

What is FOCUS?

The Friends of the City of Unley was formed by residents concerned about preserving the historical character of the City of Unley.

The resident's society, FOCUS, was incorporated in June 2004.

Why FOCUS?

The City of Unley contains some of the oldest inner suburbs in Adelaide.

Within these suburbs is an extensive range of early uniquely South Australian architecture including settlers' cottages, row single and double fronted cottages, Victorian and Federation villas, Bungalows, Art Deco and Tudor homes.

These buildings represent a living testimony to the evolution of the history of South Australia and therefore constitute a precious and irreplaceable heritage that we believe must be protected for future generations.

FOCUS is concerned that, under the present planning legislation in South Australia, no character house or garden, corner allotment, large allotment or established tree is safe from destruction.

We promote the retention of character homes and support planning policies and design guidelines that enable development while retaining the existing character, amenity, open space and vegetation of the City of Unley.

What do we do?

- Promote planning policies that protect the character buildings, gardens, open space and trees in the City of Unley.
- Lobby for development application assessment processes that ensure only environmentally friendly, sympathetic development in the area.
- Lobby for council control over demolition of buildings built prior to WWII with a view to preserving South Australia's historic housing stock, unique to this State and part of our identity as South Australians.
- Aim for the protection of significant trees which provide shade and wildlife habitats, and beautify our streetscapes.
- Promote the use of consultative, transparent, and accountable decision-making processes for development assessment and approval.
- Build relationships with the Unley Council and State Government to encourage regular dialogue and consultation, particularly regarding policy, strategic planning and legislative developments.
- Assist people, where required, to present a case regarding planned developments affecting their home to the Development assessment panel of the Council.

How to become a member

For only \$15 (\$10 for pensioners) annual membership fees you can join and receive regular updates on what is happening at council and state government level and attend our regular meetings. Help us to preserve Unley's character for future generations.

Name:

Address:

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Telephone:

Mobile:

Email:
(Please include to help us reduce postage costs and keep you up to date on our news, meetings etc)

Membership Category (please tick)

- Member**
To be a member you must live, work or be a ratepayer in the Unley City Council area, or be a nominee of a business or non-profit organization in Unley City Council area.
- Associate Member**
Any other person not meeting the membership criteria above.
- Junior Member** - under 18 years
- Concession Card Holder

The FOCUS Membership Secretary reserves the right to require proof of status

Signature:

Date:

**Send form & cheque payable to:
FOCUS, PO Box 172 Fullarton SA 5063.**

Friends of the City of Unley Society Inc (FOCUS)

**Become a member and help
build a strong residents' and
stakeholders' society.**

Please let us know if you wish to help by:
(please tick)

- Letterboxing
- Talking to Councillors
- Membership drives (handing out leaflets)
- Fundraising
- Attending Council Development
Assessment Panel meetings and full
Council meetings
- Monitoring applications for development
at the Council's front counter or at the
Unley Library on Saturdays
- Enlisting local lawyers/
architects/planners to help.
- Other.....

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(Donations are also welcome)

www.focusonunley.org

What can I do?

1. Sign a petition requesting the protection of the historic architectural character of the City.
2. Attend our regular meetings to learn about what is happening at council or state level in relation to planning and development.
3. Attend silent protests to save character buildings in the area when they are threatened.
4. Help us get publicity for our cause and voice your concern about the destruction of our city's character. We are often involved the media in our fight for our heritage via television, radio and newspapers.
5. Lobby state politicians about achieving demolition control for our historic character buildings.
6. Assist residents in their objections to unsympathetic development.
7. Letterbox, talk to people about what is happening and let them know there IS something they can do about it.

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**Are you concerned about
the loss of character
buildings in Unley?**

- **Historic older homes being demolished**
- **Out-of-character developments in the area**
- **Degradation of our streetscapes**
- **Loss of trees, gardens and open space**
- **Developments impacting on your home, such as**
 - **Overshadowing**
 - **Overlooking buildings**
 - **Increased traffic and noise**

