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One of the Australian Civic Trust awards was the Bob Such Award for the restoration of the Smyth memorial Chapel at West Terrace Cemetery which opened in 1871.

It's great recognition for those who were responsible for giving this much loved building a new lease of life!

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BOB SUCH AWARD Design for Social Benefit SMYTH MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Remembering our history

Catholic Section, NE Corner, West Terrace Cemetery

HERITAGE ARCHITECT: Luigi Vitale, Department of Environment and Water

DESIGN TEAM: Ian Hamilton, Arcuate Architecture, Christian Frenzel, Stonemason & Conservator

RECIPIENT: Smyth Chapel Restoration & Conservation, West Terrace Cemetery



Smyth Memorial Chapel 2012

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Designed by the Colonial architect E.J. Woods, The Smyth Chapel is on the National Heritage List as a rare example of a Gothic-revival style mortuary chapel. Opened and blessed in 1871 in memory of Reverend Dr J. Smyth, orator and supporter of the poor, its restoration was one of the priority actions in the *West Terrace Cemetery Conservation Management Plan 2005*.

Prior to professional conservation work by the SA Government Heritage unit, various

minor repair works had been undertaken, no doubt well-intentioned, but they were not sympathetic to heritage best practice and subsequently caused further damage & deterioration to the fabric. We are pleased this has been addressed in the current conservation project.

Major components were the re-carving of seven stone grotesques adorning the octagonal perimeter of the building de-capitated by vandals in the 1970s and the replacement of the lead roofing, repairs and repointing of the external bluestone façade, plus significant salt damp remediation.