

Guidelines



# Heritage Awards





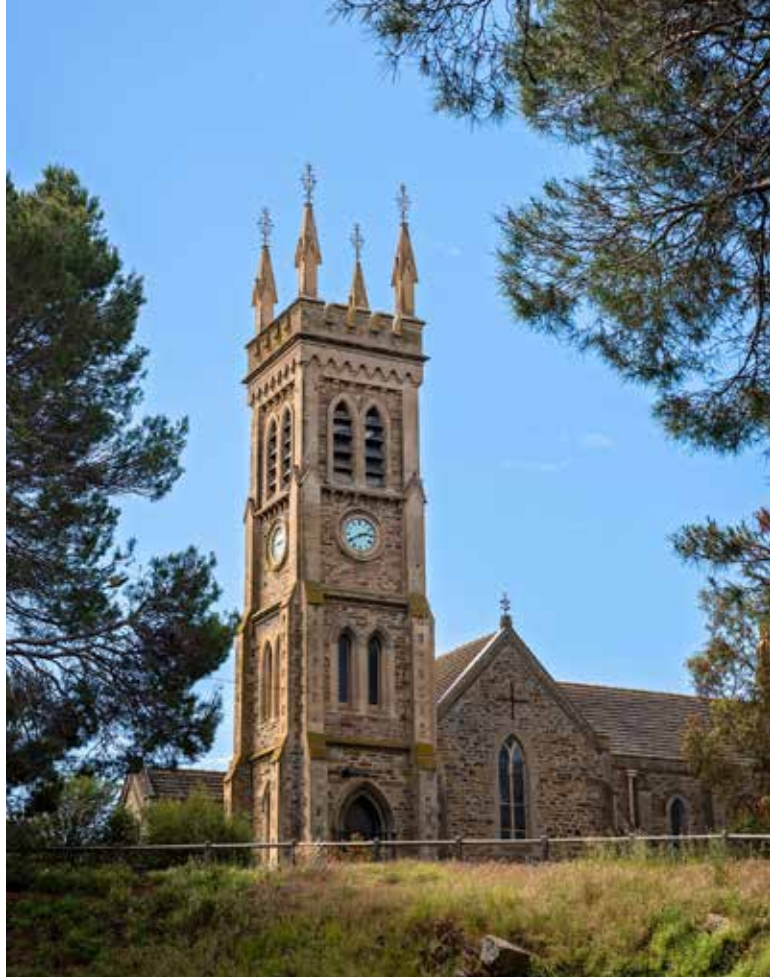
# About the Alexandrina Council Heritage Awards

The Alexandrina Council Heritage Awards are the premier heritage event in the region. They highlight best practice in heritage centric projects across a number of categories. As well as showcasing the very best of heritage practices, the awards also educate the wider community about the importance of conserving and activating our local heritage.

# Why enter the awards?

The awards attract media interest, ensuring that the industry, government and community recognise and commend finalists and winners that demonstrate innovation and best practice in celebrating the heritage of the Alexandrina Council Region. Projects are featured in the Alexandrina Council Newsletter, website and other promotional material.

Please ensure that you have read these Guidelines and consulted with the Town Planner (Executive Officer, Heritage Advisory Committee) on **8555 7000** or via **alex@alexandrina.sa.gov.au**



St Andrews Church, Strathalbyn

## Eligibility

What kind of projects are eligible?	Yes	No
Projects undertaken within the Alexandrina Council area	✓	
Projects that are eligible in one of the five categories	✓	
Nominations that address all of the relevant criteria	✓	
Projects at Local or State Heritage listed places/areas	✓	
Projects at places that aren't formally listed but have demonstrated heritage/historical significance (supported with a statement of historic significance)	✓	
Nominations for residential, rural, commercial or public projects	✓	
Projects that have not sought the relevant development approval/s for works undertaken		✗
Projects completed more than three years ago, from the nomination closing date		✗
Nominations that do not have evidence of the consent of the land/project owner		✗

# What are the nomination categories?

Council are seeking to celebrate and raise the profile of heritage within our region, and contribute to a Liveable, Green and Connected Alexandrina. Preserving built heritage and activating heritage assets and making heritage interpretive to a wider variety of people will spark a new generation of interest and passion for being immersed and sharing the stories of our past. Projects must qualify under one of the following five categories to be eligible:

## Heritage Tourism

Nominations in this category must be a project, business or product that enriches and/or improves a heritage experience by helping visitors to develop a strong sense of understanding and appreciation of a place, area and/or the region.

The nomination may be a tour, historic trail, festival, event, commemorative event, exhibition, a form of accommodation or commercial activity, cruise, performance, educational activity or program, interpretation works or signage, community engagement program, museum display or interactive experience, website or app.

## Conservation Practice

This category recognises a commitment the conservation of a State or Local Heritage Listed Place or a building/place, either urban or rural, which has a clear link to the local heritage of the town or district. The aim of conservation is to retain the cultural significance of a place.

Projects will be assessed based on how the works conserve the heritage integrity of the place/building as well as their contribution to the streetscape. Any local partnerships fostered/supported (eg. the use local stone masons/trades) will also be considered.

A project can be nominated in one of two sections within this category:

- a) Small Scale Projects/Works**  
For project/works with a total cost not exceeding \$50,000.
- b) Large Scale Projects/Works**  
For project/works with a total cost exceeding \$50,000.

## Adaptive Reuse

Nominations in this category must demonstrate the ability to repurpose a heritage or historic building/site to ensure that it is retained and used in a productive way.

The adaptation needs to have had minimal impact on the building's heritage fabric, celebrate and provide interpretation on the heritage of the building/site and any previous uses or occupiers. The new use of the building/site should also exhibit a level of innovation and creativity.

## Heritage Gardens and Fencing

This category recognises the importance of gardens in enhancing the character of a heritage building or place and its positive impact on a street or area. Nominations could include a garden and its layout, a fence, hedge or even artwork. The identified project must have connection to the heritage/historic significance or the era of the building/place.

## Historic Research

Nominations in this category must be for a person(s), organisation or community group that has undertaken local historic research and documented it as a digital story, oral histories, an open day, conference or symposium, video, film, book or publication.

## Mayoral Award

An applicant cannot nominate for this award. The Mayoral Award is presented to one outstanding nomination, and can be from any of the five categories. This award, as judged by the Mayor, is presented to the nomination believed to best celebrate the heritage of the Alexandrina region and in doing so, provide a long lasting benefit to the community.

# Nomination process

**Nominations are open to the members of the public, the wider Alexandrina community, business', industry partners and anyone who wishes to nominate an eligible project.**

Nominations are accepted on a rolling basis, however in order to adequately process nominations for the awards evening, nominations received less than 6 weeks prior to the date of the awards event will be considered in the following year's awards. The awards event will always be held in May as part of the SA History Festival.

Nominations must address all relevant criteria and be accompanied by supporting digital photographs that are able to be used for the awards event as well as any other promotional opportunities.

Nominations must be lodged online at [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/heritageawards](http://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/heritageawards)

**Nominations for the Awards will be accepted until **Friday of the first week of April** each year.**



## More Information

If you have any questions about the nomination process, please contact the Town Planner (Executive Officer, Heritage Advisory Committee) on **8555 7000** or via [alex@alexandrina.sa.gov.au](mailto:alex@alexandrina.sa.gov.au)

# Nomination criteria

Heritage Tourism - Criteria	Word limit
Provide an overview of your heritage tourism project, business or product.	Up to 300 words
To the best of your knowledge, provide an overview of the heritage significance of the place, area and/or region.	Up to 300 words
What methods have been used to highlight and convey the message and heritage significance of the place, area and/or region? (eg. technology, interpretation).	Up to 300 words
Outline how the project, business or product helps visitors to understand, appreciate and experience the heritage place/area.	Up to 300 words
Specify the unique contribution/benefit that the project, business or product has made to the heritage tourism industry within the Alexandrina Council Region (eg. increased visitation, employment)	Up to 300 words
Up to three (3) supporting high-resolution digital photographs that are able to be used for the awards event as well as any other promotional opportunities.	N/A

Conservation Practice - Criteria	Word limit
Provide adequate documentation validating the cost of project/works.	N/A
To the best of your knowledge, provide an overview of the heritage significance of the building/place.	Up to 300 words
Outline the extent of works undertaken and how they have enhanced the long-term survival and heritage integrity of the place/building. This can include how the works have been undertaken without loss of significant heritage fabric and with the least possible physical intervention.	Up to 300 words
Identify any local partnerships fostered/supported throughout the project (e.g. local specialised tradespeople, heritage experts, etc.).	Up to 300 words
Specify how the project/works benefit and contribute to the heritage/historic significance of the Alexandrina Council Region, inclusive of any contribution to the local streetscape.	Up to 300 words
Up to three (3) supporting high-resolution digital photographs that are able to be used for the awards event as well as any other promotional opportunities. Where possible include a before and after image.	N/A

<b>Adaptive Re-use – Criteria</b>	<b>Word limit</b>
To the best of your knowledge, provide an overview of the heritage/historic significance of the building/place.	Up to 300 words
Outline the adaptation that has occurred including how there has been minimal impact on the cultural significance, heritage fabric, layout and setting of the building/place.	400 words
Outline how the project helps visitors to understand, appreciate and experience the heritage place/ area, its significant elements and any previous uses or occupiers.	Up to 300 words
Provide details of how the adaptation is innovative and creative and provides quality outcomes with a lasting benefit for the community.	Up to 300 words
Up to three (3) supporting high-resolution digital photographs that are able to be used for the awards event as well as any other promotional opportunities. Where possible include a before & after image.	N/A

<b>Heritage Gardens and Fencing – Criteria</b>	<b>Word limit</b>
To the best of your knowledge, provide an overview of the heritage/historic significance of the building/place.	Up to 300 words
Outline details of the garden and/or fencing work that has been undertaken including its connection to the heritage/historic significance or the era of the building/place.	Up to 300 words
Detail how the garden and/or fencing contributes to the amenity and character of the street/area.	Up to 300 words
Outline the significance of the garden and/or fencing works and the lasting benefit it will provide the community. (up to 300 words).	Up to 300 words
Up to three (3) supporting high-resolution digital photographs that are able to be used for the awards event as well as any other promotional opportunities.	N/A

<b>Historic Research – Criteria</b>	<b>Word limit</b>
Outline the subject matter of the research and its significance to the heritage/history of the Alexandrina Region.	Up to 300 words
Provide details/timeline of the research and development of the method of documentation.	Up to 300 words
Detail how the findings/research will be able to be interpreted/utilised/experienced by the Alexandrina community (and beyond), including its capability of being adapted for use as an educational resource.	Up to 300 words
Up to three (3) supporting high-resolution digital photographs that are able to be used for the awards event as well as any other promotional opportunities.	N/A

# Judging process

Following the cut off date for nominations in that respective year, nominations will be compiled by administration and presented to the Heritage Awards Judging Panel for determination.

A judging panel is formed each year and is a combination of Council staff, an Elected Member representative, members of the Heritage Advisory Committee and Council's Heritage Advisor. Judging is undertaken using judging criteria that are consistent with the nomination criteria, with each nomination being awarded a score out of the applicable number of points for its respective category.

The judges may choose to recognise more than one winner in each category and one or more commendations. The judges may also reserve the right to not select a winner or commendation.

Nominations are then presented to the Mayor for the selection of the Mayoral Award.



Steamranger, Strathalbyn

## Important information

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### When and where is the Awards evening?

The Heritage Awards evening is held in May each year as a part of the SA History Festival. The date changes each year, as does the location. In 2022, the Awards evening will be held on Thursday 26 May at the Strathalbyn Show Hall, Coronation Road, Strathalbyn. Further details can be found on the website [alexandrina.sa.gov.au/heritageawards](http://alexandrina.sa.gov.au/heritageawards)

#### What if my project could be nominated in more than one category?

Projects are only able to be nominated under one category. Choose the category that you think best reflects the heart of your project.

#### Can I nominate a project from outside of the Alexandrina Council area?

No, projects must be local to the Alexandrina Council area.

#### Can I nominate a project that I did not undertake?

Yes, you can nominate a project that you believe is worthy of an award, where you did not undertake the work, providing you supply written consent/ acknowledgement from the owner in your nomination. If successful in gaining an award, the owner of the project will be recognised, not the nominator.

#### If I want to nominate a project but I do not know the owner's contact details, can Council assist?

If it is relating to an address, either residential, rural or commercial, in the Alexandrina Council area, Council can provide the postal address for the property owner. If you require this information, please request it in writing via [alex@alexandrina.sa.gov.au](mailto:alex@alexandrina.sa.gov.au)

#### Is there any prize money for award winners?

No, there is no prize money associated with this event. Award winners receive a certificate of recognition, a commemorative plaque and publicity of their project on Council communication platforms.





Private residence, Middleton

### **I have met all of the nomination criteria; does this mean I will automatically win an award?**

No, meeting all of the nomination criteria does not guarantee an award or commendation. The determination of an award or commendation is at the discretion of the judging panel.

### **How do I find out if my project requires a Development Approval?**

In most cases, work on a listed Local or State Heritage Place will trigger the need for a development approval. In any other case, dependent on the nature of the building work, an approval may also be required. Please contact Council's Duty Planner on 8555 7000 to determine if an application is required.

### **Turns out I needed Development Approval but I didn't know, how do I rectify this?**

You will need to lodge a development application for retrospective approval of the works undertaken to legalise their completion. If you need assistance with the process of lodging a development application, please contact Council's Planning Administration Team on **8555 7000** or via **[alex@alexandrina.sa.gov.au](mailto:alex@alexandrina.sa.gov.au)**

### **If I have to lodge for retrospective approval, can I still nominate for an award?**

You will need to wait until you have your approval to attach it to your nomination, this may mean that you fall into the following years' award consideration if you run out of time.

### **Once I submit my nomination how will I know if I have to attend the Awards evening?**

The Awards evening is a public event, so no formal invitation is necessary, but an email containing the details of the event will be circulated to all nominees and whoever they would like to bring around two weeks prior to the event. Bookings for the Awards must be made via Eventbrite.

## **Further Information**

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