



Sun City Precinct, Two Rocks

The Heritage Council of Western Australia has determined that *Sun City Precinct, Two Rocks* has cultural heritage significance and that stakeholders and the general public should be consulted about the proposal to enter the place in the State Register of Heritage Places. This Fact Sheet provides information about the proposed registration.

What is the role of the Heritage Council of WA?

The Heritage Council of Western Australia is the State Government's advisory body on heritage matters. It is vested with functions and powers under the *Heritage Act 2018*. The Heritage Council is charged with the compilation of the State's Register of Heritage Places.

The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage provides administrative support to the Heritage Council.

What is the State Register?

The State Register is a statutory list of places that help tell the story of Western Australia's history and development since European contact. Entry in the Register is reserved for places that have been found to have State cultural significance. The Register acknowledges the value and importance of a place and promotes its conservation. There are currently 1,380 places in the State Register.

Who decides what should be entered in the State Register?

The role of the Heritage Council is to determine the State significance of a place. The Minister for Heritage makes the final decision on whether a place is entered in the State Register.

What is the heritage significance of *Sun City Precinct, Two Rocks*?

Sun City Precinct, Two Rocks contains elements of the Yanchep Sun City residential, commercial, and recreational development of the 1970s, namely the Two Rocks Marina, shopping centre, and tavern. The place reflects a period of growth and development in the area during the 1970s and 1980s, largely associated with the Bond Corporation's efforts to promote tourism and commercial enterprise. The place also includes the site of the former Atlantis Marine Park, a popular tourist attraction of the 1980s, and its remnant the King Neptune Sculpture, which has become a landmark and embraced by local residents as a symbol for Two Rocks.

What is a heritage precinct, and why has this boundary been proposed for entry in the Register?

A heritage precinct is a place where the relationship between the buildings, spaces and other features create a special sense of place, which collectively tell a particular story.

The boundary that is proposed for registration comprises elements which best represent the Yanchep Sun City development, specifically the Two Rocks Marina and commercial district (Two Rocks Shopping Centre and Tavern).

What does entry in the State Register mean for Sun City Precinct, Two Rocks?

Entry in the Register will recognise and celebrate the distinctive heritage values of Sun City Precinct, Two Rocks and will offer protection under the *Heritage Act 2018*, ensuring any major changes proposed are in keeping with its cultural heritage significance.

What are the benefits of registration?

Registration recognises the place and its significance to the State story and ensures the story can continue to be recognised into the future. Registration also provides the opportunity to apply to the Heritage Grants Program to provide funding for any physical conservation works or preparation of conservation management planning documents.

What does registration mean for any proposed development within Sun City Precinct, Two Rocks?

Places entered on the State Register can be developed to meet contemporary needs or adapted for a new use in a way that respects the cultural heritage values of the place. However, proposed development or changes should be sensitive to the identified heritage values of the place.

Owners may continue to discuss their project ideas and apply to the relevant local government authority (LGA) for development approval, as required under the

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relevant local planning scheme. The LGA must refer relevant proposals to the Heritage Council for advice on the heritage aspects of the proposal. These referrals are generally handled within the LGA's normal timeframe. Owners can also seek advice discuss their projects with the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage's Historic Heritage Conservation team when contemplating or preparing plans.

Will registration stop the approved development located on the former Atlantis Marine Park site?

No. Entry in the State Register does not prevent change. See the section above for more information about how registration impacts proposed or future development.

Will registration affect the Two Rocks Marina upgrade?

No. The upgrades will continue as planned.

How can I comment on the proposed registration of Sun City Precinct, Two Rocks?

Comments on registration can be made online through the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage's **Consultation Hub** or by email to HCWAregistration@dplh.wa.gov.au.

The comment period closes Friday 30 September 2022.

What happens next?

Once the period for comments has closed, the Heritage Council will consider whether to recommend registration to the Minister for Heritage.

Waugal Monoliths by Mark Le Buse



The Heritage Council recognises the diversity of the Aboriginal peoples of Western Australia and acknowledges the Traditional Owners and custodians and their connection to this land and its waterways. We pay our respect to Elders past and present and those who will follow in their footsteps.

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