



HERITAGE
COUNCIL



AN OVERVIEW

WORKING TOGETHER TO PROMOTE
THE IDENTIFICATION, CONSERVATION AND
SENSITIVE DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL
HERITAGE PLACES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA



WHO WE ARE

Heritage Council

The Heritage Council is the State Government's statutory advisory body on heritage.

The nine-member Heritage Council was established under the *Heritage Act 2018*.

The Minister for Heritage appoints Council members based on their skills and expertise.

This diverse range of skills ensures that the Heritage Council is well equipped to deal with the identification, conservation and development of Western Australia's significant heritage places.

Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage

The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage is a State Government department that supports the Heritage Council and Minister for Heritage to identify, celebrate and promote the conservation and sensitive development of cultural heritage places in Western Australia.

The Department carries out the Heritage Council's day-to-day operations, projects and service delivery.



ABOVE: Brookman and Moir Streets Precinct, Perth

The three core functions are to:

- Establish and maintain the State Register of Heritage Places, a comprehensive statutory list of places that have heritage value to the State.
- Ensure any development of heritage places is sensitive to its cultural heritage values.
- Promote awareness and knowledge of Western Australia's cultural heritage.

WHY HERITAGE IS IMPORTANT

Heritage is important in understanding the story of Western Australia - its history, identity and diversity.

Heritage is diverse and consists of places such as buildings, monuments, gardens, cemeteries, cultural landscapes and archaeological sites.

As a community, we share the responsibility to identify and protect what is important, and pass on these places to future generations so they will understand what came before them.

Heritage is integral to the vibrant life and prosperity of Western Australia

We work with the community to recognise and celebrate our significant heritage places and to assure their long-term viability into the future, through sensitive development and adaptation.

Our mission is to work with Western Australians to recognise, conserve, adapt and celebrate our State's unique cultural heritage

BELOW: Moore's Building, Fremantle



The State Register of Heritage Places

The State Register of Heritage Places (the State Register) was established under the *Heritage of Western Australia Act (1990)* and continues under the *Heritage Act 2018*.

This is a statutory list of places that represent the story of Western Australia's history and development.

Entry in the State Register recognises the value and importance of a place and helps promote its conservation into the future.

Heritage places are entered in the State Register following a rigorous assessment and registration process, which includes extensive consultation with owners, local governments and other stakeholders.

The assessment considers a range of heritage values including the aesthetic, historic, scientific and social values of a place, in addition to its rarity, representativeness, condition, integrity and authenticity.

The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) manages this assessment and consultation process.

Places that the Heritage Council consider meet the criteria for registration are recommended to the Minister for Heritage who decides if the place will be included in the State Register.

There are over 1,300 places throughout Western Australia in the State Register.

Adapting heritage places

Entry in the State Register does not mean a place cannot be changed to meet contemporary needs or adapted for a new use.

We encourage sensitive development and new compatible uses of heritage places because this is the best way of assuring their future.

If development or change to a State Registered place is proposed, it is referred to the Heritage Council for advice, usually by the responsible local government.

The Heritage Council has authorised the Department to deal with most development proposals.

Major and sensitive developments are dealt with by the Heritage Council, as the independent appointed board to provide strategic direction and decision-making.

Owners of heritage places are encouraged to contact the DPLH to discuss any changes they are considering.

The Department's Heritage and Property Services Division can provide feedback on ideas and provide practical advice on proposed developments.

Anyone can search the State Register by visiting stateheritage.wa.gov.au

Assistance to owners

A range of grants and incentives are available to encourage the conservation of our State's cultural heritage.

The Heritage Council, Lotterywest, Commonwealth Government and some local governments offer funding or incentive programs for heritage places and activities. Two programs offered by the Heritage Council are the Heritage Grants Program and the Heritage Sponsorship Program.

The Heritage Grants Program provides assistance to private owners of State Registered places to undertake urgent conservation work, such as structural repairs, and conservation documentation.

The Heritage Sponsorship Program offers sponsorships for heritage related events or activities aligned with the Heritage Council's key priorities.

Interested applicants are encouraged to contact DPLH for further information or to find out if they are eligible.

Support for local governments

The Department assists local governments to identify and protect local heritage places, as well as providing input to broader strategic planning issues.

The Department provides education and advice on local heritage surveys, planning schemes and heritage lists, community engagement and other heritage issues affecting local government.

Heritage education, training and events

The Heritage Council encourages owners, managers and heritage professionals to develop and build their heritage knowledge and skills by attending workshops, seminars and other events promoted or offered by the Heritage Council.

These events also offer a great opportunity to network with other heritage owners and professionals, and engage directly with staff from the DPLH Heritage Services Division.

Heritage Revolving Fund

Heritage Works is a Heritage Revolving Fund that revitalises vacant and underutilised publicly-owned heritage places through conservation, adaptive reuse and new ownership.

It has a dual conservation and commercial focus, with financial returns from the sale of these heritage places going back into the fund for future projects.



RIGHT: Oakabella, Northampton;
Former CBH Silos now Bunbury Silos Apartment Complex

Western Australian Heritage Awards

The Western Australian Heritage Awards was established in 1992 to recognise outstanding commitment and contribution to heritage conservation and the promotion of heritage in Western Australia.

The Heritage Awards are held annually and are widely acknowledged as showcasing excellence in revitalising heritage places, setting standards for future interpretation, conservation and adaptive reuse of State Registered places.

Heritage tourism

The Heritage Council also supports the Heritage Tourism Strategy, which aims to raise awareness of heritage tourism and its value in Western Australia.

The Heritage Council and the Department work in partnership with external organisations to provide practical workshops on heritage tourism and interpretation, as well as supporting the development and promotion of heritage tourism experiences.

Heritage plaques

The Heritage Council's Heritage Plaques Program offers owners and managers of State Registered places the opportunity to promote the heritage of their place by applying for a free commemorative plaque. Contact the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage for more information.

OTHER SERVICES

Website and publications

Our website provides general information on the Heritage Council, State Register, development, grants, award programs and events.

A range of publications are also available that answer common questions about the State Register, developing heritage places and other heritage issues.

We maintain a Twitter account and issue a monthly eNewsletter. Follow us or subscribe to the eNewsletter to keep up-to-date with the latest WA heritage news.

inHerit, our heritage places

inHerit is an online database that contains information on more than 25,000 State and local heritage places in Western Australia, including descriptions, images and spatial mapping.

inContact with heritage specialists

Owners of heritage places can access the services of professionals, such as architects, engineers, historians and archaeologists, as well as builders and tradespeople through inContact, our online directory of heritage specialists.



LEFT: Former Midland Railway Workshops flanging workshop now the WA Police Operations Support Facility (Traffic Operations); Raffles Hotel, Applecross

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