

Local Heritage Fund Program 2023

Application Guideline

Application Period: 8 August 2023 till 5 September 2023

1 Local heritage fund purpose

The Warrumbungle Shire Local Heritage Places Grant has been established to assist owners of places with heritage significance to undertake conservation and restoration works. Items of heritage significance include buildings identified as contributing to the character of the Baradine, Binnaway, Coolah, Coonabarabran, Dunedoo and Mendooran Heritage Conservation Areas, Councils Heritage Study, as well as items listed in Schedule 5 of the Warrumbungle Local Environment Plan 2013.

Examples of the type of work that can be funded under this program may include, but are not confined to: for conservation and maintenance works

- Painting in approved colour schemes
- Repairs to stumps, walls, roofs, doors and windows
- Replacement of guttering and down pipes
- Reinstating missing components, including verandahs
- Meeting Building Code of Australia requirements, such as fire services and access, for ongoing and new uses.
- Structural assessments to ensure the integrity of business premises
- Heritage items and items in conservation areas in the Warrumbungle Local Environmental Plan 2013.

The aim is to maintain, preserve or restore elements that contribute to the heritage value of a place. The funding cannot be used for improvements such as new kitchens or bathrooms. Council's Heritage Advisor is available to assist with colour schemes and provide free advice on your proposed work and general heritage advice

Projects funded through the local heritage fund

Council has offered assistance with the following projects:

- Awning over disabled accesses
- External and internal painting of homesteads
- Repairs to roof, guttering and downpipes
- Replacing of posts and doors at hall
- Repairs to floor boards in hall
- Carry out fire safety upgrades to meet the requirements of the Building Code of Australia

An example of a local heritage fund application is:

A local community group manages a building which is a local heritage item in the 2013 Local Environmental Plan. They are planning to do maintenance works to repair the exterior roof and replace guttering and downpipes. These works will cost \$10,000. They apply for a grant of \$1,000 and will contribute \$9,000 themselves towards the project.

2 Type of funding available

The limit for the amount of funding available for each applicant will depend on the number of applications received. Council will consider applications where the owner's contribution is in the form of labour and/or materials rather than cash and if the application is for an ongoing staged program of works for the building. Please note that grants are not made in respect of properties on which rates are unpaid.

3 Opening and closing dates for applying for grants from the local heritage fund

Applications open on XX and close on Xx Applications are called for once every financial year.

4 Who can apply for grants from the local heritage fund?

The following people may apply for funding under this program:

- Owners of places listed on the Warrumbungle Local Environmental Plan 2013 Schedule 5 Heritage items.
- Owners of places within the Baradine, Binnaway, Coolah, Coonabarabran, Dunedoo and Mendooran Heritage Conservation Areas.
- Owners of places listed in Councils Heritage Study.

Please contact Council's Heritage Advisor, Peter Duggan on 0439 091 767 if you wish to seek clarification of any of the above. You cannot apply for funding if you are a State Government agency, but may be involved as a project partner.

5 What projects can be funded by the local heritage fund?

Assistance will be provided from the Local Heritage Places Grant for the following types of projects:

- for conservation and restoration works,
- to meet Building Code Australia upgrades (fire, services, and access) for ongoing and new uses,
- or for heritage items and items in conservation areas in the Warrumbungle Local Environmental Plan 2013, or included in councils Heritage Study.

6 What projects cannot be funded by the local heritage fund?

Example

Funding will not be available from the local heritage fund for:

- new buildings
- routine maintenance, e.g. lawn mowing, gutter cleaning or carpet cleaning
- projects where adequate funding is available from the applicant or other sources
- new commemorative monuments or works
- the purchase of heritage buildings
- the relocation of buildings or works to relocate buildings
- private headstones, unless there is no possibility of descendent support

- floodlighting of heritage buildings
- the purchase of equipment
- moveable railway heritage items.

7 Agreed funding priorities

Priority will be given to projects that are:

- For urgent maintenance works to avert management risks, e.g. severe deterioration, demolition, or demolition by neglect
- For items that are part of a heritage group or a precinct
- Fire, service and access upgrades for compliance with the Building Code of Australia
- For ongoing or adaptive reuse of heritage item(s).
- Investigations and reports such as the structural integrity of buildings

8 Common selection criteria

Funding is targeted to projects:

- with sustainable long-term heritage benefits
- that are for public benefit and enjoyment
- that show innovation and leadership
- where the project partners have the capacity and commitment to undertake the project
- that demonstrate funding equity and cost effectiveness.

9 Applying for funding

To apply for funding for a project from the council's local heritage fund:

- Read the application form so you know what information you need and if your project fits the types of funding offered.
- Do some background research on your heritage item so you can include all relevant information in your project proposal.
- Prepare a list of project tasks to be completed.
- Get at least two quotes for each of the project's tasks.
- Ensure you have relevant plans and sketches – depending on the size of the project, you may need to include these in your application.
- Take 'before the project' and 'after the project' photographs.
- Complete the application form and keep a copy for your records.
- Talk with Councils' heritage advisor about your project.

10 Submitting your application

Before you submit your application for funding, you must discuss your project with the heritage advisor Peter Duggan on 0439 091 767 or email pa_duggan@yahoo.com

Email your completed project application with attached digital images and other information info@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au or post it to PO Box 191 Coonabarabran NSW 2357. Please **either** email or post your application. Do not do both.

11 Processing your project application

Warrumbungle Shire Council will acknowledge receipt of your application.

Projects will be assessed and approved by Warrumbungle Shire Council. In assessing your application, the quality and clarity of information provided will be taken into account.

A funding offer and contract will be sent to successful applicants early October 2023.

Warrumbungle Shire Council will advise unsuccessful applicants early October 2023.

The Warrumbungle Shire Council Local Heritage Fund 2023-25 is a targeted funding program. Projects must meet eligibility criteria, funding priorities and common selection criteria. However, in exceptional circumstances, Warrumbungle Shire Council reserves the right to recommend funding for projects that may not fully meet these requirements

12 Further information

For further information contact Kelly Dewar, Manager Planning and Regulation Services at Warrumbungle Shire Council

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