

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL NEWS

111th Meeting of Council – 13 August 2020



Image: Shop former Sands & McDougall Building

The South Australian Heritage Council (Council) meetings were held via video link on Kurna country, Adnyamathanha country and Nadjuri country.

News from the 111th meeting

Provisional Entry of the Shop (former Sands & McDougall building)

The Shop (former Sands & McDougall building) was nominated by a member of the public for Council's consideration in May 2019.

Noting that a Development Application requesting demolition of the building had been lodged with the State Commission Assessment Panel, Council provided an opportunity for a legal representative of the owner to be heard at this meeting. The representative spoke against the possible provisional entry, claiming that its Art Deco facade did not reach the requirement of criterion (e).

Council determined to provisionally enter the facade and awning only (not the entire building) under criterion (e) of section 16 of the *Heritage Places Act 1993*. This criterion reads '*it demonstrates a high degree of creative, aesthetic or technical accomplishment or is an outstanding representative of particular construction techniques or design characteristics*'.

This decision now triggers three months of public consultation.

The draft Statement of Heritage Significance follows:

'The former Sands & McDougall building façade is an outstanding and early example of Art Deco architecture in South Australia. The façade is highly intact and demonstrates many of the key attributes of the style, including vertical form, concentration of ornamentation at the top of the building, and stylised decorations made from coloured-pressed Portland cement, copper panels, and metal grilles to the upper storey windows. The Art Deco remodelling of the façade transformed the nineteenth century classical building, eschewing the past and expressing optimism for the future.'

Pewsey Vale, via Lyndoch

Pewsey Vale is a homestead complex including a two-storey homestead, St. Thomas' Church, wine-cellar ruin, and numerous working buildings and structures that are closely associated with the economic, pastoral and viticultural development of South Australia from the earliest years of the colony.

Joseph Gilbert acquired Pewsey Vale, in 1839, via the Wiltshire Special Survey and developed the property as the centrepiece of his pastoral holdings that extended across the north of the State, into the Northern Territory and onto the Eyre Peninsula. In 1847, Joseph planted the first vines at Pewsey Vale and by the early 1850s was producing award winning wines at the property that was, for a time, one of the largest vineyards in the colony.

Council were provided with a heritage assessment report by the Department, to consider whether Pewsey Vale met any of the criteria for provisional entry as a State Heritage Place. It should be noted that the report was completed without a site visit (as the owner has refused access).

Council concluded that it would not consider provisional entry at this meeting without further evidence of the intactness and integrity of the buildings on site and therefore will seek Ministerial authorisation to enter this property under section 39 of the Heritage Places Act.



Image: St Thomas' Church Pewsey Vale, image by Capt. Sweet c.1877, note the shingle roof, rector's cottage adjacent to the church and the foot bridge across Jacob's Creek

Heritage Farm (Nitschke Farm), Cudlee Creek-Lobethal Road, Lobethal

Sadly, this place had been destroyed in the devastating bushfires of last summer. At this meeting, the Council formally removed this place from the South Australian Heritage Register following the three month period of consultation.



Image showing destruction of timber structures at Heritage Farm

Source: DEW Files 24 January 2020

Klopsch Farm Complex, Neudorf Road, Lobethal

Similarly, this place had been destroyed in the devastating Cudlee Creek bushfire. At this meeting, the Council formally removed this place from the South Australian Heritage Register following the three month period of consultation.



Klopsch Farm Complex SHP 14735 after the Cudlee Creek bushfire as it appeared on 24 January 2020, note the total destruction of the half-timber barns

Next meeting

The Council's next meeting will be held on 24 September 2020 at 9am via video link (Microsoft Teams) to consider the nomination of the Dwelling at 28 Sturt Road, Brighton.

Councils' meetings are open to be observed by the public. The agenda for meetings are available on the following web page approximately 7 days prior to a meeting:

<https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/heritage/sa-heritage-council/agendas-minutes>