

Object Donation for National Trust of South Australia Collections

The State Office and each Branch of the National Trust of South Australia follow a Collections Policy, which details the kinds of objects that can be accessioned (accepted and recorded in the collection inventory) and provides criteria that the object should meet to be accepted.

If you have an object you would like to donate to the National Trust of South Australia's collection, please consider some basic criteria before you begin the donation process:

1. Do you know the provenance of the item? This includes a history of ownership, information on its manufacture or make, historical locations, and inclusions in any exhibitions or publications. Documentation/photographs to support the provenance of the artefact are always greatly appreciated. Artefacts with connections to South Australian figures, history and locations will always be prioritised above artefacts of aesthetic merit.

2. Are you currently the legal owner of the object? Have you made family/friends/loved ones aware of your intention to donate this object to the National Trust of South Australia?

3. Is the object free from any major defect or deterioration that would require extensive repairs or conservation? This is a process we can only undertake if the object is considered important to the cultural heritage of South Australia.

4. Do you accept that any objects donated may or may not be publicly displayed, used for education, exhibitions, marketing, advertising and archives, and deaccessioned whenever considered necessary? In the event of the object being deaccessioned, all efforts will be made to contact you or your next of kin to discuss.

Please complete the below form for each object/artefact you wish to donate.

Your name:

Your date of birth:

Your current address:

Your phone number:

Your email address:

Your next of kin (name/phone/email):

Object/artefact to be donated:

Materials (wood, iron, fabric, etc):

Dimensions: _____cm height x _____cm width x _____cm depth

Year & location of manufacture:

Details of maker/manufacturer:

Current condition (please circle/underline): Poor Fair Good Excellent

Known provenance (who owned it previously, where it has been located, where it came from, etc):

Other known or relevant information:

Please add up to 4 photos of the object below – we suggest front view, side view & detail view.

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