

## WELCOME TO THE **SPRING EDITION** OF THE MOUNT LOFTY RANGES WORLD HERITAGE BID NEWSLETTER.

The Mount Lofty Ranges World Heritage bid is on track to complete the National Heritage nomination for submission to the federal government in February 2017.



### Upcoming Community Information Sessions

In support of our nomination for National Heritage listing we will be holding community information sessions across the Mount Lofty Ranges region in November 2016. The details are as follows and all interested members of the public are invited to attend:

**3 November 2016**, 6pm - 8pm (Adelaide Hills region)

Gumeracha Civic Centre, 45 Albert Street, Gumeracha

**10 November 2016**, 6pm - 8pm (Southern region)

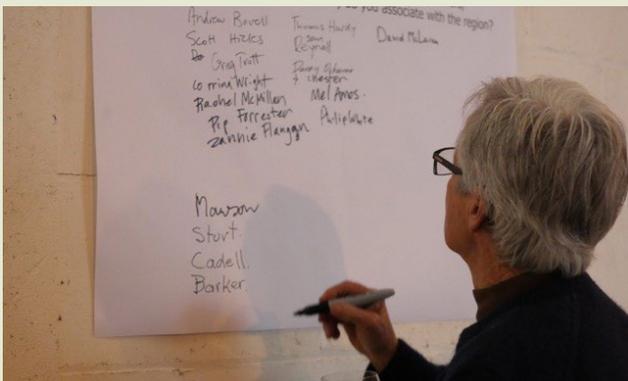
Strathalbyn Library, 1 Colman Terraces, Strathalbyn

**17 November 2016**, 6pm - 8pm (Mount Barker region)

Local Government Centre, Mount Barker Homemaker Centre  
6 Dutton Road, Mount Barker

**21 November 2016**, 6pm - 8pm (Northern region)

The Barossa Council Chambers, 43-51 Tanunda Road,  
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### Community and stakeholder online surveys

As part of the regional engagement around our draft nomination dossier we have produced two online surveys, one targeted at the general community, and the other at community and industry stakeholders who may wish to make a more detailed contribution to the nomination process. However anyone is welcome to complete one or both of the surveys at these links: [Community Survey](#), and [Stakeholder Survey](#).

### National Heritage nomination

Former state historian and immediate past president of the History Council of South Australia Dr Susan Marsden has been undertaking a review of the draft nomination document, which will go out for further expert peer review in November, to be undertaken by archaeologist and heritage consultant Richard Mackay, cultural landscape specialist Juliet Ramsay and architect and past member of the Australian Heritage Council

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Helen Lardner. The Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR) will also undertake a review. Progression of the nomination dossier has involved ongoing mapping of the historical values and associated sites and attributes, and the development of boundary options for the proposed National Heritage site in the context of those values and attributes.



## National Heritage nomination regional workshops

A series of regional stakeholder workshops were held in the Adelaide Hills, Barossa and McLaren Vale to test and develop the National Heritage list criteria, and the associated national values and attributes that have been identified. A video overview of the Southern workshop held in McLaren Vale can be found [here](#). As a result of this work a “core boundary” has been identified, with a range of options to amend that boundary in the coming weeks, subject to a review of the data and information coming in from our ongoing community, industry and local government engagement processes. The draft core boundary and expansion options can be viewed on the maps section of our website [here](#).

## Political advocacy and regional engagement

Project Steering Group Chair, Mayor Lorraine Rosenberg, and members of our project team have continued meeting with government and industry representatives at both the state and federal level, with renewed advocacy becoming necessary in the wake of the 2016 federal election, change of federal environment minister and appointment of a new Chair to the Australian Heritage Council. A range of regional stakeholders, including local government, community and history groups, primary producers, agricultural bureaus and wine and tourism industry representatives were also invited to participate in the National Heritage nomination regional stakeholder workshops held during September.

## University of Adelaide supporting research

The University of Adelaide has also been undertaking independent supporting research in the form of case studies of bio-cultural diversity in McLaren Vale and the Barossa, and that work will be published in early 2017 with the support of DEWNR.



## State government support

The Project Management team is pleased to announce that the Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation, the Hon Ian Hunter MLC is providing ongoing in kind support to the bid through DEWNR, in the form of staff support for GIS mapping, access to spatial data sets and the provision of an expert peer review of the National Heritage nomination. The Economic Advisory Group led by Marc Allgrove are also delighted that the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) responded positively to their request to grant \$15,000 to develop an economic data set to enable monitoring of the economic impacts of the bid over time. Developing such a data set is well supported in the Rebanks report *World Heritage Status – Is there opportunity for economic gain?* where it says... “...those sites that go through a detailed process of consultation and strategy development looking at what WHS status will mean for their communities and economy tend to be the sites that go onto to deliver these impacts.” PIRSA have also offered staff support and access to state government economic data.

## Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) 2016 Rural and Regional Planning Conference

Former Project Management Group Chair and Director, Strategy and Development at Adelaide Hills Council Marc Salver will deliver a paper entitled *Pursuing World Heritage Listing as a Regional Development Tool* at the inaugural PIA Rural and Regional Planning Conference to be held in Stanthorpe, Queensland, 26-28 October 2016. Co-authored with Project Manager Stephanie Johnston, the paper highlights how the bid is using best practice models

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to pursue WHS listing as a stimulus for socio-economic development and sustainable land management practices, and to create an enhanced identity for the region that aims to fundamentally influence its future economic trajectory. A copy of the presentation is available on project's website.



## Retirements

The ongoing success of the Mount Lofty Ranges World Heritage project relies heavily on the extraordinary commitment, enthusiasm and generosity of numerous highly qualified individuals who donate their time, experience, expertise and wisdom to furthering the project through their contributions to our six expert advisory groups.

We would like to take this opportunity to send a special thanks to soil scientist James Hall who recently stepped down from chairing the Landscape Advisory Group, and to Paul Stark and Julie Fiedler who have been active members of our Heritage and Community Advisory Groups over the past three years, and who will all continue to take a strong interest in the project into the future.

**We thank all our supporters for your continued support and we look forward to bringing you a further update in the New Year.**