# City of Melton

# Heritage Assistance Fund Guidelines



#### Assessment Criteria

Each application for funding will be evaluated against the following criteria:

- The heritage significance of the place.
- The positive impact of the proposed works on the longterm viability of the place.
- The long-term benefits of the proposed works to the community.
- The type and urgency of the work required.
- Whether the proposed work accords with the principles of the Australia ICOMOS Burra Charter.
- The willingness of the applicant to pay for at least 50% of the works and to enter into a funding agreement with Council.
- Demonstrated local support for the project (i.e.; joint applications from joint owners of dry stone walls).
- The proposed works must demonstrate compliance with planning and building permits, and compliance with other plans such as Precinct Structure Plans.

## **Eligibility of Applicants**

The fund is open to companies, individuals, community groups and committees who own or manage a heritage place in the City of Melton.

### **Eligibility of Projects**

The fund may be used for projects which:

- Enhance the viability or appearance of a heritage place.
- Undertake approved repairs or conservation works to a heritage place.
- Undertake a conservation management plan for a heritage place.
- Undertake assessment or research into a heritage place for conservation purposes.

The type of works funded could include:

- Repainting of timber work.
- Replacing roofing materials.
- Rebuilding collapsed sections of dry stone walls.
- Repointing stonework or masonry.
- Treatment of termite damage.
- Restumping.



# **Guidelines**

The purpose of the heritage assistance fund is to provide financial assistance for conservation works to, or preparation of conservation management plans, for a heritage place within the City of Melton.

#### The Process:



Eligible property owners will be notified when applications are open.



Applicants negotiate with Council before nominating start and completion dates for the works. A pre-works inspection will be undertaken prior to the agreed start date.



At 50% completion the works are inspected by the Heritage Advisor and a progress payment may be paid.



Completed works are inspected and the applicant is paid the balance of the agreed funds.

### **Ineligible Projects**

Funding will not be provided for the following:

- Works to the interiors of private buildings.
- Works already completed.
- New fences, new dry stone walls, outbuildings, additions or extensions to buildings (unless it is reconstruction of an original element).
- Speculative reconstruction.
- Demolition or relocation of a heritage place or dry stone wall.

# What funding is available

The amount of funds approved by Council each year can vary. The fund can provide only 50% of the cost of works proposed, and the other 50% is to be paid by the applicant.

For example: If you apply to the fund for painting works and the quote is for \$6,000, Council will not pay more than \$3,000 which is 50% of the cost of the project.

Applicants can apply to the fund more than once but not in the same round.

Please note: Works to heritage places may require a planning permit. Please contact Council to check if you works will require a permit before you complete you application.

If you would like further information or assistance completing your application please contact the City Strategy Team on 9747 7200 or send us an email at citysupport@melton.vic.gov.au









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