Sustaining Places of Worship

New ideas for South Australia

A multi-faith half-day event exploring sources of funding for the conservation of places of worship in South Australia

Jointly co-ordinated by the State Heritage Unit, Australia ICOMOS and the Anglican Church

To be held in St. John’s Anglican Church, 379 Halifax Street, Adelaide, on Friday 14th September starting at 9am and concluding at 12.30pm.
The purpose of the event

To discuss the current funding challenges faced by all Religious Faiths in South Australia when maintaining and developing their existing places of worship, and to explore new ways of generating revenue to provide faith buildings with robust and sustainable futures.

The delegates

Those attending will include faith clergy, members of building committees, representatives from faith congregations, property managers, architects, officers from State Government (State Heritage Unit & Local Councils), and representatives from private schools and colleges which have places of worship.

Programme

8.45am
Registration and coffee

9.15 to 9.20am
Welcome by Father Christopher Myers SSM of St. John’s Church

Session 1

9.20 to 9.30am
Introducing the event Peter Wells, Principal Architect for the State Heritage Unit, will talk about the importance of Our Places of Worship to the Heritage of South Australia

9.30 to 9.45am
Liz Vines, Partner at McDougall & Vines, Conservation Architects, will give an overview of the practical, technical challenges of maintaining Our Places of Worship in the climate of South Australia

9.45 to 10.00am
Tony Pederick will talk about recent works carried out at Walkerville Anglican Church, which included fabric conservation and installation of air conditioning, and how funds were raised to pay for the improvements

10.00 to 10.15am
Philip Nayda will explain about the recent construction of a new building to support the ministry of Gawler Uniting Church

10.15 to 10.30am
Jayne Taylor, Chair of the Planning & Building Committee, will describe works completed at St. Peter’s Anglican Church, Glenelg and explain how funding was raised for conservation of the building

10.30 to 11.00am
Comfort break with refreshments

Session 2

11.00 to 11.20am
David Plumridge will speak about recent works, and fresh thinking, at St. John’s which addresses future uses of the church

11.20 to 11.40am
Architect Ian Hamilton will describe recent work in Scotland intended to give Places of Worship there a more sustainable future

Session 3

11.40 to 11.50am
Questions from the floor to all speakers.

11.50 to 12.25pm
Debate, ‘What can we do to address the funding challenges faced by Our Places of Worship in South Australia?’

12.25 to 12.30pm
Summing up and vote of thanks by Kevin O’Sullivan, Australia ICOMOS Treasurer.

Booking

If you would like to attend this event, please confirm by email to Ian Hamilton at the State Heritage Unit at: ian.hamilton@sa.gov.au by Friday 24th August 2012.

If possible please provide your name, and the Faith or organisation which you will be representing, so that we can compile a delegate list for everyone’s information and to assist us in the provision of adequate refreshments.

We are asking for a $20 donation per delegate, to be taken at the door on the day, to cover the cost of refreshments.

We very much hope that you will be able to join us on the 14th September and contribute to making this an exciting and enlightening event.