

Heritage Incentives Scheme – Information Sheet



The Heritage Incentive Scheme is designed to assist affected residents with the conservation of their heritage listed properties.

What does the Scheme offer?

The Incentive Scheme includes:

- the waiving of development application fees for conservation works
- free heritage advice
- the provision of a Grants Scheme involving a subsidy of up to 50% of the total cost of conservation works, up to a limit of \$3,000 to assist owners in conserving heritage listed properties.

Who is eligible for the Scheme?

Owners of Local Heritage or Contributory Item Listings within the Council are eligible for the scheme.

What is the Grant Scheme's criterion?

Applications for funding are assessed on their merits, including:

- The application has to be for conservation works which contribute to the heritage value of the property
- Residential, commercial or community properties are eligible
- Buildings that have received maximum funding are not able to apply again for 3 years
- Funding will not be allocated for internal work or additions
- Electrical or plumbing work is not eligible unless directly improving public appearance or structural soundness

Please note - A maximum of one third of the total funds available in any one year may be for fencing applications

What happens to an Application?

The process for assessing applications includes the following:

- Each application is inspected by the Council's Heritage Adviser and/or Planning Staff.
- The Council's Heritage Adviser and/or Planning Staff assess each application to

determine if the proposed application is highly significant, significant or substantial in terms of the heritage value of the proposed work. How it is classified will determine whether it is recommended for 50% funding (highly significant), 33% funding (significant) or 25% funding (substantial) up to a maximum of \$3000.00.

- Quarterly reports are provided to Council including recommendations on each application.
- Council staff notifies applicants of Council's decision.

Case Study – Cottage, Local Heritage Listed

The applicant requested funding to assist with the replacement of feature windows which were listed in the heritage description as a specific element of heritage value. The total cost of the proposed conservation works was \$3000, including GST.

Council's heritage advisor assessed the property and Council staff considered the proposed work eligible for funding. It was recommended that Council allocate funds to the value of 50% of the conservation work, which was \$1500, subject to the applicant confirming the replacement was in style and finish to those currently included in the property's heritage listing description.

Further Information

Application forms and further information about the incentive scheme are available from Council or at www.dcmtbarker.sa.gov.au.



Local Heritage Places – Information Sheet



Historic places which are valued highly as both a record of local heritage and a contribution to character are under threat from development pressures.

To preserve this heritage for future generations, Council has adopted Heritage Listing provisions.

WHAT DOES HERITAGE LISTING MEAN?

Heritage Listing identifies places, structures or features of structures contained on a property which due to their historic, cultural, economic or aesthetic characteristics, warrant preservation.

Descriptions of the structures which warrant preservation are listed in the Council's *Development Plan* thus providing them with legal protection. Development to these structures must then preserve and/or enhance their heritage value.

Heritage Listing applies to only the description of heritage places in the *Development Plan* and not properties in their entirety.

WHAT CAN I DO TO A HERITAGE PROPERTY?

There are three categories of Heritage Listing.

State Heritage Listing registers places and items of particular importance to the people of South Australia. A number of State Heritage places currently exist within the Council. Responsibility for State Heritage Places rests with the Heritage Branch, Department of Environment and Heritage. Contact them for further information.

Local Heritage Places are regulated by Council through the Development Act (1993), and listing does not provide any access to the public or

automatically require a property owner to restore a building to its original

Heritage Listing does not prevent development of the property. Demolition, alteration or addition requires Planning approval which will be assessed on merit to ensure the preservation of the heritage listing characteristics.

Furthermore, to encourage the preservation of Local Heritage Places, Council provides greater land use flexibility. For example, while tourist accommodation is non-complying within rural zones, it is considered if it is associated with a Local Heritage Place.

Owners of Local Heritage Places are also eligible to apply for the Council's Local Heritage Incentive Scheme (see overleaf).

Contributory items are located within historic conservation policy areas and are examples of a particular period and its character. Properties listed as a Contributory item require Planning approval for demolition. This is assessed on merit and based on the replacement dwelling being sympathetic in its design, style and siting to both the contributory item's and historic policy area's existing character. This character is articulated within the character statement for the policy area, contained within Council's *Development Plan*.

To find out more about the criteria and general process for listing both State Heritage and Local Heritage places visit www.environment.sa.gov.au/heritage

The planning processes for both State and local heritage places are detailed in the [Planning Bulletin: Heritage](#) published by Planning SA.

Further Information

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