

South Australian Heritage Council

HERITAGE NEWS – OCTOBER 2022



Image: Taken 2017 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the police barracks. Photo credit to SAPOL.

Heritage News contains news from the South Australian Heritage Council meeting and other topical news relating to conserving and promoting South Australia's unique heritage.

The South Australian Heritage Council (Council) met on 13 October 2022.



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Introduction

This is a sombre Heritage News, leading with the Council's reaction to the decision of the Government to demolish the Thebarton Mounted Police Barracks, a State Heritage Place, to make way for the new Women and Children's Hospital.

The Council met on 13 October 2022 and the Council's response to this decision to demolish a State Heritage Place was the main item of discussion.

On a brighter note, this edition also promotes our next Heritage Friday Forum on significant archaeological finds on the site of Colonel William Light's Thebarton Cottage within the now demolished West End Brewery. It is being held on 2 December 2022. Check out the details within this newsletter and I hope to see you there!

Please browse other heritage news through this web page:

<https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/heritage/heritage-news-events>

If you enjoy getting information from social media please see further links at the end of this edition.

Enjoy!



Keith Conlon

Chair, South Australian Heritage Council



Image: Thebarton Mounted Police Barracks entrance. Photo by Keith Conlon.

Thebarton Police Barracks

On Kaurna Country.

At its 13 October 2022 meeting, the Council discussed the Government's decision to build the new Women and Children's Hospital on the site of the Thebarton Mounted Police Barracks – a State Heritage Place. Indicative plans also reveal the removal of a portion of the adjacent Park Lands.

Council is very disappointed by this decision and its implications and a letter has been sent to the Deputy Premier who has responsibility for the *Heritage Places Act 1993*, the Hon Dr Susan Close MP, outlining the Council's concerns. The letter is published on the Council's webpage and you can read it [here](#)

The precinct was registered as a State Heritage Place on 18 November 1985 under the title of "Thebarton Mounted Police Barracks". It was confirmed under the South Australian Heritage Act 1978.

The following is the commentary on the South Australian Heritage Places Database:

Historically, the South Australian Police Force has been associated with the Thebarton Police Barracks since the barracks were constructed in 1917 to accommodate the South Australia Mounted Police, who moved from their premises located behind the South Australian Museum. The South Australian Mounted Police Cadre, established in 1838, is the oldest of its type in Australia, and with the possible exception of the Royal Irish Mounted Constabulary created by Robert Peel, is the oldest in the world. The changing use of the buildings on site illustrates the transition to motorised patrols, while retaining a patrol of Police Greys that supplement foot patrols and participate as honour guards at ceremonial functions.

Special legislation was introduced to Parliament by the Government on 20 October 2022 to pave the way for the demolition of the Barracks. The letter to the Minister makes recommendations on capturing the Thebarton Mounted Police Barracks' heritage values before it is demolished as well as recommendations around archaeology.

Heritage Protection Report 2022

The Council discussed a draft 'Heritage Protection Report 2022' that addresses matters outlined through its functions under legislation¹. Council endorsed a report at its meeting and agreed to send it to the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water.

¹ In accordance with Section 5A(1)(a)(i) of the *Heritage Places Act 1993* the Council has the following functions:

- (a) to provide advice (especially from a strategic perspective) to the Minister on matters relating to—
- (i) trends, shortcomings and opportunities with respect to heritage protection at the State and local level and, insofar as may be relevant, at the national level; and
- (ii) the development and effectiveness of heritage conservation programs, policies, initiatives and incentives

Through the report, the Council draws attention to seven key themes that are important for South Australia and in its opinion will bring about the most benefit to the South Australian community and Government. These themes are similar to programs in other jurisdictions across Australia. They are:

1. enhance the Heritage Places Act to strengthen protection and streamline listing pathways
2. refine the Planning and Design Code to support positive heritage outcomes at both State and local levels
3. provide a high quality South Australian Heritage Register
4. develop a sustainable funding model that creates enduring financial support for heritage
5. improve Government and community understanding of the economic and public value of heritage, including heritage tourism
6. increase access to skills and trades for heritage conservation
7. develop a Heritage Strategy for South Australia, with the above matters in mind.

A Summary of the report will be made available shortly through the Council's web page.

Review of Planning System

A reminder that you can make comment on the review of the Planning and Design Code, the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*, the ePlanning system and the PlanSA website.

The final date for submissions is **Friday 16 December 2022**.

The Council agreed that it will put in a submission and agreed that the focus of its submission would be on the State Heritage Place and State Heritage Area overlays within the Planning and Design Code and procedural matters on referrals.

You can have your say on the future of planning in South Australia. The details on how to do this can be found here: https://plan.sa.gov.au/planning_review

Heritage Friday Forum – 2 December 2022

The Council, in partnership with Heritage SA, is pleased to invite you to:

What has the Theberton Cottage archaeology project revealed?

What do we now know about Colonel William Light, Maria Gandy and their home by the Torrens / Karrawirra Parri?

Keith Conlon discusses the process and findings with Guadalupe Cincunegui, the Archaeologist and Heritage Consultant who has undertaken excavation of the remains of Colonel Light's home – Theberton Cottage.

Nibbles and drinks provided.

RSVP is essential.

Date: Friday 2 December 2022

Time: 4:45pm – 6:45pm

Location: Drill Hall, Torrens Parade Ground. Car parking will be available on the Parade Ground.

Price: \$5 for non-drinkers, \$10 payment includes an alcoholic drink (please bring cash for payment)

RSVP: By Friday 25th November 2022 to Executive Officer, Mr David Hanna via email david.hanna@sa.gov.au or phone 8226 2127 or via Email to DEWHeritage@sa.gov.au

Feel free to tell others who may be interested in coming along and remind them to RSVP.

About the site on the West End Brewery grounds:

Theberton Cottage was the bespoke home of Colonel William Light, the first Surveyor General of South Australia and the founder of Adelaide, and his partner Maria Gandy.

Light was the first colonist in South Australia to choose a County Section, namely Section 1 of the Hundred of Adelaide where he began building Theberton Cottage near the Torrens / Karrawirra Parri in 1838 on Kurna Country.

The couple first moved into the dairy at Theberton Cottage until the house with its 'four lofty rooms' was completed in February 1839. They lived there together until Light died from tuberculosis 6 October 1839. While Theberton Cottage was demolished in 1926, subsequent redevelopment of the site has had minimal impact on the remains, 'protected' by a factory concrete floor.

Through a Q&A with Keith Conlon, Guadalupe Cincunegui will describe the archaeological process and finds that the site has yielded during excavation in recent weeks. This evidence will contribute meaningfully to our understanding of the life of Colonel William Light, one of the colony's most important founding figures.



Image: Guadalupe holding a bottle uncovered at the site. Photo by Keith Conlon.

About Guadalupe Cincunegui:

Guadalupe Cincunegui is a founding partner of South Australian heritage firm Independent Heritage Consultants. She has worked for more than 25 years' as a professional archaeologist on a broad range of research and development led projects across Australia, the Southern Levant and the United Arab Emirates.

Guadalupe has been managing the archaeological excavations at Theberton Cottage, the former home of Colonel William Light recently uncovered under the West End Brewery in Adelaide.



Image: Guadalupe showing the media a portion of the Theberton Cottage cellar at the site.

Photo by Keith Conlon.

Other Heritage News / Events

Wail at the Gaol!

On Saturday October 29th 2022, 10am-4pm, visit Adelaide Gaol for the spookiest Halloween event in South Australia! First, collect your pre-ordered loot bag containing locally sourced Halloween goodies and visit our Freaky Fairy Tale Funhouse, a walk-through experience with a spooky take on children's fairy tales and nursery rhymes.

Then if you are feeling brave, venture into the Haunted House where your nerves will be tested. If you have smaller children, you may choose to skip this section!

Located in the "New Building" space, Wail at the Gaol will feature stalls, music, a food court, and face painting.

The Adelaide Gaol is a State Heritage Place. On Kurna Country.

<https://www.adelaidegaol.sa.gov.au/visiting-the-gaol/halloween-wail-at-the-gaol>

Image: Adelaide Gaol by Chet Illingworth



Tea Tree Gully Heritage Museum

For the final opening of the year the Tea Tree Gully Heritage Museum will be holding a Twilight Christmas Fair.

On Sunday 20th November from 3pm until 8pm the museum gardens will become a colourful, festive market place. There will be many stalls offering craft, gifts, plants, festive food and more. A sausage sizzle and Devonshire Tea will keep you fed and watered. Entry will be by a Gold Coin donation. On Kurna Country.

<http://www.ttgmuseum.on.net/events.html>



Image: Tea Tree Gully Heritage Museum by Mark Taylor.

Urrbrae House

Urrbrae House is a beautiful two-storey bluestone mansion, completed in 1891 as the home of Peter and Matilda Waite.

"Urrbrae" was the name given by Macgeorge to land he bought in 1846 in the foothills south of the city of Adelaide: "Urr" after his home parish in Scotland and "brae" denoting a slope or hillside especially near a creek or river.

Plan a visit – more detail through the website:
<https://www.adelaide.edu.au/waite-historic/whats-on>

On Kurna Country.

Image: Urrbrae House by Sue Rogers



Carrick Hill

Carrick Hill is a State Heritage Place located a short 15-minute drive south of Adelaide's CBD.

Carrick Hill is significant as the home of prominent South Australian business man and philanthropist, Sir Edward Hayward and Ursula Hayward, renowned art collector. It was gifted by them to the State.

Carrick Hill Estate has recently announced plans for an exciting new \$6.7 million Carrick Hill Visitors Centre Pavilion.

Set to commence construction in 2023, a multi-purpose pavilion will be built to provide improved visitor services and amenities for all visitors.



Image above: Carrick Hill and Gardens by Cath Lawless.

See the proposal and pictures through this InDaily story:

<https://indaily.com.au/news/local/2022/10/14/carrick-hill-unveils-6-million-visitor-pavilion-plan/>

You can read more about the fascinating story and history of Carrick Hill here:

<https://www.carrickhill.sa.gov.au/the-story/social-history>

More information

If you would like to know more about the work of the South Australian Heritage Council and Heritage South Australia, here are some useful links.

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