

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL

MINUTES

The 79th Meeting of the South Australian Heritage Council (the Council) was held on Wednesday 7 June 2017 in the Meeting Room, Level 8, 81-95 Waymouth Street.

Statement of Acknowledgement

We acknowledge this land that we meet on today is the traditional lands for Kurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the Kurna people as the custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kurna people today.

PRESENT

South Australian Heritage Council: Chair: Mrs Judith Carr; Members: Mrs Carolyn Wigg, Ms Sara Beazley, Mr Jason Schulz, Ms Deborah Lindsay, Mr George Hobbs and Mr Rob Donaldson.

Apologies: Professor Alison Mackinnon and Mr Gavin Leydon.

Secretariat: Mr David Hanna, Executive Officer, State Heritage Unit, Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR) and Ms Beverley Voigt, Manager Heritage and Major Reform, State Heritage Unit, DEWNR.

Guests: Mrs Kirsty Nield, Assessment Officer, State Heritage Unit, DEWNR and Dr Louise Bird, Assessment Officer, State Heritage Unit DEWNR.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair opened the meeting at 10:00am and the Chair welcomed all present and thanked them for attending at relatively short notice. Mr Rob Donaldson participated via telephone.

Apologies were received from Mr Gavin Leydon and Professor Alison Mackinnon.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The agenda was adopted without any additions.

It was noted that there were no conflicts of interest to declare.

3 PROVISIONAL ENTRY IN THE REGISTER

3.1 First Church of Christ, Scientist, 266 North Terrace, Adelaide

Mrs Kirsty Nield provided a comprehensive introduction to this item. Mrs Nield noted that the Church purchased the North Terrace site in 1939. In 1954, the Church commissioned, Woods, Bagot, Laybourne Smith & Irwin to prepare drawings. Construction began in 1954 and was completed in 1957.

It was noted that South Australia's Christ, Scientists have always been numerically small and their numbers are currently in decline with the congregation numbers less than twenty.

It was noted that unlike the churches of other Christian denominations, the healing and science-based methodology of Christ, Scientist means that the places where congregations meet have little spiritual connection with the practice of the faith.

It was noted that despite being built in the post war period, the church was designed in the earlier Interwar Stripped Classical style albeit in an architecturally compromised way.

DEWNR noted that this place was designed by prominent Adelaide architect Louis Laybourne Smith however there are several better examples of his architectural work, including churches.

The Council considered the assessment report and discussed each criterion in turn. The Council agreed with the recommendation that the place does not fulfil any of the criteria under section 16 of the *Heritage Places Act 1993*.

The Council congratulated DENWR on producing a high quality assessment report.

RESOLUTION:

The South Australian Heritage Council:

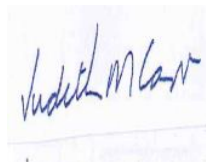
- **Rejected** the nomination of First Church of Christ Scientist, 266 North Terrace, Adelaide SA 5000 in the South Australian Heritage Register as a State Heritage Place, as it does not meet any of the criteria for State heritage significance under section 16 of the *Heritage Places Act 1993*.

4 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair thanked all in attendance and closed the meeting at 10:15am.



Mrs Judith Carr

Date: 12 July 2017

Chair