

History and Heritage Awards 2022

Guidelines and Nomination Form

Nominations close at 5:00 pm on **Monday 18 July 2022**



1. Introduction

The City of Onkaparinga is the largest metropolitan council in South Australia. It is located south of Adelaide and has a varied landscape, including the hills and coastal land, rural farmland, suburban blocks, light industrial uses and vineyards.

Our city is rich in both Aboriginal and European heritage. There are six historic areas within the council which contain a concentration of historic buildings in landscape settings that represent the early settlement of the area and the establishment of early ways of life. Built heritage within the City of Onkaparinga comprises of heritage places of state and local significance. There are a total of 487 heritage places, comprising 85 State Heritage listed places, 372 Local Heritage listed places and 30 Representative Buildings within the council area.

We are committed to the conservation of our built heritage and recognise the benefit of a broad approach to heritage conservation, incorporating both statutory protection and voluntary incentive measures. We have, and are continuing to develop, a range of initiatives to assist in the protection of our built heritage. The Historic Area Statements and policies within the State Government's [Planning and Design Code](#) assist us in maintaining and preserving the historic character of the townships and heritage listed properties.

In addition, other City of Onkaparinga initiatives include:

- a heritage advisory service, which can be accessed by owners of local heritage properties within the City of Onkaparinga
- heritage grants for conservation work to local heritage buildings
- events/workshops on traditional skills and techniques.

The City of Onkaparinga is holding its biennial History and Heritage Awards in 2022. The Awards will recognise outstanding contributions to heritage conservation, education, promotion, interpretation and awareness-raising within the council area. The Awards aim to honour individuals and organisations including but not limited to: heritage property owners, students, schools, community groups, volunteers, and historical and educational organisations. The judging panel will assess the nominations and decide the winners.

2. Strategic Context

Community Plan 2030

Our Community Plan 2030 outlines our big picture goals – the future we aspire for our city to achieve. It sets the focus for our Council, painting a clear picture of the outcomes we want to bring to life – which add together to form our vision of strong, vibrant communities.

The plan has four themes that will contribute to this vision being realised:

- People
- Place
- Prosperity
- Performance

Under each theme are *key result areas* and *outcomes* that describe what we aspire to achieve by 2030. The following *outcomes* relate to conservation of built heritage and associated initiatives:

We value local creativity, encourage diverse cultural expression, and respect our Aboriginal, European and other cultural heritage.

We encourage sustainable residential development that improves our city's liveability, values our natural areas, and protects our Aboriginal and built heritage.

3. Purpose

The key objective of the History and Heritage Awards is to promote and recognise a variety of initiatives within, or associated with, the City of Onkaparinga that have contributed to the promotion, conservation and understanding of our history and heritage.

4. Categories

There are four categories of award:

A. Heritage Places – restoration and conservation

For outstanding project that involved sensitive conservation and restoration of Local Heritage listed places in the City of Onkaparinga. This award would be presented to the owners of a Local Heritage listed place.

B. Heritage Places – additions

For outstanding project in sympathetically designed alterations and additions to Local Heritage listed places in the City of Onkaparinga. This award would be presented to the owners of a Local Heritage listed place.

C. Heritage Places – adaptive reuse

For projects that involved outstanding innovative adaptive reuse of Local Heritage listed places in the City of Onkaparinga, whilst having minimal impact on its cultural heritage significance and setting. This award would be presented to the owners of a Local Heritage listed place.

D. Traditional Building Skills

For outstanding application of traditional skills and techniques while undertaking conservation and restoration of a Local Heritage listed place in the City of Onkaparinga. This award is intended for tradespeople who are applying and promoting traditional skills and techniques in building conservation.

5. Criteria

Nominations in each category will be judged against the following criteria:

A. Heritage Places - restoration and conservation

- The conservation/restoration works have enhanced the long-term survival and heritage integrity of the place.
- The works have been undertaken without loss of significant heritage fabric and with the least possible physical intervention.
- The works are compatible with the original building in scale, form and materials.
- The works demonstrate a high quality standard.

B. Heritage Places – additions

- The additions achieve an excellent balance in being both complementary to the historic building while clearly identifiable as a new or non-historic element.
- The additions are sensitive to the scale, form and materials of the historic building.

- The additions have been undertaken with the least possible intervention to the significant fabric of the existing place.
- The additions are sympathetic to the existing historic building.
- The additions display excellence in innovation and design with regard to both external appearance and internal spaces.
- The additions demonstrate a commitment to the quality of outcome in terms of aesthetics, design and workmanship.

C. Heritage Places – adaptive reuse

- The adaptation was carried out with minimal impact on significant heritage fabric, layout and setting.
- The adaptation involved minimal impact on the cultural significance of the place and minimal loss of original building.
- The adaptation involved reuse of significant elements of the place in the new use.
- The adaptation incorporates or provides good interpretation of the previous use/s and arrangement of the building or place.
- The adaptation displays excellence in innovation and design with regard to both external appearance and internal spaces.
- The adaptation demonstrates a commitment to the quality of outcome in terms of aesthetics and in design and workmanship.

D. Traditional Building Skills

The tradesperson should demonstrate:

- high standard in applying traditional building skills
- the ability to successfully execute traditional techniques in a modern context
- that the works have been planned and executed to minimise negative impacts on historic fabric
- that the works have been undertaken in such a way that they are reversible where practical
- that traditional materials and techniques were employed where possible
- that the replacement components match existing components as closely as possible, but on close inspection should be identifiable as new
- an ability to achieve an appropriate aesthetic outcome and appearance while implementing traditional techniques.

6. Conditions of entry

- i. Nominations for the City of Onkaparinga 2022 History and Heritage Awards are open to the general public, with eligibility restricted to projects and initiatives undertaken within the Council area.
- ii. Nominations can relate to commercial, residential, governmental, public places, including those of not-for-profit bodies.
- iii. Anyone may nominate a place, work or person.
- iv. Any entries involving works that require development approval must have received approval before works were undertaken.
- v. Owner approval is necessary for the nomination of a place to proceed through the awards process. Nominators may acquire approval and provide it with the nomination form, or the council will seek to obtain approval when the nomination is received.
- vi. Projects completed within the last three (3) years ie between 1 July 2019 and 1 July 2022 are eligible.
- vii. Entries can only be considered under one category.

- viii. Entries should provide supporting documentation and photographs with the nomination form.
- ix. Late nominations will not be considered.
- x. Short-listed properties must be available for inspection by the judging panel at a time suitable to all parties.
- xi. The judging panel reserves the right not to select a winning entry or commend an entry in any category.
- xii. The judges' decision is final and no negotiation will be entered into.
- xiii. Each nomination remains the property of the council and the council reserves the right to use information and photographs of nominated projects on publicity material, websites and in media releases.
- xiv. Council shall take no responsibility for the content of the nomination submissions. It is the responsibility of those nominating a building, work or person to ensure that all care has been taken to identify and acknowledge the contribution and work of all relevant parties.
- xv. Entries that do not receive an award are eligible to enter in subsequent years.

7. Awards Ceremony

The winners will be honoured at a ceremony on Saturday 24 September 2022.

8. Closing date for nominations

Nominations close at 5:00 pm on Monday 18 July 2022.

Nominations can be lodged online at www.onkaparingacity.com/builtheritage

Hard copies of the nomination will be provided on request.

9. Further information

Contact Divya Bali Dogra (Built Heritage Planner) on 8384 0552 or divya.balidogra@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au or visit www.onkaparingacity.com/builtheritage