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Heritage Toolkit

Heritage Advisory Service

What do we value heritage?

Heritage is valued by the community because it provides links to the past and contributes to our sense of place. Heritage provides reference points in history, it illustrates natural processes and it presents opportunities for education and research.

Heritage is an expression of our collective sense of value.

What is a Heritage Advisory Service?

Council has provided a continuous Heritage Advisory Service to the municipality since approximately 2002. The main goal of a Heritage Advisory Service is to assist in the conservation and management of the municipality's heritage assets by providing expert heritage advice to councils, the community and owners of heritage properties.

What does it cost?

Mildura Rural City Council has provided a continuous Heritage Advisory Service freely to the community since approximately 2002

What does a heritage advisor do?

The main goal of a Heritage Advisory Service is to assist in the conservation and management of heritage assets by providing councils, communities and owners of heritage properties with expert heritage advice.

Heritage Advisory Services are an invaluable resource to Council and the community. The heritage advisor provides:

- A heritage and conservation resource for owners
- Professional advice to assist Council deliver good heritage outcomes for the local area

- Planning process input
 - Expert advice on development applications
 - Advice to council on heritage policies
- Advice to council on council owned heritage assets

Council's Heritage Advisory Service

Council engages a specialist heritage consultant (Garry Stanley) from outside the municipality to provide its Heritage Advisory Service and this service is freely available to all members of the community and Council staff where needed.

Garry Stanley visits one day per month from Sydney and is available (by appointment only) to the local community and for Council staff to access, either from the Deakin Avenue Offices of Council, or for on-site visits.

The Heritage Advisor has various duties which benefit Council and the community. Heritage Advisors provide advice on conservation issues as a contribution to the overall decision making processes that are the ultimate responsibility of council.

The Heritage Advisor responds appropriately to all requests for advice on conservation matters made by council or its officers and he is at liberty to raise issues with council at his discretion, which in return will be responded to appropriately by council.

What can a Heritage Advisor advise you on?

Garry Stanley can offer personal advice on your property; alterations, additions, colour schemes, fences.

Recent examples of work by the heritage advisor

Some of the Heritage Advisory work recently undertaken includes:

- ongoing restoration work at Rio Vista House
- drawing of landscape plans and heritage evaluations
- advice on pre lodgement of planning permits
- assistance with creation of a Municipal Heritage Strategy
- assistance with the Walpeup Heritage Study
- assessment of the Nichols Point and Merbein South Primary Schools ahead of the Department of Education's demolition plans and
- comment on permit applications submitted to Statutory Planning for assessment.
- enquiries from the public

A detailed list of duties that a Heritage Advisor can assist with can be found in the document [Heritage Advisory Services: A guide for Councils](#) (PDF, 559KB) available from www.dtpli.vic.gov.au.



What happens after an appointment?

Council's Heritage Advisor tenders a monthly

report to Council and when in receipt of the advice provided therein Council then decides how to respond to the advice on the basis of any competing interests or policies that it is obliged to take into account. the municipality as required.

Other Resources

Please see the "*Heritage Advisory Services Handbook a national guide for government, advisors and the community*" available for download from Heritage Victoria's website:

<http://www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/heritage/local-government/local-heritage-toolkit>

To make an appointment

Information you will need to provide when making a tentative appointment to see Council's Heritage Advisor on his next visit includes:

- Your name
- Your contact details (ie phone, email, residential or postal address as appropriate)
- The item or place that the Heritage Advisor would be providing information on

All inquirers will be advised that the appointment time will be confirmed closer to the visit date and that the Heritage Advisor's schedule is coordinated so that his time can be used to maximum efficiency and he is able to make one visit to each town across the municipality as needed.

For more information

To make an appointment please contact Council's Strategic Planning team on Tel 50188419 or email planning.services@mildura.vic.gov.au.