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| **Clayton Wesley Uniting Church**The purposes of this congregation include to provide for the worship of God, to assist in human development and to meet human need, both locally and further afield. This work requires a base to work from and so our forebears built the church and other facilities. They are in constant use as the home for a wide range of activities. Goodies Op-Shop provides clothes, books and a range of other goods for many people. Hope’s Café provides economical meals. English as a Second Language classes help people fit into a new society. Again this year, over $20,000 from Goodies sales income was given to reputable charities which work in meeting other human needs or work in distant places. The buildings also house a number of Uniting Communities support activities. It’s a busy place.In addition, Clayton Wesley Uniting Church is a very significant Adelaide landmark facing down The Parade. For all these reasons, we hope you are also keen for these buildings to continue to play their many roles. An expert survey of them in 2016 revealed many items requiring restoration, then estimated to cost $3 million. We need your help to ensure these important heritage buildings can continue to serve many people.**SA Government assistance**The SA Government considers that the State “has a rich heritage that contributes to our quality of life and connects us to our history and stories”. It has set up a Heritage Grants Program to help conserve significant South Australian heritage places and areas. In a highly competitive process, we have won three $-for-$ grants to help us carry out essential restoration work. |  | **Progress so far**The 1856 Clayton Chapel is the oldest of the buildings. In 2018 a major restoration of its interior was executed, which included strengthening the roof supports, restoring the ceiling, repainting the interior and restoring the stained-glass windows. This work, costing $330,000 and funded by the Congregation, won a Burnside City Council Heritage Award.The western facade of the church is subject to the roughest weather, so it is in the worst condition and has high priority. In 2020 the project included protecting the load-bearing pillars from further salt damp damage, restoring their bases and the porch floor tiles, restoring stone mouldings and restoring the entrance stairway and its walls, rails and lamps.During 2021, the major restoration of the Maxwell stone carving on the tower was achieved with restoration of other stonework and small windows.In 2023, the tower and spire were sealed from birds and rain. Also work began on the West Window with removal of the rusted and hence swollen iron protective grid and pinning. Protection is now provided by solid toughened glass. The swollen iron pins had cracked a lot of the stone supporting the grid and a lot of restoration work on the stone surrounding the window was necessary. The painted glass from the window is currently in storage, awaiting restoration and replacement when funds allow. Minor restoration of small windows and stonework was also done. Excellent – so far.**Our Appeal**Many citizens are concerned about the potential loss of Adelaide’s heritage buildings. In this case the buildings are of practical benefit to the community as well as contributing greatly to the streetscape. Please help to conserve these buildings so that they remain safe and useful. |  | We have organised this Conservation Appeal through the National Trust so that donations are tax deductible. Using the NTSA website is the simplest way to donate. Some of what follows is required by law, but you can rest assured that your donation will be used for your intended purpose. If you would rather help by a direct donation or by volunteering, please ring Audrey Swanbury on 0402 351 993.**Preference for Donation**I express my preference that my gift be contributed towards the restoration and refurbishment of the Clayton Wesley Uniting Church buildings, being buildings listed on the **National Trust Register of Historic Buildings** and the **State Heritage Register**.I understand that:* my gift is made unconditionally to the National Trust of South Australia (**NTSA**);
* the NTSA may have regard to, but is under no obligation to deal with my gift in accordance with, my stated preference;
* the NTSA reserves the right to decline donations that may be inconsistent with its statutory objects and obligations; and
* the donation, once made, will be under the NTSA's sole direction and control.

To the best of my knowledge, neither I nor my associates will benefit in any material way from the donation made to the NTSA.**What you will receive**You will receive a letter of acknowledgement and a tax receipt from the National Trust.Names of significant donors will appear in our newsletter *The Spire* and on our website (unless you request anonymity on the donation form). |