

Consultation Notice

under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988 (SA)*

Poonindie Cemetery Works

Project information

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs (Minister) is currently consulting on an application for authorisations under sections 21 and 23 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988 (SA)* (Act) from District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula (Applicant) to carry out upgrade works at the Poonindie Cemetery (the Project). Works include the installation of a new rabbit-exclusion fence, signage, benches and a shelter. The cemetery is located about 17 km north of Port Lincoln.

Aboriginal heritage

The Poonindie Cemetery is listed on Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation's central archives for its historical association with the former Poonindie Mission, which was operated by the Church of England between 1850 and 1894. Despite the Project being conservation-oriented, the Applicant acknowledges that the works are proposed within an Aboriginal site, and therefore interference with that site by the Project may be inevitable. On this basis, the Applicant has sought the authorisations to avoid any inadvertent breach of the Act in delivering the Project.

Heritage management

The Applicant engaged Flinders University to carry out a Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) assessment over parts of the Poonindie Cemetery in September 2022. The results of the GPR assessment would help the Applicant identify and avoid the many unmarked burials in the Poonindie Cemetery during Project works.

Aboriginal Community consultation meeting

**Thursday 8 February 2024
from 6:00 pm**

At The Terrace Hotel located at 208 South Terrace, Adelaide SA 5000.

You may also attend this meeting online in Port Lincoln at the Port Lincoln Airport (PLA) Conference Room (Old PLA Terminal) located at Lincoln Highway, North Shields SA 5607.

A light supper will be provided at both venues; RSVPs are required for catering.

Have your say

Before considering whether to give an authorisation, the Minister must consult with Traditional Owners, interested Aboriginal parties and the State Aboriginal Heritage Committee.

If you are a Traditional Owner or an interested Aboriginal person or organisation, Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation (AAR) wants to hear from you. You can ask questions about the Project or give AAR your views by emailing AAR.CIR@sa.gov.au or calling (08) 8429 9419.

Further information

AAR has prepared a detailed Consultation Information Pack for the Project, which is available at agd.sa.gov.au/heritage-applications

**Consultation closes on
Thursday 22 February 2024**



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Legend

AAR Heritage Sites

■ Determined

Application Area

▭ Application Area

Land Parcels

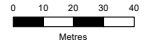
▭ Land Parcels

Roads

- ▬ Highway
- ▬ Principal Road
- ▬ Secondary Road
- ▬ Minor Road
- ▬ Watercourses



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