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2019 Alexandrina Council Heritage Awards

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The Mount Compass War Memorial Hall was well attended on Thursday 2 May for the annual Alexandrina Council Heritage Awards.

Organised by Council's Heritage Advisory Committee as part of the South Australian History Festival, the awards recognise and celebrate the hard work undertaken by residents on some of our most iconic heritage properties, along with those who contribute to recognising and researching our region's history and heritage.

The evening began with a talk by special guest, Keith Conlon. Keith is a retired veteran of radio and television current affairs in Adelaide. With a well recognised passion for celebrating South Australia's heritage and historic stories, he earned himself the nickname 'Mr South Australia' during his time as host and reporter on the national award winning show Postcards on Channel 9.

Keith provided some interesting insights into the work undertaken in his role as Chair of the State Heritage Council and his observations on the current status of heritage in SA were followed by presentation of the awards by Alexandrina Council Mayor Keith Parkes.

Award categories and winners were:

- **Streetscape Contribution** – Garry and Sarina Mueller – '48 West Terrace', Strathalbyn.
- **Building Restoration** – Stuart and Helen Brasted – 'Dwelling at Blake Road', Paris Creek.
- **Conservation Practice** – Shad Dunlop – 'Bluestone Barn', Port Elliot.
 - Commendations to Paul and Linkoln Edwards for 'Stonegate House', Strathalbyn, and Jane Campbell for 'Dwelling at Hooper Road', Strathalbyn.
- **Adaptive Re-use of Heritage Land** – Cindy Westphalen – 'Woodburn Homestead', Langhorne Creek.
 - Commendation to Darren Mace for 'The Stables' at Langhorne Creek.
- **Historic Research** – David Thompson – 'Wall of Remembrance', Mount Compass, and David Finnie and Kathy Gambling – 'Strathalbyn's High Street'
 - Commendation to Linton Jacobs and Steve Kettle for 'Where the Compass Leads You – Part 2.'
- **Community Project** – Richardson Hall at Woodchester.
 - Commendation to Hindmarsh Island Landcare Group.

The evening culminated in the presentation of the **Alexandrina Heritage Award** (which was selected from

the seven category award recipients) to Garry and Sarina Mueller for '48 West Terrace', Strathalbyn.

'48 West Terrace' was built in 1864 by Richard Trenouth, a notable Strathalbyn builder, as a typical smaller residence constructed for early settlers utilising local stone. Significant work has been undertaken to repair and restore both the interior and exterior of the cottage as well as creating a simple but appropriately styled front garden. The property is now being operated as a Bed and Breakfast.

The committee felt that the upgrade and in particular the garden has added significantly to the streetscape of West Terrace, setting a fine example of Strathalbyn's heritage character and charm.

A light supper was warmly enjoyed by all in attendance to finish off a fantastic night.