

The Burra Charter for Mount Barker-Strathalbyn Catholic Parish

The *Australia ICOMOS Charter for the Conservation of Places of Cultural Significance 2013* (The Burra Charter) provides a best practice standard for managing cultural heritage places in Australia.

You can read the Burra Charter by clicking on this link: <https://australia.icomos.org/wp-content/uploads/The-Burra-Charter-2013-Adopted-31.10.2013.pdf>

The Mount Barker - Strathalbyn Catholic Parish has decided to use the Burra Charter to record, understand and manage our local places: our churches, cemetery, hall, gardens and rental property.

The Burra Charter Process involves three main steps: understanding cultural significance comes first, then development of policy and finally management of the place in accordance with the policy.

A key element of the Burra Charter is the participation of those for whom the place has significant associations and meanings, or who have social, spiritual or other cultural responsibilities for the place. This means YOU.

We have started the first stage – understanding cultural significance – by gathering together information about our places.

The next step is to gather your feedback. What do you think of the attached Statement of Cultural Significance? Have we included all the relevant information? Do you have more information to add? Are there errors which need correction?

Please send your feedback to Michelle in the Parish Office (mbstparish@adam.com.au) so that she can update the documents.

The first Statement released for consultation is for Our Lady of Mercy Church, Mount Barker. More documents will be added over the coming weeks. We look forward to your continued involvement in this process.