



Heritage Toolkit

Mildura (Former Shire of Walpeup) Heritage Study 2011-2014

The Mildura (Former Shire of Walpeup) Heritage study followed Heritage Victoria’s standard two stage approach for municipal heritage studies.

Background

The former Shire of Walpeup, which was incorporated as a Shire on 1st November 1911, was abolished on 20th January 1995 and merged with the City and Shire of Mildura into the Mildura Rural City Council.

Heritage Victoria identified that the former Walpeup Shire had no adopted Heritage Study and provided funding assistance to Mildura Rural City Council to undertake the work for that area.

In 2008 Mildura Rural City Council commissioned the *Mildura (former shire of Walpeup) Heritage Study* to identify those places in the former shire that reflect important aspects of the municipality’s history and that are valued by local communities. This is in accordance with State planning legislation and the Planning and Environment Act 1987, under which all local Councils have a responsibility to protect places of heritage significance.

Stage 1

Stage 1 of the Study developed a broad understanding of the history and heritage of the rural city through the production of a thematic environmental history, and identified places and areas (referred to as ‘precincts’) of potential post-contact cultural heritage significance. Stage 1 was completed in August 2009 and was adopted by Council in November 2009.

Stage 2

With further funding from Heritage Victoria, Council again commissioned Context Pty Ltd to undertake Stage 2 of the Study. The key findings of Stage 1 were used to assist in developing recommendations for Stage 2 of the Study.

Stage 2, which commenced in July 2011, involved detailed assessment of 97 selected places and included the development of a heritage plan and policy for Mildura Rural City. This policy will enable Council to make informed decisions, in consultation with the Community and other key stakeholders, about how the heritage of the Mildura Rural City Council is to be managed for future generations.

Consultation

A Community Reference Group was established at the start of the study and provided considerable support to the consultants.

Other Community groups, such as historical societies, and interested individuals, including property owners were encouraged to contribute information to the Study.

Key Findings and Recommendations

Recommendations	Total
Victorian Heritage Inventory [VHI]	1
Victorian Heritage Register [VHR]	3
Heritage Overlay [HO], (includes 8 places also recommended for Victorian Heritage Inventory [VHI])	89
Researched not recommended	26
Total	119

The study recommended that the Mildura Rural City Council prepare to exhibit a Planning Scheme Amendment to the Mildura Planning Scheme to implement the findings of the Mildura (Former Shire of Walpeup) Heritage Study 2012.

The study provided a comprehensive overview of buildings and sites of heritage and cultural significance within the study area. The Study was prepared in a comprehensive and thorough manner including review by Heritage Victoria and the draft reports were put on public exhibition from 1-29 June 2012 to allow for Community comment.

Adoption

The final reports from Stage 2 of the Study were adopted by Council at its 23 August 2012 meeting and will be open to further comment during the Planning Scheme Amendment process.

The revised final reports for the study (dated 4 April 2013) can be found on Council's website www.mildura.vic.gov.au and comprise:

Vol 1—Mildura Rural City Council Thematic Environmental History
Vol 2—Key Findings and Recommendations
Vol 3—HERMES Citations
Vol 4—Mapping

Stage 3

Implementing the recommendations of the Stage 2 study into the Mildura Planning Scheme is currently being undertaken as Mildura Planning Scheme Amendment C79.

Amendment C79

Amendment C79 was adopted by Council at its ordinary meeting held on 22 January 2015.

More Information

For more information on the former Shire of Walpeup Heritage Study please contact Council's Strategic Planning Team on Tel (03) 5018 8419 or email planning.services@mildura.vic.gov.au

The images below are selected from Volume 3 of the final reports for the Mildura (former Shire of Walpeup) Heritage Study and depict sites from around the former Walpeup Shire. Volume 3 contains citations for each of the sites identified below and also has citations for additional sites recommended for heritage protection.

McKenzie Street, Murrayville



Ouyen Primary School, 10 Hunt Street



Ayton House, 11 Mitchell Street, Ouyen



Ouyen RSL Memorial Club Rooms 36 Rowe Street, Ouyen



Chaff, Oats and Grain Store, 14 Oke Street Ouyen



St Peter's Lutheran Church, Murrayville



12 Hunt Street, Ouyen



Royal Theatre, 17 Oke Street, Ouyen



Ouyen Post Office



War Memorial, Ouyen



Murrayville Post Office



Anglican All Saint Uniting Church, Ouyen



The Torrita Building, Ouyen



1 Pickering Street, Ouyen



Ouyen High School, Cnr Fuller and Ritchie Streets Ouyen



Masonic Lodge, Murrayville



Hotel Victoria, 22 Rowe Street, Ouyen



Former Ouyen Courthouse



Cooks Cottage, Torrita



Uniting Church, 22 Malin Street, Underbool



Memorial Gates, Outen Park, Underbool



Walpeup Primary School, 14 Glen Street Walpeup



Relift Pumping Station, Walpeup



Commercial Hotel Underbool



Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 17 Glen East Street Walpeup



Tutye Former Settlement



Torrita Public Hall



Fishlocks General Store, Underbool



Memorial Hall, Glen & Richardson Streets, Walpeup



Carina Lodge, Farnity

