

HERITAGE PROTECTED PLACES

Information Sheet

What is a Heritage Protected Place?

Heritage Protected Places are sites, buildings or areas recognised for their cultural heritage significance. These may be included on the:

- Shire of Ashburton Heritage List
- Local Heritage Survey
- State Register of Heritage Places
- Designated Heritage Areas

These places contribute to the Shire's history and identity and require careful management.

Why does heritage matter?

Heritage places provide a link to the past and help to define the character of local communities. Protecting them ensures their significance is retained for future generations.

When do I need approval?

For properties included on the Heritage List, you may need development approval if you propose:

- New Buildings (including sheds, garages or outbuildings)
- Alterations or Additions
- Demolition
- Change of Use
- Conservation or Restoration Works

Building or Demolition Permits cannot be issued for Heritage Listed properties without prior development approval.

What will the Shire consider?

Applications are assessed having regard to:

- The significance of the place (its heritage value)
- The Burra Charter (national best practice for heritage conservation)
- The scale, form, materials and appearance of proposed works
- Whether the proposal protects and does not detract from the heritage place

A Heritage Impact Statement or heritage advice may be required.



General Design Principles

For all heritage places:

- Retain and protect original buildings and significant elements
- Ensure new work does not dominate or detract from the heritage place
- Match or complement existing materials and colours
- Keep additions secondary and clearly identifiable as new
- Avoid changes that remove or obscure significant features

Conservation and Restoration

- Repair rather than replace original materials where possible
- Replacement elements should match the original appearance
- Restoration should be based on evidence (e.g. photos or plans), not guesswork
- Follow the principles of the Burra Charter

Change of Use

- New uses should not impact the heritage significance
- Uses requiring minimal structural change are preferred

Getting Started

Before lodging an application, you are encouraged to speak with Shire Officer to confirm requirements and approval pathways.

Legislation and Guidance

- Planning and Development Act 2005
- Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015
- Heritage Act 2018
- Shire of Ashburton Local Planning Scheme No. 7

Need help?

Contact the Shire of Ashburton's Planning team via email at townplanning@ashburton.wa.gov.au for advice on heritage properties and development requirements.