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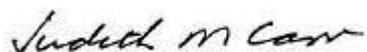
This annual report is presented to Parliament to meet the statutory reporting requirements of *the Public Sector Act 2009*, the *Public Sector Regulations 2010*, the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* and meets the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular *PC013 Annual Reporting*.

This report is verified to be accurate for the purposes of annual reporting to the Parliament of South Australia.

Submitted on behalf of the South Australian Heritage Council by:

Judith Carr

Chairperson



05/09/17

Signature

Date

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Section A: Reporting required under the *Public Sector Act 2009*, the *Public Sector Regulations 2010* and the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*

Agency purpose or role

The South Australian Heritage Council (Council) is established under the provisions of the *Heritage Places Act 1993* (the Act) and ensures that South Australian places and related objects with heritage significance are protected through entry in the South Australian Heritage Register (Register). This mechanism promotes public understanding and appreciation of the State's heritage.

The functions of the Council are set out in Section 5A of the Act, and include administration of the Register, advice to the Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation on heritage matters, advice to the Minister for Planning, and the initiation and support of community awareness programs that promote public understanding and appreciation of the State's heritage.

Objectives

The following objects, as outlined in Section 2 of the Act have been adopted and implemented by the Council:

- (a) to recognise the importance of South Australia's heritage places and related objects in understanding the course of the State's history, including its natural history; and
- (b) to provide for the identification and documentation of places and related objects of State heritage significance; and
- (c) to provide for and promote the conservation of places and related objects of State heritage significance; and
- (d) to promote an understanding and appreciation of the State's heritage; and
- (e) to encourage the sustainable use and adaptation of heritage places in a manner consistent with high standards of conservation practice, the retention of their heritage significance, and relevant development policies.

Key strategies and their relationship to SA Government objectives

Key strategy	SA Government objective
Transparent and rigorous consideration of nominations to the Register, and effective maintenance of it.	'Creating a vibrant city'
Provision of strategic advice and policy development for heritage matters under the Act and the <i>Development Act 1993</i> .	Legislative requirement

Promotion of the linkages between heritage and tourism to attract more tourists.	'Adelaide – heart of the vibrant state'; and 'A destination of choice for travellers'.
Education and interpretation of State Heritage Places through partnerships with SA Tourism Commission, History SA, local governments and similar organisations.	'Adelaide – heart of the vibrant state' and 'A destination of choice for travellers.'

Agency programs and initiatives and their effectiveness and efficiency

Program name	Indicators of performance/effectiveness/efficiency	Comments
Advice to Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation	<p>Provided the 7th report on heritage protection on 22 July 2016.</p> <p>Provided advice in relation to a request to remove the archaeological designation of Brompton Gasworks.</p> <p>Provided advice in relation to Mount Breckan House Heritage Agreement.</p>	Advice to the responsible Minister informs Government decision making to promote heritage and derive a public good benefit.
To administer the Register and to identify places, and related objects, of State heritage significance, and to enter them in the Register.	<p>Six places were provisionally entered in the Register.</p> <p>Four places were confirmed in the Register.</p> <p>Ten places were considered and rejected for entry in the Register.</p> <p>One object associated with a State Heritage Place was rejected for entry in the Register.</p> <p>Provided advice to the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources in relation to the approach to the assessment of the Adelaide Park Lands.</p>	Promotes understanding and appreciation of South Australia's heritage.

<p>To provide advice on the development and effectiveness of heritage conservation programs, policies, initiatives and incentives.</p>	<p>Provided comment in relation to the government's local heritage reforms following the release of the Local Heritage Reform Discussion Paper.</p> <p>Provided comment on the Minister's Code for Updating Health and Safety of Existing Buildings.</p> <p>Provided advice regarding the development of a Heritage Tourism Action Plan particularly in relation to the scope of work relating to promoting State Heritage Places to tourists.</p> <p>With support of the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources and the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, the Council commenced developing a framework of historic themes to assist in achieving the Objects of the Act, which includes consultation with key stakeholders.</p>	<p>Contributes to sound heritage conservation programs that benefit the public good.</p>
<p>The operation and enforcement of the Act.</p>	<p>The Council's policies and procedures are subject to continuous review as a matter of good governance. The Council agreed that its policies and procedures could be made available to the public by being placed on its website.</p>	<p>Sound governance gives the public confidence in the decision making of the Council.</p>

Legislation administered by the agency

Heritage Places Act 1993

Organisation of the agency

In accordance with Section 5 of the Act, the Council consists of nine members and one acting member appointed by the Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation.

The Council membership and remuneration is reported in the South Australian Government Board and Committee Information Annual Report.

Other agencies related to this agency (within the Minister's area/s of responsibility)

The Council is supported in its administration of the Act by the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources.

Employment opportunity programs

The Council has no staff of its own and utilises the services off the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources. Reporting on this matter is contained in agency's Annual Report 2016-17.

Executive, administrative and project support were provided to the Council from existing resources of the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources.

Agency performance management and development systems

Performance management and development system	Assessment of effectiveness and efficiency
Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources staff supporting the Council's operations undertake a performance review and development program with their managers.	Two sessions are held on an annual basis. This is considered to be effective.
Council performance review	Not assessed in this reporting period.
Induction of Council members	The Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources manages the induction of new Council members
Heritage Assessment Report quality management	The Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources has implemented a range of measures to ensure the quality of heritage assessment reports which inform the decisions of Council about the entry of nominated places in the Register.

Occupational health, safety and rehabilitation programs of the agency and their effectiveness

Occupational health, safety and rehabilitation programs	Effectiveness
The Council abides by the relevant health and safety policies and procedures that have been adopted by the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources to meet whole of Government legislative requirements.	Reporting on this matter is contained within the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources Annual Report 2016-17.

Fraud detected in the agency

Category/nature of fraud	Number of instances
It is declared that there were no instances of fraud detected in the activities undertaken by the Council in this reporting period.	0

Strategies implemented to control and prevent fraud

Strategies to detect instances of fraud are reported in the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources Annual Report 2016-17.

Data for the past five years is available at: The Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources

Whistle-blowers' disclosure

Number of occasions on which public interest information has been disclosed to a responsible officer of the agency under the *Whistle-blowers' Protection Act 1993* 0

Data for the past five years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/south-australian-heritage-council-annual-report-data> insert hyperlink to specific data.sa page and ensure data sources are referenced.

Executive employment in the agency

Executive classification	Number of executives
SAES Level 1	0

Data for the past five years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/south-australian-heritage-council-annual-report-data>

For further information, the [Office for the Public Sector](#) has a [data dashboard](#) for further information on the breakdown of executive gender, salary and tenure by agency.

Consultants

The Council is supported in its administration of the Act by the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources. Consultants, as applicable, are reported in the agency's annual report.

Consultants	Purpose	Value
All consultancies below \$10,000 each	-	\$0
Consultancies above \$10,000 each	-	\$0
Total all consultancies		\$0

Data for the past five years is available at: <http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/about-us/our-reports/annual-reports>

See also <https://www.tenders.sa.gov.au/tenders/index.do> for a list of all external consultancies, including nature of work and value. See also the Consolidated Financial Report of the Department of Treasury and Finance <http://treasury.sa.gov.au/> for total value of consultancy contracts across the SA Public Sector.

Financial performance of the agency

The Council is a statutory body; it is not a corporate entity and has no funds of its own.

Reporting on this matter is contained in the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources Annual Report 2016-17.

Other financial information

Nil to report.

Other information requested by the Minister(s) or other significant issues affecting the agency or reporting pertaining to independent functions

Nil to report.

Section B: Reporting of public complaints as requested by the Ombudsman

Summary of complaints by subject

Public complaints received by South Australian Heritage Council.	
Category of complaints by subject	Number of instances
All complaints	0

Data for the past five years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/south-australian-heritage-council-annual-report-data>

Complaint outcomes

Nature of complaint or suggestion	Services improved or changes as a result of complaints or consumer suggestions
All complaints	No complaints have been received or acted upon.

Appendix: Audited financial statements 2016-17

Financial services are provided to the Council by the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources. Finances are audited annually as part of DEWNR's financial statements.

Annual report information (including financial statements) is available on the [DEWNR](#) website.