

Hutt Street Entry Statement - Heritage Wayfinding Signage

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Reconciliation Committee

Strategic Alignment - Our Places

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide information relating to the Hutt Street Heritage Wayfinding Signage Project as part of the Hutt Street Entry Statement project which was funded via grant agreement between the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) and City of Adelaide (CoA).

The City of Adelaide's Strategic Plan 2024-2028 has an objective to facilitate and activate our places in a safe and accessible way for our community.

The City of Adelaide is renowned for its heritage character. Cultural heritage, including heritage buildings, design landscapes and historic character streetscapes are the City's '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 Heritage Wayfinding Signage will link to the Hutt Street history trail and shared path along South Terrace and Elm Carriageway and celebrate and help to promote a rich appreciation of Hutt Street's unique history, including built and cultural heritage.

The proposed content for the signage includes a mix of primarily post-colonial social history for Hutt Street within the city's south-east corner, including historic land use, architecture, people and social practices.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT THE RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

1. Notes the Hutt Street Entry Statement – Heritage Wayfinding Elements presentation as contained within Attachment A to Item 6.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Reconciliation Committee held on 7 May 2025.
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IMPLICATIONS AND FINANCIALS

City of Adelaide 2020-2024 Strategic Plan	Strategic Alignment – Our Places Facilitate and activate our places in a safe and accessible way for our community.
Policy	Not as a result of this report
Consultation	Internal consultation is underway with the City Planning and Heritage and the Social and Reconciliation teams as part of design. Additionally, on the 16 April 2025, the project team presented to Panpanpalya about the project at the concept phase.
Resource	The project will be delivered through a combination of Council resources, contract staff and an external contractor.
Risk / Legal / Legislative	Not as a result of this report
Opportunities	This project will support delivery of Outcome 3 of the Heritage Strategy 2021 – 2036 and Action Plan by celebrating our built and cultural heritage.
24/25 Budget Allocation	\$80,000 (solely funded via grant agreement between Department for Infrastructure and Transport and CoA).
Proposed 25/26 Budget Allocation	Not as a result of this report
Life of Project, Service, Initiative or (Expectancy of) Asset	5 – 10-year asset life.
24/25 Budget Reconsideration (if applicable)	Not as a result of this report
Ongoing Costs (eg maintenance cost)	The signage will be maintained to the appropriate service level. Following completion of design, ongoing costs will be determined.
Other Funding Sources	Not as a result of this report

DISCUSSION

1. The purpose of this report is to provide information about the Hutt Street Heritage Wayfinding Signage, to be delivered as part of the Hutt Street Entry Statement project.
2. The project team presented to Panpapanpalya on 16 April 2025 and the presentation is contained in **Attachment A**.
3. The Hutt Street Entry Statement project construction was substantially completed in November 2024 and comprises:
 - 3.1. Artwork – delivery of 3 commissioned public art works to create a sense of arrival to the city, including ‘Journey’ with Kaurua language embedded along the Hutt Road footpath, paired piece ‘Windmill’ and ‘Young Living’ at South Terrace. A final art piece was installed at either side of the intersection of Hutt Street and Halifax Street entitled ‘Togetherness’.
 - 3.2. A New Path Network – safer and improved access for pedestrians and cyclists through the Park Lands to Hutt Street through delivery of wider sealed footpaths and cycle lanes, new path lighting, a new signalised pedestrian crossing linking the Park Lands Trail and accessible parking spaces adjacent the South Terrace intersection.
 - 3.3. Shade and Greening – delivery of water sensitive urban design and planting of native trees and garden beds.
 - 3.4. Community Space and Rest Stops – creation of pedestrian nodes as meeting places and rest points with attractive seating in attractive and shaded settings.
 - 3.5. Stormwater and Roadway Upgrades – new stormwater infrastructure and renewal of the road surface, with new line marking.
4. The objectives of the Heritage Wayfinding Signage are to:
 - 4.1. Provide engaging content with strategic placement along Hutt Street promoting Hutt Street and City south-east heritage sites, places, building, social history, and incorporating unsigned trails.
 - 4.2. Deliver in-situ signage located primarily throughout the pedestrian-focused “Village” Heart of Hutt Street with additional directions to heritage sites on side streets and areas of interest within the south-east precinct.
 - 4.3. Promote and celebrate local Kaurua cultural heritage and sites and considered use of Kaurua place naming.
5. The Heritage Wayfinding Signage scope includes 3 - 4 primary sign elements, along with a number of smaller intermediate sign elements, creating a connected interpretive wayfinding trail (the final number of designs will be resolved as part of finalising concept design).
6. The project proposes to acknowledge the Kaurua people as the traditional custodians of the Adelaide Plains and their deep connection to country.
 - 6.1. Site 1 adjacent South Terrace will provide opportunity for Kaurua narrative content and has been selected due to proximity to the Park Lands.
 - 6.2. Sites 2 – 4 may include references to places of interest within walking distance of Hutt Street and where appropriate, locations may include both European and Kaurua place names. A nearby example would include *Victoria Park / Pakapakanthi*.

Next Steps

7. Completion of the research and consolidation phase for signage narrative and imagery by the designer, which may include cultural heritage referrals.
8. Finalisation of narrative and imagery for the signage involving continued internal engagement with the City Planning and Heritage and the Social and Reconciliation teams.
9. Progression of design development and fabrication of signage ready for install.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Hutt Street Entry Statement – Heritage Wayfinding Elements presentation

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