

Helpful advice for owners of older buildings

Information about the maintenance and repair of older buildings is available in a new online publication produced by the Department of Environment and Heritage (DEH).

The publication, titled *Maintenance and Repair of Older Buildings in South Australia*, was developed to deal specifically with the types of buildings and issues common to South Australia.

Manager of DEH's Heritage Branch Raina Nechvoglod said the publication reminds owners and custodians that preventative maintenance is always cheaper and better than an inevitably costly cure.

"People who own or look after our unique historic buildings are really providing a service to all South Australians," she said.

"Although the principles are generally the same for looking after any building, older buildings deserve our special attention.

"There are sound environmental, social and economic reasons to look after and re-use our historic buildings, particularly those that have been judged to be of heritage significance.

"It is timely that this publication is being launched in the year that we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the first comprehensive built heritage legislation in South Australia.

"Many times over the years South Australians have demonstrated their passion for keeping safe these tangible links to our past.

"This publication is a practical way of helping to achieve that."

Maintenance and Repair of Older Buildings in South Australia is available online at http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/heritage/tech_note3_1.html or by phoning the DEH Heritage Branch on 8124 4960.

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