

National Heritage List

The National Heritage List recognises and protects our most valued natural, Indigenous and historic heritage sites. It reflects the story of our development, from our original inhabitants to the present day, Australia's spirit and ingenuity, and our unique, living landscapes.

Each place in the List has been assessed by the Australian Heritage Council as having outstanding heritage value to the nation, and is protected under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. This means that approval must be obtained before taking any action that may have a significant impact on the national heritage values of the place. In this way, we can retain our heritage for future generations.

To ensure ongoing protection, each listed place should have management arrangements in place to conserve and interpret the heritage values of the site.

The National Heritage List enables all Australians to value, protect, and celebrate our unique heritage.

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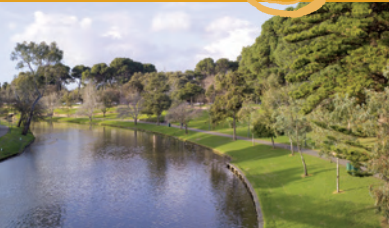
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Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout



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The Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout is widely regarded as a masterwork of urban design and signifies a turning point in the settlement of Australia. It was the first place in Australia to be planned and developed, not as a penal settlement or military outpost, but as a place for free settlers. The area received Australia's highest heritage honour when it was included in the National Heritage List on 7 November 2008.

Enduring design

- The Adelaide Park Lands and City Layout model has been used widely by other towns in Australia and overseas. It is recognised by town planners and historians as a major influence on the Garden City planning movement, one of the most important western urban planning initiatives in history.
- The picturesque Adelaide Park Lands is important to the identity of South Australia. It is a hallmark of the city's original design, which has maintained elements of its historical layout for more than 170 years.

Historical significance

- Surveyor Colonel William Light planned and founded the city of Adelaide in only eight weeks. His vision was for a metropolitan city surrounded by more than 900 hectares of park lands, with wide streets, several town squares, and the flowing Torrens River separating two major city areas. These lasting elements of his 1837 plan still are still in existence today.

A city in a park

- Adelaide is the only Australian city to be completely enclosed by park lands and has the most extensive and intact 19th century park lands in Australia.
- Adelaide Park Lands also has strong links to the Adelaide community as a place for many leisure activities and civic events. Community groups have campaigned for its protection as far back as 1869.