

# SA Heritage Register

Nomination form

## South Australian HERITAGE COUNCIL

To help your nomination be successful, please fill out this form with as much information as possible.  
Feel free to expand the answer fields as much as you require or append information to the form.

Please note that places which have been nominated during past three years will not be reconsidered by the South Australian Heritage Council unless you can provide significant new information not provided through the previous nomination and assessment.

*For assistance with this form you may contact:*

Your local historical society or heritage adviser may be of assistance OR you may telephone an assessment officer in Heritage South Australia on (08) 8124 4960.

### A. Nominated Place

<b>1. Name</b>	
<b>Name of Place / Object:</b>	Keswick Barracks
<b>Any other or former name(s):</b>	
<b>Is the place already on another heritage list?</b>	Building 32 within Keswick Barracks is already a State Heritage Place (State Heritage ID 14272)

<b>2. Location</b>					
<b>Street Address:</b>	2 Anzac Highway				
	Suburb / Town: Keswick			Post Code: 5035	
<b>Local Council Name:</b>	Unley				
<b>Land Description:</b> (if known)	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Volume:</b>	<b>Folio:</b>	<b>Parcel Type:</b>	<b>Parcel No:</b>
	<b>Plan Type:</b>	<b>Plan No:</b>	<b>Section:</b>	<b>Hundred:</b>	
<b>GPS Location/s:</b> (If known)	Longitude / Easting / X			Latitude / Northing / Y (Datum = )	

<b>3. Ownership</b>	
<b>Name of Owner(s):</b>	
<b>Contact person:</b> (if different from owner explain relationship)	Unknown
<b>Postal Address:</b>	<b>Street Address:</b>
	<b>Suburb / Town:</b>
	<b>Post Code:</b>
<b>Phone Number:</b>	
<b>Ownership History:</b>	

<b>4. Nominator (your details)</b>	
<b>Your Name/s:</b>	
<b>Organisation/Position:</b>	
<b>Daytime Phone:</b>	
<b>Fax:</b>	N/A
<b>Postal Address:</b>	
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	<b>Post Code:</b>



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Email Address:

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## G. History

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## B. Description

5. Description of nominated place or object	
<b>Description of the nominated place or object and its current condition:</b>	Keswick Barracks contains a variety of buildings and plantings, some of which are considered to have significance to the military and social history of the state. These include, but are not limited to the former Keswick Hospital buildings and the detention barracks, and the whole site should be assessed for its heritage value.
<b>Are you aware of any modifications or additions to the place or object?</b> Can you provide dates for these changes?	Many over the years, the barracks has been in place since shortly after federation, a significant proportion of buildings are far more recent and utilitarian in character.
<b>Do you believe there may be historical items under the ground?</b> Should an archaeological investigation be considered?	It is possible given the military usage over more than a century, so some investigation may be necessary in specific areas.
<b>Date you inspected the place or object:</b>	13 March 2024
<b>Have you had any contact with the Owner?</b>	No
<b>Current use of the place or object:</b>	Leased back to Department of Defence
<b>Original or former use(s):</b>	Military barracks
<b>Are there any current or long term threats to the nominated place or object?</b>	Yes, residential housing redevelopment
<b>Name of Builder:</b>	Unknown
<b>Any other information:</b>	N/A

## C. History

6. Origins and history	
<b>Years of Construction:</b>	<b>Start:</b> 1912 <b>Finish:</b> Unknown, possibly 1970s
<b>Name of Designer / Architect:</b>	Various
<b>History of the nominated place or object:</b>	Keswick Barracks began construction in 1912 with Building 32 and the Royal Australian Field Artillery Barracks, the latter of which included stables, a gun park, barn, farriers shop, gymnasium, quartermasters store and horse sick bay. Over the years some buildings have been demolished and replaced, and new buildings added as Army requirements have changed. During and for more than a decade after the First World War, the buildings that now principally comprise the Other Ranks' accommodation housed the Keswick Hospital (No. 7 Australian General Hospital) which was built in 1915 upon the return home of many wounded and ill soldiers from the Gallipoli campaign. Thousands of wounded, mentally ill and gassed South Australian soldiers of the First World War were treated at the Keswick Hospital, and hundreds of the soldiers who died in the Keswick Hospital were buried at the nearby AIF Cemetery at



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	<p>West Terrace, which opened in 1920, and there is a strong link between the two sites. The Keswick Hospital demonstrates important aspects of the history of military and repatriation medicine in South Australia.</p> <p>The State Library holds many photographs of the Keswick Hospital in series B26285 and other series. It was also known as the "Diggers' Hospital" and "Repatriation General Hospital" during the interwar period and during the Second World War. It was superseded as a repatriation hospital by the hospital at Daw Park now known as "The Repat" in 1946, but an outpatients department continued to operate at Keswick until 1968.</p> <p>There are several other buildings which are potentially of significant heritage value, including the detention barracks along Keswick Creek on the southern edge of the site. This was the principal detention barracks for soldiers convicted of serious military offences during the Second World War, and for a significant period of its use during the war the regimental sergeant major of the detention barracks was South Australian First World War Victoria Cross recipient Roy Inwood of the Military Prison and Detention Barracks Service. It is believed to be the only existing Second World War military detention barracks in the state, and is in fair condition. It is qualitatively distinct from the internee and POW cell block at Loveday, which was not used to hold Australian soldiers, and the cell block at Terowie which was only for short-term detention related to the nearby staging camp. The Keswick detention barracks demonstrates aspects of the history of military law and justice in South Australia.</p> <p>Elements of the artillery barracks should also be assessed.</p>
<p><b>Historical sources used to support your nomination:</b> Please attach copies of pages from publications or newspaper articles as appropriate.</p>	<p>Workskil Inc and R Lovcraft, <i>The A.I.F. War Cemetery, Adelaide, South Australia: Burial Ground of Servicemen, World War I, 1914-1918</i> (Adelaide: Federal Department of Employment, Education and Training, 1995)</p> <p><a href="https://adelaideaz.com/articles/first-repatriation-hospital-in-adelaide-for-world-war-i-soldiers-at-keswick-military-barracks-from-1915-to-1946">https://adelaideaz.com/articles/first-repatriation-hospital-in-adelaide-for-world-war-i-soldiers-at-keswick-military-barracks-from-1915-to-1946</a></p> <p>HERITAGE ASSESSMENT REPORT Camp 10 Detention Cell Block – Loveday Internment Camp Complex</p>



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## D. Heritage Significance

### 7. Statement of State Significance - Why is the place or object important to South Australia?

It is of State heritage significance because some of the buildings within the barracks demonstrate important aspects of the military, military medical/repatriation and military justice history of SA, and have a strong connection to the veteran community and the families of those who have served, particularly those whose family members served in the First World War and were wounded.

### 8. Significance Criteria

The South Australian *Heritage Places Act 1993* lists seven criteria by which places are assessed as 'State significant.' Please tick the criteria you feel the place demonstrates and explain your reasons.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It demonstrates important aspects of the evolution or pattern of the State's history.  | The response to the large numbers of casualties among South Australians in the First World War, the post-war deaths of wounded, the repatriation system between the wars. Also the history of military law and justice in the state through the detention barracks.  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It has rare, uncommon or endangered qualities that are of cultural significance.   | The detention barracks is understood to be the only preserved one in the state. Cell blocks at other locations were not used for the same purposes, and certainly not for the length of sentences that applied at the Keswick detention barracks.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It may yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the State's history, including its natural history.  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It is an outstanding representative of a particular class of places of cultural significance.  | As the principal military hospital in the state during the world wars and the interwar period, the Keswick Hospital buildings are the only remaining examples in the state of a military hospital from this important period. The connection that many veterans and their families felt and continue to feel with the site is significant, along with its strong connection to the AIF Cemetery at West Terrace where hundreds of those who died at Keswick Hospital are buried. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It demonstrates a high degree of creative, aesthetic or technical accomplishment or is an outstanding representative of particular construction techniques or design characteristics. |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> It has strong cultural or spiritual associations for the community or a group within it.   | Keswick Barracks and its buildings have a strong association with the veteran and wider community of the state with connections to service in the two world wars. Some buildings are not of heritage significance, but there are many which should be examined to properly assess their significance.  |



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- ☒ It has a special association with the life or work of a person or organisation or an event of historical importance.

As the oldest remaining military barracks in the state, Keswick Barracks has a very special association with the service of South Australians in both world wars, during which over 8,000 died and many thousands more were wounded. Many of those who were wounded were treated at the Keswick Hospital during its time as a military then repatriation hospital between 1915 and 1946.

## E. Additional Information

### 9. Images/Maps/Diagrams/Site Plans

A full range of images including maps, site plans, and photographs will help your nomination.

Please provide:

- a clear outline of the place or object being nominated within any maps or plans provided
- high quality images of the place or object (please list the total number of images being provided)
- the subject of each image
- the date each image was created
- the author of each image, and
- the copyright holder of each image (if known)

Paste images here:



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The South Australian Heritage Council is committed to transparency in relation to the listing process and wishes to enhance public confidence in the nomination, listing and decision-making process. The Council's policy is to make nominations for State heritage listing and submissions on provisional entries publicly available via webpage or to interested parties. The Council will adhere to the Privacy Principles and your name and personal details will not be released.

I/we, [redacted] nominate Keswick Barracks, especially the former Keswick Hospital and detention barracks buildings to be heritage listed. I consider that given the diverse military heritage within the barracks site, an assessment of the heritage value of the whole site be undertaken by the department.

The information I/we have provided is correct to my/our knowledge.

Your Signature/s: [redacted]

Date: 4/12/24.

## Nomination Form Checklist

### Please check that your nomination includes:

- ☒ A clear indication of the location of the place or object (including map/s). Where a number of features are nominated, show the location of each and/or a boundary surrounding the significant elements of the site.
- ☒ A history of the place or object explaining important aspects relevant to the nomination.  
This should generally help support arguments of cultural significance.
- ☒ A clear description of the nominated place or object/s.
- ☒ A statement of significance and indication on how the place or object satisfies one or more of the significance criteria.
- ☒ Have you taken the opportunity to discuss the nomination with a heritage assessment officer? It is strongly advised you to do so prior to submitting this nomination.

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