

HERITAGE - SHIRE OF COLLIE 2017

Looking After Our Heritage

Heritage is important in understanding the story of our local community – our history, identity and diversity. It includes places, objects and documents, art works and furniture, as well as folklore, ideas, memories and skills and practice.

The Shire of Collie is one of the custodians of this diverse heritage. In particular, the Shire is responsible for identifying and protecting heritage places so that current and future generations can enjoy a rich and diverse cultural environment and gain an understanding of what came before them.

Buildings, parks and gardens, industrial structures, cemeteries and archaeological sites are all heritage places. Typically, these have been developed or significantly modified by human activity. However, native trees, natural landscapes and places of historic interest (such as sites where important buildings used to be, picnic areas and temporary settlements) can also be heritage places. All contribute to the understanding and appreciation of how Collie and the surrounding towns came to be as they are.

The Shire of Collie's Local Government Heritage Survey, a Heritage List and heritage policies, guide and encourage the management of the Shire's diverse heritage places.

The Local Government Heritage Survey

The Local Government Heritage Survey (LGHS) is a list of places that the Shire of Collie considers to have, or may have in the future, cultural heritage significance. Where there are a number of adjacent places of cultural heritage significance, they may be included as a Heritage Area.

The LGHS provides brief historical information on each place, a physical description, a statement of significance and recommendations for management.

Established and widely accepted criteria are used to determine the level of significance. These are the aesthetic, historic, research and/or social values a place may have for present and future generations. Rarity, representativeness and authenticity are also taken into consideration when assigning a level of significance.

The levels of significance are:

- Exeptional
- Considerable
- Some
- Little

The LGHS is simply an inventory that:

- Provides a cultural and historical record of the Shire of Collie;
- Assists in determining heritage conservation policies; and

- Provides useful guidance for councillors and staff in exercising their town planning functions, including the compilation of a Heritage List.

Places in the LGHS do not have any legal protection and are not subject to heritage provisions under the Town Planning Scheme UNLESS they are included in the Shire's Heritage List.

The Heritage List

The Heritage List is compiled from the places identified in the LGHS. It does not necessarily include all places and areas. The List is adopted under the Shire's Town Planning Scheme and may be changed from time to time.

In managing places in the Heritage List, councillors and staff have regard to the level of significance assigned to each place in the MHI.

The Shire of Collie defines and manages the levels as significance consistent with the recommendations of the State Heritage Office:

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE	DESCRIPTION	MANAGEMENT
Exceptional Significance	Essential to the heritage of the locality. Rare or outstanding example.	The place should be retained and conserved unless there is no feasible and prudent alternative to doing otherwise. Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place and be in accordance with a Conservation Plan (if one exists for the place).
Considerable Significance	Very important to the heritage of the locality. High degree of integrity/authenticity.	Conservation of the place is highly desirable. Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place.
Moderate/Some significance	Contributes to the heritage of the locality. Has some altered or modified elements, not necessarily detracting from the overall significance of the place.	Conservation of the place is desirable. Any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place and original

		fabric should be retained wherever feasible.
Little significance	Does not fulfill the criteria for entry in the local Heritage List.	Photographically record prior to major development or demolition. Recognise and interpret the site if possible.

An additional category, 'For Information Purposes Only', has been used where places which were previously identified as having cultural heritage significance are no longer considered to hold that significance, either due to the place being demolished or not meeting the criteria.

Incentives

Assistance is available for the conservation of heritage places including advice from the Shire's heritage advisor. You can contact the Shire of Collie for further information.

Things to Know

- Inclusion of a place in the Heritage List DOES NOT affect ownership or public access rights.

The place remains the sole property of the owner and any person accessing that property without the owner's consent may be deemed a trespasser under civil law.

- You can still make changes to your property if it is included in the Heritage List.

Planning approval is required for all alterations, extensions, change of use or demolition. When considering an application, Shire staff and Councillors have regard for the level of significance assigned in the LGHS and any relevant design guidelines.

- You should not have any problems insuring your property if it is well maintained to a modern standard.

Other Heritage Lists

Register of Heritage Places (Heritage Council of Western Australia)

- Includes places considered to be of cultural heritage significance to the state of Western Australia.
- Approval of the Heritage Council of WA is required for the development of places on the Register.

National and Commonwealth Heritage Lists (Australian Heritage Council)

- Includes places considered to be of cultural heritage significance to the nation of Australia.
- Approval of the Australian Heritage Council is required for the development of places on the National List.

Classified List (National Trust of Australia (WA))

- Includes places considered to be of cultural heritage significance to the community of Western Australia.
- There are no statutory implications but the National Trust (WA) can provide advice on the development of Classified places.

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