

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL

MINUTES

The 110th Meeting of the South Australian Heritage Council (the Council) was held on Thursday 23 July 2020 via Electronic Means. (This meeting was held via video conference due to the isolation requirements of the COVID-19 pandemic).

Statement of Acknowledgement

The Chairperson acknowledged that this land that the majority of Council members meet on today is the traditional lands for Kaurna people and that the Council respect their spiritual relationship with their country. The Chairperson also acknowledged the Kaurna people as the custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kaurna people today. Mr David Stevenson noted he was participating in the video meeting via Burra and acknowledged the Ngadjuri people – the traditional owners of the Burra region and paid respect to their spiritual relationship with that country. Emeritus Professor Allison Mackinnon AM noted she was participating in the video meeting via Port Elliot and acknowledged the Ngarrindjeri people – the traditional owners of that region and paid respect to their spiritual relationship with that country.

PRESENT

South Australian Heritage Council: Chair: Mr Keith Conlon OAM Members: Emeritus Professor Alison Mackinnon AM, Mr Marcus Rolfe, Ms Robyn Taylor, Mr Michael Constantine, Mr David Stevenson and Ms Jan Ferguson OAM.

Apologies: Ms Katrina McDougall and Mr Jason Schulz.

Secretariat: Mr David Hanna, Executive Officer, Heritage South Australia, Department for Environment and Water (DEW) and Ms Bev Voigt, Manager Heritage South Australia.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Mr Conlon welcomed all to the 110th meeting of the South Australian Heritage Council (the Council).

Apologies received from Ms Katrina McDougall and Mr Jason Schulz.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Agenda

The agenda was adopted without amendment.

Declarations of conflict of interest

Nil.

3 PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Council considered the minutes of the 16 July 2020 meeting and approved them subject to minor amendments that will be provided directly to the Executive Officer for finalising following the meeting.

RESOLUTION:

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **Approved** the minutes of the 16 July 2020 meeting subject to some minor amendments provided to the Executive Officer.

4. ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR PROVISIONAL ENTRY IN THE SA HERITAGE REGISTER

4.1 Dwelling – 197 Childers Street, North Adelaide

Dr Louise Bird, Heritage South Australia was welcomed to the meeting.

It was noted that on 14 July 2020, a nomination to list 'Dwelling, 197 Childers Street, North Adelaide' as a State Heritage Place was received from a member of the public. The nominator claimed the place met all seven s16 criteria in the *Heritage Places Act 1993* for listing as a State Heritage Place.

The nomination claimed the place was closely associated with James Cyril Stobie, the inventor of the stobie pole.

The nomination indicated that an application to demolish the property to be considered on 27 July 2020 has been submitted to the Adelaide City Council.

A desk-top assessment was conducted. It recommended that the nominated place did not meet any of the criteria for listing as a State Heritage Place.

It was noted that James Cyril Stobie, inventor of the stobie pole, had not actually lived at 197 Childers Street, North Adelaide. In fact, it was his son Peter Stobie who had lived at this address. It was noted that James Cyril Stobie was living at a residence at Henley Beach at the time of his invention of the stobie pole. Later in life he lived at an address in the suburb of Malvern.

It was also noted that 197 Childers Street, North Adelaide had been previously recommended for Local Heritage listing, but that this recommendation had not been acted upon by the relevant authority.

The Chair went through each criteria under s16 of the Heritage Act in turn, testing whether any Council members thought it met the threshold for listing under any criteria.

Council agreed that this nomination did not meet any criteria for listing and agreed to reject the nomination.

Improving the quality of Nominations

During the past three years, it was noted that a number of nominations have been received by Heritage South Australia in response to the threat of demolition of the place. These include: Bureau of Meteorology building; Marion Cultural Centre, Moorfield at North Plympton, Mount Gambier Roundhouse, Salisbury Civic Centre and 197 Childers Street. While in some cases the nominations have provided substantial evidence to indicate the possible heritage significance of the place, others have provided very little to substantiate the claims being made.

To assist in improving the quality of nominations, Heritage South Australia recommends that the nomination form includes some text to ensure that an assessment officer has been spoken to prior to a nomination being submitted. The Council agreed in principle with this approach and discussed the nature of the wording. Council agreed upon the following for insertion in the nomination form:

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.

The Council agreed that a conversation with an assessment officer is a very good approach to help improve the quality of nominations that are submitted, and it also gives an opportunity for the department to discuss matters such as heritage surveys.

Heritage South Australia further recommended the following wording be inserted in Council's policy 17.5:

Nominations containing inadequate evidence to substantiate the heritage values being claimed for the place or object may be returned to nominators for further information. In such cases, the nomination may be resubmitted as soon as the additional evidence can be provided.

Council concluded that an application ought to be well considered, but it noted that in some cases a nominator may not have the skills or knowledge to submit an appropriate nomination and in these instances the department staff will assist them to submit that nomination.

Mr Conlon noted that the legislative criteria are there for nominators to use, and as well the criteria guidelines can assist in putting together a nomination. Council indicated it is important to reiterate that its role is to determine whether a nomination meets the threshold for State listing. Whether a place meets the threshold for local listing is not the mandate of the Council.

RESOLUTIONS

The South Australian Heritage Council:

- **DETERMINED** that a full Assessment Report is not required for **Dwelling 197 Childers Street North Adelaide**, as the nomination form and a Heritage SA desk-top assessment indicate that the place does not meet any of the criteria for State heritage listing under section 16 of the *Heritage Places Act*.
- **REJECTED** the nomination of **Dwelling 197 Childers Street North Adelaide** for entry in the South Australian Heritage Register as a State Heritage Place, as it does not meet any of the criteria for State heritage listing under section 16 of the *Heritage Places Act 1993*.

- **APPROVED** the recommendation to modify the wording of the nomination form checklist to:

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.

- **APPROVED** the recommendation to add the following statement into Policy 17.5:

Nominations containing inadequate evidence to substantiate the heritage values being claimed for the place or object may be returned to nominators for further information. In such cases, the nomination may be resubmitted as soon as the additional evidence can be provided.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Mr Conlon closed the meeting at 11:30am.



Mr Keith Conlon OAM

Date: 13 August 2020

Chair