

Media Release



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Adelaide Hills Council officially names hub in Lobethal.

On Tuesday night at its Ordinary Council Meeting, Adelaide Hills Council resolved to name the Arts and Heritage Hub at the former Onkaparinga Woollen Mill, Lobethal. The name is **'Fabrik'**.

The name was derived through community suggestions of variants of 'fabric', in recognition of the old woollen mill's functions, as well as a nod to the township's German roots, with the word 'fabrik' being the German word for factory, or industrial facility.

"The Council and community has been on a complete journey in recent years that has culminated in this creative hub coming to fruition," said Council CEO Andrew Aitken.

"It is wonderful to now have a contemporary and meaningful name to launch this artistic space into the community."

Melinda Rankin, Director of the Arts and Heritage Hub, is looking forward to developing an exciting program of events, exhibitions, and workshops at the newly named site.

"The name Fabrik not only talks to the heritage of the space itself and the region that it stands in, but also to the fabric of our hills community and how creative pursuits weave through us all." She said.

"We look forward to activating Fabrik with planned initiatives, and also to welcoming studio artists and potential partners into the Fabrik space."

Naming of the Arts and Heritage Hub was opened up to the Adelaide Hills community via an online contribution portal, which generated upwards of 50 ideas towards the final name. The concepts that came in from the community revolved around some key themes including The Mill, weaving/fabric, Onkaparinga, German, and heart, and reflected the base key themes of textiles, 'makers', and German/Prussian settlers.

Other concepts to come out of the community contributions will be kept on hand and considered when naming specific elements of the site and programs run there.

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