

# BOWDEN HERITAGE PRECINCT



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## What is being retained at the former gasworks site?

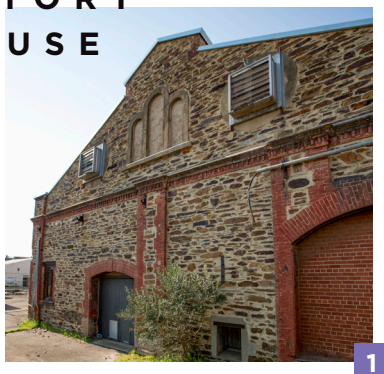
Eight structures of cultural and historic significance are being retained and integrated with the new development. These structures, as outlined here, reflect Bowden's rich industrial heritage and a strong sense of local identity and place. It is important to note that some structures have previously been known by other names, based on their functions at different times.

### CHIEF STREET WALL AND FRAMEWORK



This prominent bluestone wall and associated metal framework runs along Chief Street and the railway corridor. This structure is the partial remnant of former Retort House No. 4, built in the early 1900s.

### RETORT HOUSE



Formerly known as Retort House No. 3, this bluestone structure was built in 1879. Located on the corner of East Street and the Outer Harbor Railway Line corridor it was once home to retort furnaces used to manufacture gas from coal. More recently it was used for storage and maintenance.

### GASWORKS CHIMNEY



This striking 21 metre high, red brick chimney stack is another surviving remnant of former Retort House No. 4. The chimney once served as a vent for two retort furnaces and it was previously enclosed within the retort house, with just the top protruding.



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## PURIFYING HOUSE



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This random rubble and red brick structure, built in 1873, was originally used for gas purification. After the Second World War the interior was adapted to serve as storerooms, laboratories and amenities rooms for workers.

## WORKS SUPER-INTENDENT'S COTTAGE



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This small bluestone cottage is believed to date back to the early years of the gasworks, between 1870 and 1880. It was later used as a meter shop for assembling and testing gas meters.

## CARPENTERS' WORKSHOP



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Also used as a press shop in a former life, this small bluestone structure was most recently used for storage and maintenance. It is believed to have been built between 1870 and 1880.

## CHEMISTRY LABORATORY



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Dated between 1870 and 1880, this bluestone structure is believed to have formerly housed the gasworks Chemistry Laboratory and was last used as an office.

## BLUESTONE WALL



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This random rubble bluestone wall connects the Chemistry Laboratory and Carpenters' Workshop buildings and showcases the tradition of enclosing the site from the surrounding streets.

## ADAPTIVE REUSE

The retained structures will be adaptively reused to give them new life while honouring their history. They will be integrated within the context of their location in the development and sensitively adapted to suit their new uses.

New streets, landscapes and buildings will be added to the Bowden Heritage Precinct to improve accessibility, showcase the retained structures, and accommodate a mix of retail, commercial, residential and community activity.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

**Information about the development of the precinct is available from:**

[www.renewalsa.sa.gov.au/projects/bowden](http://www.renewalsa.sa.gov.au/projects/bowden)

**Information about the broader Bowden development:**

[www.lifemoreinteresting.com.au](http://www.lifemoreinteresting.com.au)

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