

Shire of Quairading 2013

HERITAGE STRATEGY

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A Heritage Strategy assists a local government to meet its heritage obligations set out in the Heritage Act WA (1990) and the State Planning Policy 3.5 and provides a framework to identify the extent of cultural heritage assets and strategic actions.

The Shire of Quairading's Heritage Strategy is a concise report that reveals how the Shire identifies, manages and promotes its heritage assets. Thirty one actions have been identified against the State Heritage Office's framework. The following recommendations summarise those actions into a strategic direction of achievable goals.

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- Develop Conservation Management Strategies (CMS) for Shire owned heritage places that don't have conservation management plans to ensure appropriate management and conservation with supporting budget allocations.
- Develop and present heritage information and training to Elected Members, Shire executive and staff, and with specific detailed sessions for community development, planning, development and volunteers.
- Engage and empower the community through the establishment of a Shire heritage working group and provide opportunities for information and training.
- Continue to develop and promote cultural heritage and heritage tourism information and initiatives through the web site linking the heritage inventory and policies, the heritage list, and develop the inherit database link. Establish a regular heritage column in the local newsletter. Explore cultural heritage and tourism events and celebration opportunities.
- Develop a heritage/tourism signage policy and plan for all tourism and heritage associated signage for consistency and easy identification throughout the Shire.
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With a renewed strategic direction the Shire of Quairading will achieve the outcomes to highlight their heritage virtues and enrich the community pride and visitor experience.

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INTRODUCTION

This document has been prepared with reference to, and extracts from, Heritage Strategy Template 06 prepared by the State Heritage Office for Heritage Advisory Services.

A Heritage Strategy assists a local government to meet its heritage obligations set out in the Heritage Act WA (1990) and the State Planning Policy 3.5.

It provides a framework to identify the extent of cultural heritage assets within a local government and strategic actions to address pertinent heritage issues.

The Heritage Strategy is developed upon the following procedure:

Know: identify, assess and document heritage places

Manage: determine levels of significance, ensure statutory protection for the most significant places, develop policy to assist decision making, and conservation guidelines for long term management

Support: incentives, advisory services, funding assistance

Communication and promotion: raise awareness and appreciation of heritage

Actions

Strategic recommendations

That facilitates:

- Identification of positive heritage measures already employed by local government
- Identification and prioritising work to be done in the future
- appropriate management and monitoring of the heritage assets of their community
- reporting on, and celebrating achievements

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DEVELOPING THE HERITAGE STRATEGY

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MUNICIPAL) HERITAGE INVENTORY

Adoption: 1996 Number of places: 210 includes sites

Status of MI policy / standards: n/a

Planned review period: January-June 2014 Consultant brief approved ✓

Consultant appointed: Laura Gray Consultant/Heritage Adviser

Estimated delivery of draft: 30 June 2014

INHERIT ONLINE DATABASE

User agreement signed: / /

inHerit administrator:

Mapping information confirmed (%):

Places with photographs (%): 50%

ACTIONS

1. Review entire Heritage Inventory:
 - a. Ensure all aspects of the historical development of the shire area are considered.
 - b. Consider places of cultural heritage significance beyond built form: e.g. cultural landscapes, public art and monuments.
 - c. Ensure the review includes community consultation/involvement to ensure contemporary view of the issues, ownership of the heritage and empowerment of the management.
2. Review gradings and the Heritage List to ensure most significant places have the necessary gradings, substantiation and management protocols in place (Heritage List).
3. Develop an electronic version of the heritage inventory that provides for ongoing update & amendment, and public access to place records as may be required.
4. Ensure budget allowance for management and development of the heritage inventory.
5. Update the inventory on an annual basis.
6. Develop a Shire of Quairading website connection to the Inventory.
7. Establish agreement and administration for "InHerit" online database.

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HERITAGE IN THE LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME

Heritage List adopted? NO Heritage List separate from MI? Identified as separate within Inventory by way of gradings (categories)

Works requiring development approval: Registered places after referral to State Heritage Office.

Heritage List policy: NO

Next review of Heritage List: Inventory Review January-June 2014

Heritage Planning Policy: N/a

Heritage/conservation areas? Quairading Main Street Precinct & Dangin Town Precinct are identified in the Inventory.

Design guidelines for heritage? no

Scheme provisions to be added / amended: Not identified at this time

HERITAGE INCENTIVES

Planning variations allowed for heritage places: None considered at this time.

Planning fees waived: No

Rate preference: No

Conservation fund: No

Heritage Loan Subsidy Scheme: No

Heritage Award: No

Other:

ACTIONS

8. Ensure the Heritage List is clearly identified and Town Planning Scheme (TPS) provisions applied.
9. Develop a Local Planning Policy (LPP) and guidelines to guide management and development of 'Heritage Listed' places.
10. Develop Local Planning Policies and guidelines for the Quairading Main Street Heritage Protection Area (HPA-currently referred to as precinct) and Dangin Townsite Heritage Protection Area (also precinct) to guide management and development within those identified areas.

11. Identify any other Heritage Protection Areas and initiate LPPs and guidelines as required.
12. Investigate opportunities for heritage promotion.

SHIRE OF QUAIRADING HERITAGE OWNED ASSETS

The Shire of Quairading own approximately 10 places listed in the Heritage Inventory- 1 of which is listed in the Register of Heritage Places.

Heritage inventory identified? <input type="checkbox"/> YES	<u>Registered places owned by Shire of Quairading:</u> Quairading State School (fmr)
Condition assessment (number of places in each category): Critical <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Acceptable <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Ideal	
Heritage places without current use: Quairading State School (fmr)	
Maintenance plans in place: NO	
Conservation Management Plans for Registered Places: NONE	
Proposals for redevelopment / adaptive reuse: Quairading School (fmr) requires adaptive reuse	
Funding requirements: Shire budget and Lotterywest funding opportunities.	
Other:	

ACTIONS.

13. Undertake Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) for the Shire owned Registered heritage asset as a matter of urgency, to guide urgent conservation works that will enable the occupation and use of the place.
14. Undertake Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) for the Shire owned heritage assets.
15. Establish a schedule of Shire owned heritage places with records of the reports, works undertaken, maintenance, and works required over a 10 year forward planning program.
16. The schedule will facilitate prioritising places and works contingent on retaining and/or establishing viable and appropriate uses, the expenditure required, and access to funding.
17. Staged works programs should be considered to leverage Lotterywest funding.
18. Ensure each Shire owned heritage asset has annual and long-term budget allocations to fund essential maintenance and works, and to seed funding opportunities, for longer term and urgent conservation works, as identified in the CMS reports.

TRAINING / EDUCATION

Heritage included in induction for elected members? NO

Training record for heritage officer: N/a

ACTIONS

19. Develop a heritage induction program in association with the Heritage Adviser for Staff and Elected Members.
20. Heritage Adviser to present the program to all existing staff and Elected Members.
21. Initiate an ongoing program of heritage and conservation information and initiatives.
22. Develop a targeted information program in association with the Heritage Adviser to present specifically for community development, planning and development staff.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Heritage advisory committee: No

Community heritage activity:

Heritage tourism strategy: No

Corporate Business Plan:

Strategic Community Plan: 2012

ACTIONS

23. Establish a community working group to engage with consultant during the Inventory review.
24. Initiate a regular heritage column in the Shire's community information interface providing an opportunity to showcase heritage, inform of initiatives, availability of information.
25. Facilitate Heritage Adviser interaction with heritage interests, tourism bodies, Historical Society, and museum groups in the Shire area.
26. Identify specific staff who are responsible for the day-to-day management of heritage assets and who are empowered to access the Heritage Advisor.
27. Develop a specific Heritage Tourism Strategy.
28. Continue to manage the Shire's website with development of a specific cultural heritage and tourism tab that provides information that identifies places, events, resources and statutory requirements.

29. Seek opportunities for any collaborative heritage projects (with neighbouring local governments, State Government, education institutions, tourism bodies, local historical societies etc)
30. Develop a heritage/tourism signage policy and plan for all tourism and heritage associated signage for consistency and easy identification throughout the Shire.
31. Undertake recommendations as reviewed with priority to budgeted achievable outcomes.

SUMMARY

This report identifies 31 actions to address the Shire of Quairading's ongoing appreciation, promotion and management of their heritage assets and history.

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