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## THE PORT IN **RENEWAL**

The Port Adelaide precinct is a combination of history, industry and shipping.

Our recent survey work along St Vincent Street at the Port, reminded us that this part of Port Adelaide is in renewal. The proposal is to build on the historical and maritime strengths and develop this area into a vibrant residential and commercial hub, with great public spaces.

If you have not visited this part of Adelaide recently, it would be worth a trip. Allow few hours to explore.

We have also 3D laser scanned the iconic Port Adelaide light house.



We sometimes take it for granted, as Surveyors that we will regularly have new and interesting projects available, but in reality, we are always very excited to be involved with great projects across our state and around the corner.

construction of overtaking lanes, just to

We are fortunate to have been involved in

some excellent infrastructure projects

over recent years. Undertaking the predesign survey for the North Terrace,

Adelaide Tram upgrade; setting out the

Oz-Minerals Carrapateena 600 person Mining Camp; providing on site survey for

the construction of the recent T-Ports new port facility at Lucky Bay on the Eyre Peninsula and undertaking 12 km of survey along the Horrocks Highway (near facilitate

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Clare) to

name a few.

We thank our past and current clients for the opportunity to serve them, and look forward to the opportunities ahead.

We revisit one of our more recent projects, at Port Adelaide, and explore a little of its history with you. We also provide a further update on the upcoming planning system changes, as well as some local SA history from the Flinders.

Ed - Michael



## **RULES TO CHANGE**

#### A Message From Michael

The introduction of the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 is the largest reform of South Australia's planning system in over 20 years. On 31 July 2020, the new system became operational in rural parts of South Australia as the "Phase Two" of the implementation program.

By late 2020 (delayed from September 2020) all three phases of the new planning reforms will be in place.

- Phase 1 was all outback regions,
- Phase 2 is the rural areas of the state and
- Phase 3 is to be the urban areas including; Adelaide Metropolitan and all the larger towns such as Whyalla, Port Augusta and Port Lincoln.

The key changes brought about by the new Planning System include a more user-friendly Planning Assessment System with many online tools. There are 24/7 online searching options to assist with decision making about the viability of a proposed development and also the monitoring of the Application as it progresses.

The new Planning and Design Code replaces the individual Council Development Plans, with its hundreds of local zones, with a state wide set of rules and policies. This will dramatically reduce the number of different zones and provide consistency in approach from council to council.

We will provide further updates as we get closer to the implementation of Phase 3 (Urban areas), which will then affect the majority of South Australia.

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# WHAT A BLUFF!

#### A Message from Jenny

With the lifting of travel restrictions since our last newsletter a few of us have been fortunate to see some of the fabulous sights of South Australia.

Rawnsley Bluff in the Flinders Ranges has some interesting links with surveying in South Australia. Rawnsley Bluff was named after an audacious Englishman, Harrold C. Rawnsley, who in 1850 apparently falsely presented himself as a surveyor to the Governor of South Australia. Three months later his 'bluff' was discovered when he was found to be inept and was fired. He is fortunate indeed to have such a beautiful landmark named after him.

The dry stone survey cairn sitting at the top of the lookout was constructed as a trigonometrical survey marker in 1858 by surveyor, Samuel Parry. It is difficult to imagine what it would have been like to do this hike back then and still have enough energy to build something like this when you got to the top!



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- 1. What is the highest mountain in Australia?
- 2. What is the longest river in Australia?
- 3. What is the largest desert in Australia?
- 4. What is the smallest state in Australia?

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