



HERITAGE STRATEGY

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Forward

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The Shire of Dardanup is one of the fastest growing local governments in Australia. Growth is not only reflected in the population but also in the infrastructure and facilities that people need to enjoy the lifestyle and sense of place for where they have chosen to live. New buildings are always going to be constructed, but we must not lose sight of what has been done by our early settlers.



Throughout the Shire there are a number of heritage buildings and places that need to be registered and promoted. This strategy will set the framework for a process to promote and showcase these places for current and future generations. Some of the buildings display unique design and architecture that dates back more than a century. These examples are a credit to our forefathers and of what can be achieved when people have a mind to make a statement about the value of the place that they live.

We trust you will gain much value and respect of our history through the implementation of this strategy.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mick Bennett'.

Cr. Mick Bennett
Shire President

Chief Executive Officer

In developing new facilities for the current and future population of the Shire, Council is very aware of the need to acknowledge and maintain our historical assets. To that end, the Shire has developed a Heritage Strategy that will guide the way the Shire manages the heritage values of the district.



On behalf of Council, I encourage you to be involved in the evolution of this strategy and to make yourself and your family aware of the heritage values of the Shire.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark L Chester'.

Mark L Chester
Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary

The Heritage Strategy sets out the Shire's objectives and establishes a framework for managing the Shire's heritage places over the next 10 years. The Strategy is intended to be a practical working document and provides a realistic plan to achieve the Strategy's objectives.

The Strategy is structured around four key themes being:

Knowing

Protecting

Supporting

Promoting

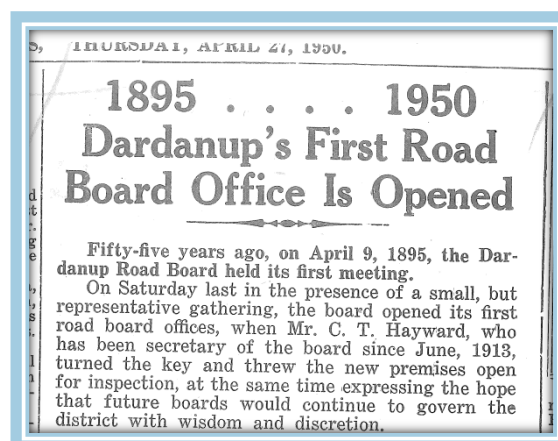
The Strategy was developed with a view to providing strategic direction for actions to be undertaken after the review of the Shire's Municipal Heritage Inventory. The action plan will provide guidance and support the implementation of a number of initiatives with which the Shire and the community can:

Know our heritage assets by identifying them;

Protect our heritage assets through statutory controls and appropriate management;

Support our heritage assets by accessing professional advice and by providing assistance and initiatives for their conservation; and

Promote our heritage assets by increasing awareness and celebrating our heritage.



Source: Shire records

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Original Dardanup Hall which was used from 1890 to 1956.

Source: Memories of Dardanup 2011 DVD

Purpose

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Knowing

the identification of heritage assets and positive measures already in place

Protecting

the development and application of statutory and policy controls and the appropriate management of heritage places

Supporting

the provision of appropriate advice, assistance and incentives for the conservation of heritage places

Promoting

awareness and celebratory programs to foster a community culture that will value the Shire's remaining heritage assets

Wellington Mills School – 1907
Source: *Wellington Mills – A History, 2004*



Objectives

The following have been identified as the objectives of the Heritage Strategy:

Framework

establish a framework to identify and manage the Shire's heritage places

Protection

protect the Shire's heritage for our future generations

Conservation

support and promote the conservation of the Shire's heritage

*First Waterloo Hall which was used as a post office and telephone exchange. It was destroyed by fire in 1946.
Source: Shire records*



Importance of Heritage

Heritage can incorporate both the tangible and the intangible. It is present in many forms such as landmarks, places, buildings and contents, spaces, views and the stories associated with them.

Heritage is important in understanding the story of an area – its history, identity and its people.

The retention and management of heritage places has an important role to play in protecting the environment, creating vibrant communities and sustaining local economies.

Retaining heritage places contributes to a substantial environmental and financial saving in embodied energy. It avoids the creation of waste and the need for replacement building materials.

Heritage places contribute to the quality of life and cultural identity of our communities as a focal point for community gatherings and contribute to streetscapes and our sense of belonging.

Utilising and revitalising our heritage places can assist local economies through employment opportunities and by generating additional revenue, particularly through tourism.

State Government, local governments, property owners and members of the community all have a role to play in ensuring that the valuable asset of our heritage is recognised, respected and promoted.

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

Strategic Framework

State planning context

Local Government has a pivotal role to play in heritage conservation management, as the majority of Western Australia's cultural heritage places are significant at a local level.

The *Western Australia Heritage Act 1990* requires the Shire to identify heritage places in a Local Government Inventory.

Provisions are provided in the *Planning and Development Act 2005* for the conservation and protection of places and areas of local significance through the local planning scheme.

The *Town Planning Amendment Regulations 1999* contains the Model Scheme Text provides standardised model scheme provisions including those for heritage.

State Planning Policy 3.5 – Historic Heritage Conservation sets out the principles of sound and responsible planning for the conservation and protection of historic heritage.

Local planning context

The *Local Planning Scheme* includes provisions relating to the development or demolition of places of heritage significance.

The Shire's *Municipal Heritage Inventory* contains a list and details of places considered to be of local heritage significance.



*Paradise School in the 1920's.
Source: Shire records*

Key Issues

The Shire's existing heritage framework has been assessed and the following weaknesses have been identified:

The existing Local Planning Scheme was prepared prior to the Model Scheme Text resulting in the heritage provisions being outdated.

The existing Local Planning Scheme does not contain a heritage list resulting in the current protection regime of heritage places in minimal.

The existing Municipal Heritage Inventory was originally prepared in 2003 has not undergone a major review.

Many places records in the Municipal Heritage Inventory are incomplete and provide no details on the significance of that place.

*First self-propelled grader which was used to build the main road at Waterloo. The grader was on loan from White Rock Quarries.
Source: Shire records*



Action Plan

The following action plan sets out the tasks and initiatives for the Shire to achieve the objectives of the Heritage Strategy. The action plan indicates which departments within the Shire are responsible for each action and a priority/timeframe for each action as high, medium ongoing or annual.

HIGH PRIORITY – actions that form part of the Heritage Inventory review.

MEDIUM PRIORITY – actions that will be undertaken after the completion of the Heritage Inventory review.

ONGOING – actions that will occur on an ongoing basis.

ANNUAL – actions that will occur on an annual basis.

Knowing

Objective: the identification of heritage assets and positive measures already in place

STRATEGY	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	PRIORITY/ TIMEFRAME
1.1 Identify and record the Shire's heritage by reviewing the Municipal Heritage Inventory	1. Review and update the existing thematic history to ensure it is representative of all relevant themes and periods of development of the Shire.	Planning Services	High
	2. Review existing place records to ensure records are complete and include a detailed statement of significance for each place.	Planning Services	High
	3. Identify additional places that may be of local significance for inclusion in the Inventory.	Planning Services	High
1.2 Ensure information on the Shire's heritage is readily available	1. Heritage documents to be provided to the Eaton and Dardanup libraries and administration centres.	Planning Services Corporate Services	Medium
	2. Heritage documents to be made accessible via the Shire's website.	Corporate Services	Medium
	3. Create a map identifying the location of places listed in the Municipal Heritage Inventory and Scheme Heritage List.	Planning Services	High

Protecting

Objective: the development and application of statutory and policy controls and the appropriate management of heritage places

STRATEGY	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	PRIORITY/ TIMEFRAME
2.1 Ensure the Shire's heritage framework is easy to understand	1. Develop a document which clearly explains the differences and implications of the State Register of Heritage Place, the Municipal Heritage Inventory and the Scheme Heritage List.	Planning Services	Medium
	2. Develop a concise document to clearly guide the development (including alterations and additions) of heritage listed places.	Planning Services	Medium
2.2 Reduce the occurrence of demolition by neglect	1. Develop a Heritage At Risk register to identify places that may be at risk of neglect and future demolition.	Planning Services Building Services	Medium
	2. Periodically liaise with landowners of places identified 'at risk' to implement actions to prevent further neglect.	Planning Services Building Services	Ongoing
2.3 Apply good heritage management practices for Shire owned heritage places	1. Develop a clear set of principles (based on the Burra Charter) to guide the management and care of Shire owned heritage places.	Planning Services Engineering Services	Medium
	2. Ensure Asset Management Plans identify the heritage significance of Shire owned places, potential risks to those places and enhancement projects for future funding.	Engineering Services	Ongoing
2.4 Digitally capture heritage records of the Shire and community	1. Seek the temporary donation of historical photos, records and maps from community members and businesses for digital capture.	Planning Services Community Services	Medium
	2. Apply for grant funding to digitally capture heritage records and produce a detailed collection of historical photos, records and maps.	Planning Services	Medium



*Opening of the Waterloo Catholic Church. The Church was the St Matthew's Church at Wellington Mills until being relocated to Waterloo in 1924.
Source: Shire records and Wellington Mills – A History, 2004*

Supporting

Objective: the provision of appropriate advice, assistance and incentives for the conservation of heritage places

STRATEGY	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	PRIORITY/ TIMEFRAME
3.1 Ensure adequate budget funds are allocated for heritage	1. Ensure future works identified in Asset Management Plans are appropriately allocated funds during annual budget processes.	Engineering Services	Ongoing
	2. Apply for the Heritage Advisory Service Subsidy available from the State Heritage Office.	Planning Services	High
	3. Ensure funds are allocated during annual budget processes to maintain a Heritage Advisory Service.	Planning Services	High
3.2 Foster positive perceptions about the Shire's heritage	1. Consider the cost and practicalities of waiving planning application fees for minor works to heritage places and increasing the planning application fees for the demolition of heritage places.	Planning Services Corporate Services	Medium
	2. Consideration of incentives for the conservation of heritage places.	Planning Services Corporate Services	Medium
3.3 Identify opportunities for funding to conserve heritage places	1. Compile a register of grants opportunities and grant providers for public and private heritage places and provide on the Shire's website for download.	Planning Services Corporate Services	Medium
	2. Identify projects that may be eligible for funding, which have a public benefit and align with selection criteria of particular grants.	Planning Services Engineering Services	Ongoing
	3. Ensure internal resources are allocated for the preparation of grant applications.	Planning Services Engineering Services	Ongoing
3.4 Provide opportunities to increase knowledge of heritage management	1. Provide internal training sessions for staff and elected members focusing on the technical aspects of heritage management tools (legislation, inventory, scheme list).	Planning Services Governance	Medium
	2. Ensure staff and elected members have opportunities to attend heritage training/information sharing sessions.	Planning Services Governance	Ongoing
	3. Support staff interested in pursuing further qualifications in heritage planning and/or management.	Planning Services Governance	Ongoing
3.5 Implementation of the Heritage Strategy	1. Publicise and use the Heritage Strategy to demonstrate to agencies and funding providers the importance and value placed on the Shire's heritage.	Planning Services Engineering Services Governance	Ongoing
	2. Ensure that future strategies and management plans include consideration of the Shire's heritage.	Planning Services Engineering Services Governance	Ongoing

Promoting

Objective: awareness and celebratory programs to foster a community culture that will value the Shire's remaining heritage assets

STRATEGY	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	PRIORITY/ TIMEFRAME
4.1 Develop opportunities to raise awareness and foster positive perceptions about the Shire's heritage	1. Develop a heritage portal on the Shire's website to provide access to heritage information and material.	Planning Services Corporate Services	Medium
	2. Showcase good examples of infill or adaption of heritage places and provide access via the Shire's website heritage portal.	Planning Services Corporate Services	Ongoing
	3. Conduct annual heritage awards to acknowledge good examples of conservation works, alterations and additions, adaptive reuse or to recognize the efforts of community heritage advocates.	Planning Services Community Services	Annual
	4. Develop a local history award to celebrate and be a means of collecting original historical research, records and photographs.	Planning Services Community Services	Annual
4.2 Communicate the Shire's heritage to a wide audience	1. Strengthen tourism opportunities by including heritage tourism in the review of the Shire's Tourism Strategy.	Planning Services Ferguson Valley Marketing Committee	Medium



*Dardanup Hotel which was rebuilt in 1905 after a fire.
Source: Memories of Dardanup 2011 DVD*

Implementation, Monitoring & Review

The ongoing implementation and effectiveness of the Heritage Strategy needs to be monitored to ensure that the objectives and actions are being achieved. The implementation of the Shire's Heritage Strategy requires:

adoption of the Heritage Strategy by Council to establish a future direction for all stakeholders on heritage matters and conservation

allocation of resources to effectively undertake components of the action plan

The Heritage Strategy will be reviewed annually with the review of other strategic plans such as the Corporate Business Plan. A major review should be undertaken every four years.



*Burekup Store – c. 1918
Source: Burekup – On The Henty, 2000*