

Airservices Australia Heritage Register Place Record

Airservices Australia Place ID# : 362-01 PF-APT-CTC Control Tower
Airservices Australia Place Name: Parafield Airport Air Traffic Control Tower
Location of Place (inc. link to plan/map image if appropriate): Lat. 34 47' 26.9"S Long 138 38' 10.8"E Parafield Airport, corner of Kittyhawk Lane and Anderson Drive, Salisbury, South Australia 5108.
CHL/RNE ID# (inc. link to CHL/RNE): No.
Other known Heritage Listings Associated with Place: No.
Potential (non-listed) Heritage Values Associated with Place (note if investigation conducted): A Heritage Assessment commissioned in 2009 by Airservices Australia concludes the Parafield Airport Air Traffic Control Tower meets the CHL criterion (a), (b) & (d) at a level indicative of Commonwealth Heritage values. Refer to Statement of Significance.
Details if Place Located within or adjacent to known Heritage Place: Nil.
Statement of Significance for the Place (listed and/or potential): <u>Potential CHL:</u> The Parafield ATC tower (former Operations and Administration Building) is of historical significance in the national context for its associations with a key phase in the development of air traffic control services and airport facilities in Australia. It is also of significance as a rare early surviving example of a building designed for the purposes of air traffic control (integrated with other administrative and terminal facilities). Despite significant alterations, including the replacement of the original cabin, sufficient of the fabric survives to suggest the original form and design of Australia's first national standardised model of air traffic control buildings. The Parafield ATC tower is one of three almost identical integrated Operations and Administration buildings constructed at major airports in Australian capital cities between 1939 and 1941 (the others were at Mascot (Sydney) and Archerfield (Brisbane)). While not the most intact of the three, it is likely that the Parafield building has been associated with the provision of air traffic control for longer than any other surviving building in Australia.
Known History and Current Use of Place: The Parafield Operations and Administration building was constructed between 1939 and 1940. In 1981 the original cabin was removed and replaced by a new octagonal cabin and new amenities level. The place is Parafield Airport's current operational Control Tower.
Summary Description of Significant Physical Characteristics/Elements of Place: The Parafield Operations and Administrations building is a symmetrical stepped three-storey brick building (1939-40). It supports an octagonal air traffic control cabin raised on a single level square amenities level clad in profiled Colorbond (both added in 1981). The cabin is surrounded by a steel walkway. The internal planning and fabric of the ground floor have both been extensively modified.
Tenure Arrangements: The Parafield Airport Control Tower is owned by Airservices Australia. The tower is located on land leased from Parafield Airport Limited. Adelaide Airport Limited (AAL) owns Parafield Airport Limited. Parafield Airport is on Commonwealth land.
Summary of Works, etc relevant to Heritage Values of Place: Airservices' Environment and Climate Change Branch must be consulted prior to giving approval to any proposed modification to the Parafield ATC tower (former Operations and Administration Building),

where that modification may affect the tower's external form and fabric (the three-storey base building). The interiors of the three-storey base building have been extensively altered and while there is a preference for the retention of early fabric, further change could occur if required. The 1981 additions, including the ATC cabin, may be altered and adapted as required. The design qualities of the original three-storey 'Ops and Admin', as a symmetrically composed stepped structure with Moderne styling, should remain legible. While new development could occur in the general vicinity of the building, such development should allow for a continued appreciation of the building as a free-standing structure designed to be viewed from all angles.

Property or Information Restrictions/ Requirements Associated with Place:

Public access restricted – access only permitted by approval of Airservices Australia.

Stakeholder Consultation Requirements related to Place: Heritage related statutory obligations exist.

Location/Details of 'off-site' Objects, Records etc of Significant Association with Heritage Values of Place: Nil.

Relevant Conservation Documents or References:

Parafield Air Traffic Control Tower. Detailed Heritage Assessment, June 2009. Report by Lovell Chen Architects and Heritage Consultants, commissioned by Airservices Australia.

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