

REGIONAL ASSISTANCE

The Heritage Council has regional advisers working with local governments, property owners and local interest groups.

WA has six regionally-based services in the Midwest, Peel, Southwest, Wheatbelt, Great Southern and Goldfields regions.

In addition there are two local advisory services, each funded 50-50 by the local government concerned, at the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and the City of Albany.

For regional advisory services, the State Government provides the majority of funding overall, with some local governments contributing 50 per cent of total funding for their respective areas.

The role of the heritage adviser is to provide advice on the "how" and "why" of heritage conservation. In regional areas, specialist expertise in heritage conservation is generally not readily available, and heritage advisers help fill that gap. The adviser's role includes:

- Advising local governments regarding heritage identification, conservation planning and promotion.
- Providing advice to local governments, owners and operators on opportunities in heritage-based tourism and economic development.
- Providing conservation advice or information to property owners and other individuals or groups in the region.



Each generation has a responsibility to future generations. We must ensure that the heritage entrusted to us by those who went before is available to later generations; and that we continue to develop our cultural heritage for those who follow us.

Our actions today and tomorrow, added to our inheritance of the past, will become the heritage of future generations.

Heritage has an important role to play in urban regeneration; in sustaining the viability of local communities and commercial districts; in supporting the tourism industry; and maintaining social cohesion. It is an integral component of "sustainability".



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HERITAGE COUNCIL
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Heritage Council

– An overview

Heritage is that which we inherit and that which we pass on to future generations.

The Heritage Council's objective is to promote the conservation of the cultural heritage of Western Australia and to enhance public understanding of that heritage.



The Heritage Council is the State

Government's advisory body on heritage matters. The nine member Council was established by the *Heritage of Western Australia Act 1990* and is supported by the Director and office staff.

The Heritage Council's mission is to identify, provide for and encourage the conservation of places that have significance to the cultural heritage of Western Australia. One of the main ways the Heritage Council achieves this is through the establishment and maintenance of the Register of Heritage Places.

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THE REGISTER OF HERITAGE PLACES

The Register is a statutory list of places that have been assessed by the Heritage Council and are considered to have cultural heritage significance for the State of Western Australia.

Places can include buildings and structures, gardens, cemeteries and archaeological sites, and are entered in the Register following an identification, assessment and consultation process.

There are two stages to entry in the Register - interim and permanent. The provisions of the Heritage Act provide equal protection to both types of entry. There is a consultation period between interim and permanent listing that can last between six weeks and twelve months.

CULTURAL HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE

Cultural heritage significance is the basis on which places are assessed for inclusion in the State Register of Heritage Places.

It is determined by the aesthetic, historic, scientific and social values of a place for current and future generations of Australians. Degrees of rarity and representativeness and the condition, integrity and authenticity of a place also help to determine its cultural heritage significance.

Cultural heritage significance is established by the application of criteria based on these values. Places that meet any one of the criteria are eligible for entry in the Register and the protection of the *Heritage of Western Australia Act 1990*.

DEVELOPMENT OF HERITAGE PLACES

The Act requires local governments and State Government Agencies to seek the advice of the Heritage Council if development of a place that is entered in the Register is being considered. Work may not proceed before advice has been received and the work must comply with the advice.

Advice can also be sought from the Heritage Council in regard to proposed development of non-registered places. This advice can be sought at the discretion of the owner or developer, local government or State Government Agency.

The Heritage Council's objective is to facilitate development which is in harmony with cultural heritage values, and ensure that the cultural heritage significance of the place is protected and not impaired through inappropriate work.

FUNDING ASSISTANCE

Incentives are available to encourage the conservation of Western Australia's cultural heritage. There are a variety of funding sources available to community groups, individuals, organisations and local governments.

Funding sources include:

- Heritage Council of WA Heritage Grants Program.
- Lotteries Commission Cultural Heritage – Conservation Grant Program.
- Cultural Heritage Projects Program.
- Remission of rates and charges.

The criteria for these incentives varies, however, most grants programs relate to conservation planning and conservation works. More information is available from the Heritage Council's website at www.heritage.wa.gov.au

