

NAME: Kangarilla Grandstand, 1992 Kangarilla Road, KANGARILLA

CURRENT USE: Grandstand

FORMER USE: Grandstand

DATE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION: C. 1924

LOCATION: 1992 Kangarilla Road, KANGARILLA

LAND DESCRIPTION: CT 5755/675, Hundred of Kuitpo

OWNER: City of Onkaparinga

RECOMMENDATION: Local Heritage Place



Kangarilla Oval Grandstand, 1988-1992 Kangarilla Road, Kangarilla (GGA, 2021)

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DESCRIPTION:

C.1924 grandstand, pavilion and change rooms, constructed of freestone with brick quoins, surrounds and dressings. Exposed painted timber roof structure with replacement corrugated steel cladding, painted concrete render to masonry seating, etc. Later steel stairs with railing and balustrading to east elevation.

It is recommended that the Kangarilla Grandstand, 1992 Kangarilla Road, Kangarilla be included on the South Australian Heritage Register as a Local Heritage place.

A delineation of significant historic fabric is provided in the Extent of Listing.

STATEMENT OF HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:

The Kangarilla Grandstand, 1992 Kangarilla Road, Kangarilla is of significance as the township of Kangarilla's oval grandstand, pavilion and change rooms since construction in 1924. The Grandstand was constructed using funds and materials donated by local residents and has been in continuous usage since construction.

RELEVANT CRITERIA (As defined in Section 67(1) of the PDI Act 2016):

a) it displays historical, economic or social themes that are of importance to the local area; being the township of Kangarilla's local oval grandstand, pavilion and change rooms in continuous usage since construction in 1924. The building was constructed using funds and materials provided by local residents.

c) it has played an important part in the lives of local residents; being the pavilion, grandstand and change rooms of the Kangarilla Oval, the local recreation ground, since 1924.

RELEVANT HISTORIC THEMES:

Theme 10: Sports, Leisure and Holiday-Making

10.4 Ovals, grandstands and theatres

BRIEF HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

The heritage significance of the Kangarilla Oval Grandstand, 1992 Kangarilla Road, Kangarilla was first assessed in Paul Stark's 'Meadows Heritage' of 1983, identifying the 'Stand, Kangarilla Oval' as a 'Category C: Items and Sites of Interest'; though no formalised assessment and history of the Grandstand appears to have been undertaken since.

Relatively little historical information relating to the history of the Kangarilla Oval Grandstand has been identified, though the building is understood to have been constructed in c.1923-24. A historical image within the State Library of South Australia's (SLSA) records describes the building as having been constructed in 1924 by Adolph Schmidt using funds provided by the Ladies Guild. This description also notes that prior to construction, footballers changed in the nearby scrub as there were no change rooms at the Oval at that time.

Current research has largely confirmed and substantiated existing historical knowledge. The Kangarilla Oval Grandstand, consisting of a grandstand, pavilion and changing rooms, was constructed in 1924. Newspaper articles of the period effectively document the development of the Grandstand in the first half of 1924.

An initial donation of 100 pounds was provided by the Kangarilla Ladies Guild in January towards construction costs. By early March, construction work had commenced with the following description:

KANGARILLA – March 3rd

The need for a pavilion on the recreation grounds has long been felt, and appreciation of the commencement of the work of erection was shown on Saturday afternoon (March 1st) by the crowd which witnessed the laying of the foundation stone. The engraved marble tablet was presented by Mr. A. W. Stewart, of Torrensville, and the inscribed silver and ivory trowel was the gift of Mr. A. A. Manning. As the ladies guild has been the means of the commencement of the building. the guild President, Mrs. E. Hart, had the honour of laying the stone. Mr R. G. Morphett (Chairman of the recreation ground committee) introduced Mrs. Hart...

The secretary of the grounds committee (Mr. F. W. Thorpe) outlined the work proposed, and thanked Mr. Morphett, who is giving all the stone needed; Mr. F. Steer, the gravel; Mr. V. Biddle, the lime; Mr. Manning, the cement; and also Mr. A. Schmidt (the contractor), who has done part of the work free, and is doing the rest of the building at low cost.

(News from Country Centres, Mar 1924, p.10).

Construction work was completed quickly and an opening ceremony was undertaken on 17th May with the following subsequent description of events:

In spite of showery weather, a large crowd assembled on the recreation ground on Saturday afternoon to view the fulfillment of their plans in the completed pavilion, grandstand and dressing rooms. Mr F. G. Scammell, who performed the opening ceremony, congratulated the residents regarding the fine building. Mr. R. G. Morphett (Chairman of the recreation ground committee), who introduced Mr. Scammell, said that the pavilion was a monument to the hard work on the part of the Kangarilla Ladies Guild. They had commenced the undertaking with their donation, and they had volunteered to make this extra effort to wipe off the deficiency. (Country News, May 1924, p.4).

The new grandstand was evidently a success; the following description was identified shortly after completion: "The people of Kangarilla must be congratulated on the very nice stone pavilion that they have built since last season. Similar buildings on other grounds would greatly enhance the comfort of both the players and supporters." (Echunga vs. Kangarilla, Jul 1924, p.3). The grandstand has been in continuous usage since construction.

EXTENT OF LISTING:

The form and materials of all physical fabric relating to the 1924 construction of the Kangarilla Grandstand, including all early masonry fabric.

The form of the timber-framed roof construction and corrugated steel cladding is considered of significance and is included in the listing, though current replacement materials are not included in the listing.

Later additions, including steel stairs, rails and balustrading are not included in the listing.

REFERENCES:

News From The Country, Kangarilla, The Register, Sat 19 Jan 1924, p.16.

News from Country Centres, Kangarilla, Observer, Sat 15 Mar 1924, p.10.

Country News, Kangarilla, The Register, Fri 23 May 1924, p.4

Hill Central Football Association, Echunga vs. Kangarilla, The Mount Barker Courier and Onkaparinga and Gumeracha Advertiser, Fri 18 Jul 1924, p.3.

SITE MAPPING:



Location of Kangarilla Grandstand, 1992 Kangarilla Road, Kangarilla; (Planning SA SAPPA)

HISTORICAL IMAGES:



C.1930 photograph of pavilion (Grandstand) at Kangarilla Oval; State Library of South Australia (SLSA) description also notes that the Grandstand was constructed by Adolph Schmidt using funds provided by the Ladies Guild. SLSA notes also mention that prior to construction, footballers changed in the scrub as there were no change rooms (SLSA, B 71185)

OTHER IMAGES:



Foundation stone laid on March 1st, 1924 (GGA, 2021).



North and east elevations, looking south-west (GGA, 2021).



South and west elevations, looking north-east (GGA, 2021).