

IS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO CARRY OUT CONSERVATION WORK?

Applications for loans or grants can be made to the Heritage Council for conservation work. Funding is not available for property purchases.

WHAT OTHER FORMS OF ASSISTANCE ARE AVAILABLE FOR PLACES IN AN INVENTORY?

Incentives for conservation work, development bonuses and the relaxation of certain building controls may be included in town planning schemes in some local government areas.

IS MAINTENANCE REQUIRED?

There is no legal obligation to maintain a listed property in any way other than under existing building regulations.



Uniting Church Manse,
Broome

IS DEMOLITION PROHIBITED?

Demolition of a place is not necessarily prohibited by its inclusion in a Municipal Inventory. However, if the place is protected in a Town Planning Scheme special considerations may be given to conservation of the heritage value of the place.

CAN SUBDIVISION TAKE PLACE?

Listing in a Municipal Inventory does not affect the subdivision of a property per se. However, if the place is protected in a Town Planning Scheme, special considerations may apply. Consideration should be given to retaining a suitable setting for a heritage place where ever possible.



Railway Station,
Coolgardie

WHAT TYPE OF CHANGES CAN BE UNDERTAKEN?

Changes can be made to a listed property. However, it is recommended the changes respect the significant details of the place and be sympathetic to its heritage values. For example, additions can usually be designed to complement the original building in scale, form massing and window arrangement. If possible, new work should be done in a way that enables the original fabric to be readily identified. Advice on proposed changes can be obtained from the local council or the Heritage Council.

IS PLANNING APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR ADDITIONS, RENOVATIONS OR SUBDIVISION?

Local government approval is required for all work involving significant changes to a building, not just a heritage building.

WHAT WORK CAN BE UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT APPROVAL?

Approval is not normally required for maintenance items such as internal and external painting. However, advice should be sought before painting unpainted surfaces and other major work such as re-roofing.

ARE THERE PENALTIES FOR CARRYING OUT WORK WITHOUT APPROVAL?

No special penalty provisions apply beyond the normal ones under the planning scheme and the Local Government Act.



Japanese Cemetery, Broome

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MUNICIPAL INVENTORIES



Soldier's Memorial Hall, Donnybrook

YOUR LOCAL HERITAGE LIST

*What it is and
what it means to be listed.*

WHAT IS A MUNICIPAL INVENTORY?

A Municipal Inventory is a list of places which in the opinion of the local government are, or may become, of cultural heritage significance. Local councils are required under Section 45 of the Heritage of Western Australia Act 1990 to prepare such a list.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A MUNICIPAL INVENTORY?

- To assist in determining local government conservation policies and other related policies.
- To provide information about heritage in the local district that may be required under a town planning scheme for that district.
- To assist in achieving the heritage conservation objectives of town planning in WA.
- To assist in the maintenance of the State Heritage Register.

WHAT IS OUR HERITAGE?

Our cultural heritage is aspects of our past that we want to keep: a building which is special because of its architectural style or association with a person, an historic garden, or a precinct of buildings with a special character - places we would like present and future generations to enjoy.

WHAT IS CULTURAL HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE?

Cultural heritage significance is the aesthetic, historic, scientific or social significance a place may have for present and future generations.

WHAT DOES ENTRY OF A PROPERTY IN A MUNICIPAL INVENTORY MEAN?

It is recognition of a place's heritage significance to the community. There are no statutory implications other than a requirement for the list to be sent to the Heritage Council of WA for public information.

WHO CAN NOMINATE A PLACE FOR INCLUSION IN A MUNICIPAL INVENTORY?

Anyone. Community involvement is an important part of the Municipal Inventory process.

WILL THE VALUE OF A PROPERTY BE AFFECTED BY INCLUSION IN THE MUNICIPAL INVENTORY?

Generally no. In the case of residences, listing may even add value because of the prestige and added "certainty" conferred. There are no limitations on the development of a property as a result of listing in a Municipal Inventory, per se. (Please see information under "Is Demolition Prohibited?")



Post Office, Pinjarra



Rotunda, Albany

WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A MUNICIPAL INVENTORY AND A TOWN PLANNING SCHEME?

Places may be selected from the Municipal Inventory by the local authority for protection under the Town Planning Scheme. Owners should be informed by the local government and invited to make a submission on such a proposal.

IS IT POSSIBLE FOR A PLACE TO BE LISTED WITHOUT THE OWNER'S KNOWLEDGE?

This should not occur. Heritage Council guidelines require that every effort be made to find and notify owners about proposals to make entries into the inventory.

CAN A PLACE BE LISTED IN THE MUNICIPAL INVENTORY WITHOUT THE OWNER'S CONSENT?

Yes - the decision to enter a place into the Municipal Inventory rests with your local council and is required to be based on the grounds of heritage

significance. However, a prime objective of the compilation process is to have the list prepared with public consultation, and to achieve community consensus on the result.

HOW DO YOU GET INFORMATION ON LISTED PROPERTIES?

The list is available for inspection at the local council, and the law requires that a copy be sent to the Heritage Council for public information (where the inventories are held in the Council library). Inventory listings are also available from the Heritage Council website at www.heritage.wa.gov.au



*Railway Water Tank,
fmr, Cunderdin*



A Country Church

DOES THE LOCAL COUNCIL ACQUIRE ANY OWNERSHIP RIGHTS ON PLACES IN THE INVENTORY?

No. Places remain the exclusive property of the owner.

WILL INSURANCE PREMIUMS BE AFFECTED?

There is no reason why they should be. Normal insurance cover is usually sufficient for heritage listed properties. Contact the Heritage Council should you experience difficulties in arranging cover.

IS A WHOLE PROPERTY IN A MUNICIPAL INVENTORY, OR ONLY PART OF IT?

Listing will usually apply to the whole of the lot involved, but there may not be equal concern about all of the parts listed. The inventory entry will, in some cases, state the relative importance of different aspects of the place.

DOES THE PUBLIC HAVE RIGHT OF ACCESS?

Definitely not. Privately owned property is not affected by heritage listing in this regard.

IS CONSERVATION ADVICE AVAILABLE?

Advice may be available through some local governments or from a Heritage Council regional adviser. The Heritage Council also employs architects and other experts who can provide professional advice on the conservation and adaptive reuse of properties.