



Nomination for URBAN Award

Elder Park Rotunda



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The Elder Park Rotunda, an important historic structure forming a central part of the Elder Park and River Torrens precinct and listed on the South Australian Heritage Register, was in need of restoration, as significant rust and damage had developed, compounded by poor workmanship in the past. Several parts of the balustrading were also broken or missing.

In 2014, restoration was undertaken at a high standard consistent with modern materials, techniques and trade practices without compromising the cultural significance of the structure and retaining the original fabric wherever possible.

The works included high quality detailed re-painting, including the roof and re-gilding of numerous items including antefixa, finial and ornamental flowers. All cast iron works had to be repaired and rust-treated. Repairs included casting of decorative balustrade pieces, replacing all broken and missing pieces, repairing and welding of existing guttering and roof and detailed restoration of the finial.