

Heritage

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Introduction

This brochure provides information about heritage in the City of Marion, including information about what 'heritage' is, the different levels of protection available for built heritage, and the City of Marion's Local Heritage Incentive Fund.

What is 'heritage'?

'Heritage' encompasses all those aspects of the past and present that we value and want to share with future generations. It includes:

- things that we have inherited from the past; and
- aspects of our own lives and generation.

Heritage can focus on places, artefacts, photographs, film, documents, landscapes or natural features, but it can also be more than tangible objects. Stories, events, cultural and religious practices, values and ideas can all be important aspects of heritage.

Council's Development Services Division primarily deals with built heritage, that is, buildings, structures and sites. Only this aspect of heritage has therefore been discussed in this brochure.

Heritage Listing and Protection

Different 'lists' or 'registers' exist as a record of our built heritage. The various list and registers are created by different organisations, some in accordance with legislation, and each one provides a different level of protection to the listed item.

In the City of Marion, there are two levels of protection for built heritage, State and Local. A place can be on one or both of these lists.

The State Heritage Register is a list of places of heritage value to the state. Places are entered in the Register by the State Heritage Authority, an eight member body established under the provisions of the Heritage Act 1993.

The City of Marion Development Plan contains a list of both State Heritage and Local Heritage Places located within the Council area. Places are entered on these lists through a Plan Amendment Report, either by the Council or the Minister.

State Heritage

In the City of Marion, there are currently twelve places on the State Heritage Register. To check whether a place is on the State Heritage Register, go to www.environment.sa.gov.au, and select 'Heritage', 'State Heritage Register'.

In relation to a State Heritage Place, "development" means the demolition, removal, conversion, alteration or painting of, or addition to, the place, or any other work that could materially affect the heritage value of the place.

Anyone proposing to carry out any of the works described as development in relation to a State Heritage Place, needs to lodge an application with the Council and obtain Development Approval before that work is carried out.

For further information on 'The Development Application Process' or 'Information to be submitted with a Development Application', please refer to other specific brochures on these topics.

When Council receives an application for development in relation to a State Heritage Place, Council will refer the application to the State's Department for Environment and Heritage for comment and advice.

Local Heritage

In the City of Marion there are currently 35 places listed in the Development Plan as Local Heritage Places.

In relation to a Local Heritage Place, "development" means the demolition, removal, conversion, alteration or, or addition to, the place, or any other work (not including painting but including, in the case of a tree, any tree damaging activity) that could materially affect the heritage value of the place.

Anyone proposing to carry out any of the works described as development in relation to a Local Heritage Place, needs to lodge an application with the Council and obtain Development Approval before that work is carried out.

For further information on 'The Development Application Process' or 'Information to be submitted with a Development Application', please refer to other specific brochures on these topics.

When Council receives an application for development in relation to a Local Heritage Place, Council may refer the application to a consultant heritage advisor for comment and advice.

Free expert advice

To assist owners of Local Heritage Places, free expert advice on building, maintenance, conservation and renovation proposals may be available from Council's Consultant Heritage Adviser.

For further information about this free service, please contact Council's Policy Planner.

Local Heritage Incentive Fund

The Council has also established a Local Heritage Incentive Fund to:

- help with the costs of maintenance and certain upgrading of heritage buildings;
- promote the effective conservation of heritage buildings;
- enhance the viability of such buildings; and
- enable owners to undertake maintenance and conservation work which may otherwise be a financial burden.

Community groups, organisations, private owners, property managers and tenants of Local Heritage Places in the City of Marion can apply for funding.

Financial assistance will be a direct subsidy of the costs of conservation work. Each property will be eligible for a maximum of \$2,500 per budget year, with not more than 30 percent of the cost of the work being subsidised.

Council's Local Heritage Incentive Fund (cont.)

The fund is designed to support the cost of eligible conservation work. This will generally include anything that assists in the restoration of the building to its original condition, such as:

- Wall, window, verandah, floor and roof restoration;
- Structural repairs;
- Repointing stone work;
- Salt damp repairs;
- Removal of paint and plaster from stonework or brickwork;
- Removal of graffiti etc.
- Additions that add to/enhance the heritage character of the building/place (subject to the discretion of the Council)

Funding assistance is granted, conditional on colours being appropriate, quality of workmanship, materials used and methods of construction.

Funds for labour are not provided for 'self-labour' and are only made available where actual labour expenditure can be confirmed for the completed works that were the subject of the original allocation. Costs for materials (when self laboured) may be covered by the fund if the materials can be directly apportioned to the proposed work.

Funding may also be made available for relevant fees applicable to the lodgement of a development application (subject to Council's discretion)

Making an application for Funding

Persons interested in funding should contact Council's Policy Planner in the first instance to discuss the scope of their proposed works. The process for obtaining any necessary Development Approvals can be clarified and, if necessary, an appointment with Council's Heritage Consultant can be arranged so that the eligibility and appropriateness of the proposed work can be assessed and advice given. This may also assist in establishing a budget for the project.

A formal application for financial assistance can then be made to the Council, in writing, and it should include:

- Applicant's name and postal address;
- Address of the Local Heritage Place;
- Name and phone number of contact person for further information;
- Details of the work proposed;
- Two (2) competitive quotes for the work
(Application forms can be obtained from Council)

The use of building conservation experts for proposed works and the quotation process is encouraged.

If approved, funding is only paid on the satisfactory completion of the works. Copies of all invoices, receipts and other relevant information that authenticates project costs must therefore be submitted to Council. On receipt of these documents, Council staff or its Heritage Consultant will visit the site to view the works and verify completion.

Want to Know More?

The above information is advisory only. It is intended to provide a guide and a general understanding of the key points associated with the particular topic. It is not a substitute for reading the relevant legislation or the Development Plan.

It is recommended that if you are intending to undertake development, you seek professional advice or contact the Council for any specific enquiries or for further assistance concerning the use and development of land.

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