

BUILT HERITAGE MANAGEMENT POLICY

Date this document was adopted

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PURPOSE

Adelaide is renowned for its heritage character. Cultural heritage including heritage buildings, designed landscapes and historic character streetscapes are the City of Adelaide's (City) 'autobiography', giving the community a sense of historical perspective, providing recognisable links with people and events in history as well as a sense of community pride.

The conservation of Built Heritage contributes to the City's character, appeal, and competitive advantage. The protection and conservation of the City's heritage buildings and historic character streetscapes are for the benefit of present and future generations.

This policy covers the conservation and promotion of built heritage places, historic character streetscapes, historic areas, archaeology, designed landscapes and public realm elements of Adelaide, North Adelaide and the Adelaide Park Lands which is implemented by the City of Adelaide through the:

- Heritage Strategy
- Heritage Incentives Scheme
- Heritage Advisory Service
- Promotions
- Public Realm Guidelines.

STATEMENT

Objectives

Support the invigoration of the City's unique built heritage and historic character through the conservation of the City's heritage buildings and historic character streetscapes in accordance with *The Burra Charter: the Australia ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Significance* (the Burra Charter) for the benefit of present and future generations.

Encourage capital investment in the conservation and adaptive reuse of heritage buildings, for the purpose of contributing to a city of outstanding places that meets the aspirations of the community.

City of Adelaide's Roles

Advisor – City of Adelaide will support the management and conservation of heritage places by the provision of advice through the Heritage Advisory Service and the Heritage Incentives Scheme.

Custodian – City of Adelaide will act as custodian for heritage assets in public spaces (the public realm), through their identification, management and enhancement as part of public works.

Part-funder - City of Adelaide will part fund heritage conservation projects that satisfy the principles of this policy.

Partner - City of Adelaide will partner with others (community, property owners, State and Commonwealth Governments) in the management and promotion of built heritage, particularly via heritage conservation projects.

Information Provider - City of Adelaide will promote and educate to foster community awareness and appreciation of the City's built heritage.

Advocate - City of Adelaide will advocate to:

- Other spheres of Government for funding to support heritage promotion and conservation
- State Government bodies for policy changes that support the use and adaptive re-use of listed buildings
- Property owners to invest in their heritage assets.

Application of this document

City of Adelaide will undertake to support and develop services and programs that support built heritage management by:

- Supporting the conservation and promotion of the City's built heritage and historic character streetscapes in accordance with the Burra Charter by:
 - Providing professional advice during the development assessment process.
 - Grants and professional advice to conserve and revitalise-heritage buildings.
 - Fostering community awareness and promoting the value of heritage buildings and historic character streetscapes through promotional and educational activities (e.g. heritage plaques).
 - Identifying historic elements in streetscapes for the purpose of protecting and revitalising historic character streetscapes as settings for heritage places.
- Assisting property owners, community groups, industry and government in the management of built heritage.
- Part funding conservation projects that satisfy the policy principles.
- Advocating to:
 - Other spheres of Government for funding to support heritage conservation and promotion.

- Government bodies for policy changes that support the use and adaptive reuse of listed buildings.
- Property owners to invest in their heritage assets
- Conserving, preserving, restoring, maintaining and retaining the heritage significance of buildings in accordance with the Burra Charter.

OTHER USEFUL DOCUMENTS

Related documents

- *The Burra Charter: the Australia ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Significance*, 2013 (the Burra Charter)
- Heritage Strategy 2021-2036 and Action Plan
- Heritage Incentives Scheme Operating Guidelines
- Heritage Plaque Program Operating Guidelines
- Heritage Promotions Program
- Built Heritage Management (Public Realm) Operating Guidelines
- National Heritage Management Plan for the Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout

Relevant legislation

- *Planning Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 (SA)*
- *Heritage Places Act 1993 (SA)*
- *State Government Planning and Design Code*
- *Building Code of Australia*
- *Environmental Protection, Biodiversity and Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)*

GLOSSARY

Throughout this document, the below terms have been used and are defined as:

Adaptive Reuse means changing a place to suit the existing use or a proposed use.

Built Heritage refers to purposely designed and/or constructed Places including, buildings and settlement patterns, historic character streetscapes, historic areas, archaeology, designed landscapes and public realm elements.

City refers to Adelaide, North Adelaide and the Adelaide Park Lands.

Conservation as defined in The Burra Charter and for the purposes of the Policy includes preservation, restoration, reconstruction, adaptation and stabilisation.

Cultural Heritage means the aesthetic, historic, scientific, social or spiritual value for past, present or future generations embodied in the place itself, its fabric, setting, use, associations, meanings, records, related places and related objects.

Development is as defined in the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 (SA)*.

Place means a geographically defined area. It may include elements, objects, spaces and views. Place may have tangible and intangible dimensions.

Historic Character-Streetscapes are those streets and areas of the City that are characterised by a cohesive historic character and identity.

Historic Character is a place that retains the physical form, style and features of an historic period but does not satisfy the criteria for Local Heritage listing.

ADMINISTRATIVE

As part of City of Adelaide's commitment to delivering the Strategic Plan, services to the community and the provision of transparent information, all policy documents are reviewed as per legislative requirements. When no such provision is made a risk assessment approach is taken to guide the review timeframe.

This Policy document will be reviewed every **five** years unless legislative or operational change occurs beforehand. The next review is required in **2030**.

Review history:

Trim Reference	Authorising Body	Date	Description of Edits
ACC2024/106023		TBD	Policy Review. Updated to include Cultural Heritage align with the National Heritage Management Plan
ACC2017/97381	Associate Director People & Governance	8 November 2016	Minor amendments made to illustrate a change in operational process
ACC2016/94879	Strategy, Planning & Partnerships Committee	31 May 2011	Policy Review
ACC2007/84633	City Strategy & Policy Committee	27 Aug 07	Reflect HIS changes by encouraging listing
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