

Heritage Management Policy

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Responsible Officer	Group Manager Corporate Service & Strategic Projects		
Relevant Legislation	Aboriginal Heritage Act Heritage Act 1993 Heritage Places Act 1993 Environment Protection Act 1993 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Local Government Act 1999 Planning Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 Planning Development and Infrastructure Regulations 2019		
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1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Town of Walkerville is committed to celebrating our Town's rich history and heritage, maintaining and enhancing its unique historic character and ensuring that our built and natural heritage and historic character streetscapes are preserved, maintained and promoted for current and future generations.
- 1.2. Heritage plays a key role in enriching our community members' lives – socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually. The Town of Walkerville recognises that heritage contributes to the overall community wellbeing.
- 1.3. The conservation of built and natural heritage gives the community a sense of historical perspective, a framework for future development, recognisable links with people and events in history, providing a sense of community pride and stability in a rapidly changing world.
- 1.4. Heritage conservation is about making the most of our built and natural 'inheritance', and is based on the idea that we are custodians of the natural and built environment for future generations.

2. Strategic Plan Desired Outcomes

- 2.1. Heritage and culture are communicated through signage and public art that create a distinctive and unique sense of place.
- 2.2. Celebrate the diverse heritage of our community.
- 2.3. Promote and encourage the conservation of our heritage buildings and places.
- 2.4. Provide residents and the wider community with complimentary Heritage Advisory Services for buildings located in a Historic Area Overlay or Character Area Overlay, or structures identified as State and Local Heritage Places or Representative Buildings.
- 2.5. Recognise our heritage through our Heritage Plaques and Associated Funding Policy
- 2.6. Digitise existing records of heritage assets to celebrate the town's rich built character and provide walking trail landmarks.

3. Definition

State Heritage Place	means— (a) a place entered, either on a provisional or permanent basis, in the State Heritage Register; or (b) a place within an area established as a State Heritage Area by the relevant planning legislation.
Local Heritage Place	means – a place that is designated as a place of local heritage value by a Development Plan.
Council	is a comprehensive term and is to be read, as necessary, as encompassing officers, employees and Elected Members of the Town of Walkerville.
Heritage	refers to both built and natural heritage
Policy	is a Council Policy

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Kaurna people	is the legacy of tangible and intangible belongings transmitted by or acquired from previous generations of the Kaurna People, the traditional owners of the Adelaide Plains. This heritage can include traditions, artefacts, language, places and ancestral remains that are of importance to the Kaurna People.
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4. Policy Statement

4.1. The Town of Walkerville will seek to:

- 4.1.1. Conserve, preserve, restore and maintain the Town's built and natural items and places of heritage significance.
- 4.1.2. Act as custodian for heritage assets in public spaces (the public realm), through their identification, management and enhancement as part of public works.
- 4.1.3. Manage and maintain council owned heritage buildings and items of heritage significance including buildings, reserves, infrastructure, war memorials, monuments, mines, street furniture, trees and other assets of heritage value.
- 4.1.4. Ensure the conservation of the Town's built and natural heritage is an integral part of Council's asset management planning and practices and guides Council's decisions and actions.
- 4.1.5. Advocate to State Government bodies for legislative policy which supports conservation of built and natural heritage.
- 4.1.6. Participate whenever possible, in the formulation of national, state and local legislation and policy affecting heritage items and areas within the Town of Walkerville.
- 4.1.7. Advocate at the state and national level for support for the retention and conservation of buildings and items of heritage value.
- 4.1.8. Consistently and accurately interpret and apply the aims, objectives and policies of heritage conservation and management within legislative instruments.
- 4.1.9. Encourage property owners to conserve and enhance privately owned items of heritage significance through education, professional advice and/or incentives (where budgeted).
- 4.1.10. Encourage property owners and developers to consider, where appropriate, adaptive re-use of heritage buildings and development which is sensitive and respectful of the surrounding built heritage and historic character.
- 4.1.11. Showcase the importance of our Town's heritage and character through the delivery of the Heritage Plaques and Heritage Trail Markers and the roll out of Streets of Distinction signage.
- 4.1.12. Foster community awareness and promote the value of heritage items, buildings and historic character streetscapes through effective promotional and educational activities.
- 4.1.13. Value, respect and conserve our indigenous cultural history and heritage, liaising with the Kaurna peoples.

5. Availability of Policy

- 5.1. This Policy will be available for inspection at Council's principal office during ordinary business hours and on Council's website www.walkerville.sa.gov.au
- 5.2. Copies will also be provided to interested members of the community upon request and payment of associated fees in accordance with Council's Schedule of Fees and Charges.

6. Review

- 6.1. Any queries or questions regarding this Policy should be directed to the Group Manager Planning, Environment and Regulatory Services or by emailing walkerville@walkerville.sa.gov.au
- 6.2. Council may deviate from this policy by way of Council resolution.
- 6.3. Any complaints regarding a decision made in accordance with this policy may be directed to Council or to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with section 270 of the *Local Government Act 1999*. The complaint will be considered under the Internal Review of Council's Decisions Policy.
- 6.4. Pursuant to section 270(7) of the Act, a formal request for review does not prevent a complaint being made to the Ombudsman at any time.