

Glossary of terms – conservation

To assist in being clear about what is being done to a structure some common words have been given specialised meanings when applied to heritage conservation. The following are taken from P Marquis-Kyle & M Walker *The Illustrated Burra Charter* (Australia ICOMOS, 2004).

Term	Definition
Adaptation	Modifying a place to suit new uses.
Associations	The connections that exist between people and a place.
Compatible Use	A use that involves minimal impact on the cultural significance of a place.
Conservation	All the processes of looking after a place in order to retain its cultural significance. Conservation activities include maintenance, preservation, restoration, adaptation, explaining and campaigning.
Cultural Significance	The aesthetic, historic, scientific or social value of a place.
Fabric	The physical material of the place, including building interiors, sub-surface material, contents, fixtures and objects associated with the place.
Interpretation	The ways in which the cultural significance of a place is presented. e.g. exhibitions and explanatory material.
Maintenance	The continuous protective care of the place.
Place	The site, area, landscape, or building together with associated contents and surrounds. Examples of a 'place' include a memorial, an industrial plant, a tree, the site of an historical event, a town or a road.
Preservation	Maintaining the place in its current state and slowing down its rate of deterioration.
Reconstruction	Returning a place to an earlier state by the introduction of new or old materials.
Related Object	An object that contributes to the cultural significance of a place but which is not at that place.
Related Place	A place that contributes to the cultural significance of another place. e.g. a place, which exists alongside another.
Restoration	Returning the place to an earlier state by the removal of additions, or reassembling existing features without the introduction of new material.

Common heritage terms used in South Australia

Term	Definition
Conservation Management Plan	A document that defines what is of heritage significance in a place and suggests appropriate policies to protect that significance in future use and development.
Contributory Item	A physical element of value that contributes to the built form or landscape qualities of a Historic (Conservation) Zone or Policy Area created under the Development Act 1993.
Historic (Conservation) Zone or Policy Area	An area demonstrating built form or landscape qualities, development patterns and character arising from particular historic, economic or social themes associated with that local area.
Local Heritage Place	A place designated as a place of local heritage value by a Development Plan under the Development Act 1993.
State Heritage Place	A place entered in the SA Heritage Register that meets one or more of the criteria for State significance set out in Section 16 of the Heritage Places Act 1993.

Common acronyms

Term	Definition
AHC	Australian Heritage Council (replaced Australian Heritage Commission)
AMCORD	Australian Model Code for Residential Development
CHL	Commonwealth Heritage List
CMP	Conservation Management Plan
DAC	Development Assessment Commission
DENR	Department of Environment and Natural Resources
DPA	Development Plan Amendment (formerly PAR)
DPAC	Development Policy Advisory Committee
EDALA	Electronic Development Application Lodgement and Assessment
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EPBC	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (Commonwealth)
GIS	Geographic Information System
GPS	Global Positioning System
HCZ	Historic (Conservation) Zone
HPA	Historic Policy Area
ICCM	Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Material
ICOM	International Council on Museums
ICOMOS	International Council on Monuments and Sites
LOTS	Land Ownership and Tenure System [title and valuation data]
LTO	Land Titles Office
NHII	National Heritage Investment Initiative (Commonwealth)
NHL	National Heritage List

PAR	Plan Amendment Report (now DPA)
PIERS	Plan Index, Enquiry and Retrieval System
RNE	Register of the National Estate (Commonwealth)
SAHC	South Australian Heritage Council
SAHR	South Australian Heritage Register
SHA	State Heritage Authority (replaced by SA Heritage Council 17/11/05)
SHP	State Heritage Place
SHR	State Heritage Register (replaced by SA Heritage Register 17/11/05)
SOE	State of the Environment
SRSA	State Records of South Australia
TATS	Torrens Automated Title System

Further reading

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