately 7 days prior to the meeting:

<https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/heritage/sa-heritage-council/agendas-minutes>

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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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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.*