

Council Member
Councillor Khera

Public

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Services

MOTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Khera will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:

‘That the Administration install tiles to the top and sides, of the base of the heritage Rundle Mall fountain, in a heritage colour or colours complementary to the fountain.’

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. Manufactured around 1887 by Handyside and Co. Ltd, England, the fountain was originally one of a pair located in front of the Exhibition Building on North Terrace. The two fountains are believed to be the first fountain/s erected in Adelaide.
2. The fountain (ironwork) and surround are not heritage listed.
3. After being restored in 1995, the fountain was relocated to its present location outside the entrance to Adelaide Arcade in Rundle Mall. The new surround was large, round in shape with a blue base.
4. The current fountain surround was designed to complement the Rundle Mall design as part of the redevelopment works in 2013-14 with extensive consultation undertaken as part of the redevelopment.
5. The design took into consideration:
 - 5.1. The granite tiles match Rundle Mall granite paving.
 - 5.2. The fountain surround has had a variety of colours, shapes and sizes over the years and is separate to the ironwork of the fountain.
 - 5.3. Dark coloured granite is easy to clean, maintain and replace.
 - 5.4. The granite tiles have relevant slip resistance ratings.
 - 5.5. A coloured tiled surround could detract from the coloured ironwork of the fountain, which is deemed the focal point of the installation.
6. Based on the extensive consultation undertaken during the Rundle Mall redevelopment works, and the current fountain restoration works, it is not recommended that the current base be replaced with tiles.
7. Should the motion be carried, careful consideration would need to be undertaken for the design in terms of the suitability of alternative tiles including colour, maintenance and safety.

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or prices have been obtained:

Public consultation	Public consultation with key stakeholders.
External consultant advice	Engagement of heritage consultant and designers.
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not applicable
Impacts on existing projects	An impact to other new/ upgrade projects due to reprioritised works.
Budget reallocation	To be determined
Capital investment	To be determined
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	Not applicable
Other	Not applicable
Staff time in receiving and preparing this administration comment	To prepare this administration comment in response to the motion on notice took approximately 4.5 hours.

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