



South Australian Heritage Council members

Term of appointment until 1 April 2024



Ms Sandy Verschoor

Sandy is Chair of the South Australian Heritage Council, having been appointed in April 2023. Sandy has a passion for our state’s heritage and its ongoing conservation, protection and promotion.

Sandy has a successful and diverse background – as a small business owner, restaurateur, university lecturer, marketing and cultural strategist and executive. Sandy has delivered some of the most significant cultural events for the state including as CEO of the Adelaide Fringe and Adelaide Festival.

Sandy has extensive experience in Boards and Committees roles. She is previously the Lord Mayor of the City of Adelaide and currently holds the role of

Chair of the Art Gallery of South Australia and member of the Premier’s Climate Change Council.

Sandy brings a unique perspective to the role of Chair, bridging politics, government administration and private enterprise.

Sandy knows that South Australia is unique in regards its heritage and has a special place in Australian and World history and will work towards enhancing its reputation through her role as Chair of the South Australian Heritage Council.



Ms Jan Ferguson OAM

Jan is Deputy Chair of the Council. Jan’s passion for Heritage stems from her long term association with Beltana, a State Heritage town in the Far North. She has been active in the preservation, promotion and restoration of buildings in the town since 1970.

For over 10 years she has been working on ASIC and Not for Profit registered Boards. Prior to working in the corporate sector, she worked in the public sector and chaired a number of community based organisations.

Her expertise in innovation, research, commercialisation and community development is combined with a

passion for people, teamwork, and social justice especially for rural and remote Australia. She has a flair for building large, effective partnerships across industry, government, academia and the community to understand and solve complex challenges. In 2017 she was awarded an OAM for work done in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



Mrs Deborah Lindsay

Deborah has over 15 years’ experience in heritage assessment, policy development and implementation, in State Government and heritage consulting roles, in SA and NSW.

Deborah provides heritage advice on conserving, developing and adapting National, Commonwealth, State and Local heritage listed places, and guidance in relation to historical archaeological matters. Her work includes heritage assessments, heritage impact assessments, conservation management plans, condition assessments, archival

recordings, historical research, due diligence reports and heritage awareness training.

Deborah is a member of the State Planning Commission’s Heritage Subcommittee, and a member of Australia ICOMOS. Deborah currently works as a Senior Heritage Consultant at DASH Architects.



Mr Gavin Leydon

Gavin is an environmental lawyer in private practice with over 30 years’ experience in the areas of development, planning and heritage law. He brings to the Council an understanding of the policy interface between heritage and urban and regional planning.

Gavin regularly appears as an advocate before planning authorities and the Environment, Resources & Development Court. He has been extensively involved in the reform of the State’s planning & development system and the transition to the Planning, Development & Infrastructure Act, including the provision

of advice to State and local government, the Local Government Association & training to the sector. Gavin is also an Honorary Fellow and Executive Member of the SA division of the Planning Institute of Australia and the former Presiding Member of the Local Heritage Advisory Committee.



Ms Katrina McDougall

Kate is a partner in the firm of McDougall & Vines, a long-standing specialist conservation and heritage practice based in Adelaide, with clients in SA, interstate and in Asia.

Her main area of professional interest is all aspects of the history and development of architecture in the community - buildings, styles, architects and town planning - which has informed her extensive work in heritage conservation policy and management. As an historian, Kate is particularly interested the accessibility of information

relating to architectural and social history and its importance in the conservation of the historic built environment. She is also concerned with the preservation and availability to researchers of architectural and associated records, and is chair of the Advisory Group of the Architecture Museum, UniSA.



Mr David Brooks

David studied history at Flinders University, where he completed an honours degree with a thesis on an aspect of South Australian history. While at Flinders David edited the *Flinders Journal of History and Politics* and tutored in a range of Australian history subjects.

After leaving Flinders, David took up a position at the South Australian Parliament Research Library where he worked for the next few years. This was followed by work in the public library network as the Community History Coordinator at the Tea Tree Gully Library. It was here that David developed a passion for South Australian history and a strong interest in looking at the different ways that people in the community engage and

interact with history and heritage, a subject that he has given several conference presentations on.

David commenced in the role of Team Leader Research and Discovery at the State Library of South Australia in 2021 and is the State Library’s representative on the History Council of South Australia.



Ms Eleanor Walters

Eleanor is a highly experienced planning professional having led a broad range of planning and sustainability projects for local and State Government and private practice.

Recently, Eleanor has been the Transition Manager for Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 and the Planning and Design Code – including policy input and advocacy, submission preparation, working groups, business readiness co-ordination.

Eleanor is appointed to the Council as the nominee of the Local Government Association and will bring much valued planning skills and knowledge to Council meetings.



Mr Marcus Rolfe

A current Director and former Managing Director of prominent planning consultancy URPS, Marcus has worked in Local/State Government and as a consultant in South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales.

He is widely recognised for his expertise in development assessment/facilitation and planning policy formulation. He is also a Fellow of the Planning Institute of Australia.

Marcus has been a planning advisor to the NSW Heritage Council responsible for assessing nominations for the State Heritage Register. He has also had oversight of several Development Plan Amendments with heritage conservation

components over the past 20 years in South Australia e.g. Mintaro, Walkerville and West Torrens.

Having assessed/facilitated numerous development proposals involving State Heritage Places, Marcus understands the ramifications of State Heritage listing on development projects e.g. Adelaide Film Centre/Glenside Hospital, residential development of Port Adelaide wool stores, dwelling/land division at Paechtown.



Dr Stephen Schrapel

Stephen is a heritage architect and currently an associate in the office of Swanbury Penglase Architects. Stephen has significant experience in the management of heritage places, the technical aspects of material conservation, adaptive re-use of heritage places, and a broad knowledge of South Australia's heritage.

Stephen worked previously as Senior Conservation Architect in Heritage South Australia, providing advice to heritage owners, and assessing development against the impact on the heritage value of State Heritage Places.

Stephen has a PhD in architectural history and is an occasional lecturer and tutor in the history and theory program in the School of Architecture at the University of Adelaide.

Stephen is a member of Australia ICOMOS and the Construction History Society.



Mr Rob Donaldson (Acting Member)

Rob retired from a 38 year career in local government in SA and NSW in late 2017. After fulfilling some major travel plans he is again based in Port Lincoln, focussing on roles where his skills, knowledge and experience can add value to communities and organisations.

Rob brings management skills with extensive leadership and governance experience, providing strategic and critical thinking to maximise 'joined-up' approaches and solutions across a diversity of operations and initiatives.

As a qualified town planner, Rob's local government career spanned urban and policy planning, heritage planning, strategic planning, senior leadership and CEO roles, with both urban metropolitan and regional councils. He is well-

regarded as a positive and professional contributor who can engage, pinpoint key issues, find consensus and lead constructively for results.

Rob is currently involved in boards and committees including Bendigo Bank Port Lincoln, Eyre Peninsula Community Foundation, SALT Festival, audit committees and Regional Assessment Panels. He is committed to supporting and adding value to the good work of community and not-for-profits.



Mr Simon Weidenhofer (Acting Member)

Simon is an award-winning heritage architect with experience across the private, local and state government sectors.

Currently Senior Heritage Architect at the City of Adelaide, he administers the Heritage Management Program including the City of Adelaide Heritage Incentives Scheme and advises on development and policy affecting heritage places and sensitive historic areas within the City and North Adelaide. Previously Simon was in private architectural practice specialising in non-indigenous cultural heritage policy and planning, heritage management and building conservation.

With over 30 years' experience in the heritage sector, he has acted as heritage

advisor to multiple urban and country councils; prepared numerous regional and council heritage surveys identifying potential State Heritage Places, State Heritage Areas and Local Heritage Places as well as undertaken the conservation and adaptive reuse of heritage listed buildings.

He is a member of Australia ICOMOS and a past member of the Local Heritage Advisory Committee, which provides advice to the Planning Minister on local heritage related matters.