

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL NEWS

11 June 2020 meeting via video link on Kurna country and Adnyamathanha country.

Port Lincoln Locomotive Depot and Workshops

The latest listing by the SA Heritage Council is a sure sign that a State Heritage Place does not have to be built of stone. The Port Lincoln Locomotive Depot and Workshops have been added to the South Australian Heritage Register. The State Government began building the vast network of narrow gauge railway lines into the Eyre Peninsula hinterland in 1905 to encourage farmers to take up land for cropping.

Built between 1927 and 1932, the depot and workshops have been responsible for maintaining and ensuring that the trains on the Peninsula remain operational and able to transport up to a quarter of the State's grain harvest to the ports at Port Lincoln and Thevenard.

The Port Lincoln Locomotive Depot and Workshops played a vital role in the expansion of primary production on the Eyre Peninsula and consequently to the agricultural and economic development of the State during the twentieth century and has rare and endangered qualities of cultural significance.

Thanks to Peter Knife who provided invaluable information in support of the listing as well as these photos:



Photo 1: Andy Wyschnja on a Z class loco shunting Port Lincoln yard, 1951. Photo: Andrew Wyschnja Collection, EPRPS Archives.

Photo 2: Wally Woldt, Walter Krug and Andy Wyschnja on locomotive T216 in the loco depot at Port Lincoln in the 1950s. Photo: EPRPS Archives.

Thematic Framework

The SA Historical Guidelines document, authored by Dr Susan Marsden, is now more than 30 years old and does not consider the more recently prepared Australian Historic Themes document. Council has undertaken to update these Guidelines to create a relevant and up to date thematic framework that can help with identifying gaps in the South Australian Heritage Register and may be also a useful reference tool for heritage tourism operators.

At this meeting Council considered a draft document and identified that consultation with the State Aboriginal Heritage Committee needs to occur to consider how stories related to Aboriginal culture can be woven into the document, particularly sites of contact and conflict with European colonists.

Draft Heritage Agreement – Barn, 1 Light Square, Gawler

The Council considered a draft Heritage Agreement for a barn in Light Square in Gawler which is a State Heritage Place. Unfortunately its condition has deteriorated dramatically over the past five or so years meaning a complete rebuild is now in order.

The new Heritage Agreement will allow the owner to demolish a house on site (not heritage), rebuild the Barn to the satisfaction of Heritage South Australia architects, and build a new medical centre on site.



Photo: Street view from Light Square of Barn and dwelling. Google 2017

Normanville Coastal Dunes

The Council considered a request by the District Council of Yankallilla to remove four (4) small land allotments of this five kilometre long coastal sand dune zone. The Local Council argued that the allotments are already in use for the Normanville Caravan Park and associated car park and do not contribute to the protection of the coastal dune.

Council received advice from the Coast and Marine Branch of the Department that indicated one of the four allotments was worth retaining given its remnant coastal vegetation and its role in stabilising the toe of a protected sand dune. Council therefore agreed to give notice of its intention to alter this listing by removing three (3) allotments from the listing. Anyone now has the right to make a public submission on this proposal over the next three months.



Photo: View of caravan park from dune rear toe. Source: Coast and Marine Branch, DEW.

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