

WHAT'S THE FUSS ABOUT HERITAGE IN HORNSBY

There is often a lot of 'fuss and confusion' about heritage listing a place in Council's local environmental plan. Find out what heritage is, what makes it special and what benefits heritage listing brings.

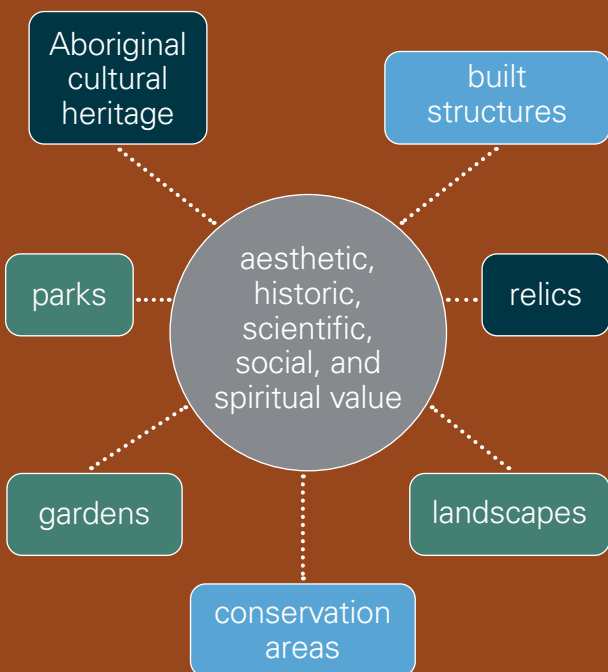


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WHAT IS HERITAGE?

and what makes it special?

Heritage refers to significant places, stories and objects from the past that continue to be important to the community and are to be protected for future generations. Hornsby's heritage includes:



Heritage significance is embodied in the fabric, setting, use, associations and meanings of a place. Its preservation helps us to understand our past and present environment and culture and provides a context for the future. Recognising and protecting Hornsby's heritage is part of respecting and caring for the places, environment, the amenity and community values.

WHAT IS HERITAGE LISTING?

Heritage listing is the way heritage places in NSW are identified and managed. In Hornsby, heritage places of local significance are listed on the Heritage Schedule of the Hornsby Local Environmental Plan (LEP). Places that have state heritage significance are also included in the State Heritage Register of the Heritage Act NSW.

A heritage listing in the Hornsby LEP can be:



A Heritage Item

an individual site, place or landscape.



An Archaeological site

an individual site or place with known potential relics.



A Heritage Conservation Area (HCA)

an entire area, group of buildings or streetscape with values and characteristics that give it a distinct historical identity.

For example, 'The Crescent' in Pennant Hills is a HCA because it is a very good example of a Federation subdivision with substantial, high quality period homes including Barncleuth (1909).

To find out whether your property is heritage listed or in a heritage conservation area, you can search:

- Schedule 5 within the Hornsby Local Environmental Plan 2013
- Council's online Property Enquiry
- Council's online Mapping System
- Search Heritage databases – NSW Environment and Heritage



The Crescent, Cheltenham

IS MY PROPERTY HERITAGE LISTED AND WHY?

To find out if your property is heritage listed or located in a heritage conservation area you can search the LEP heritage list, Council's online property enquiry or mapping system.

To find out what is important about your heritage listed property you can search the Heritage Register.

To find out what is important about a heritage conservation area you can read the Character Statement in Part 9: Heritage of the Hornsby Development Control Plan (HDCP).

BENEFITS OF HERITAGE LISTING

Heritage listing has several benefits and will have little day-to-day impact on most property owners.

The primary benefit is that it requires the heritage significance of a place to be considered and managed during land-use planning and when change is proposed through the development approvals process. This provides certainty that new works will be compatible with the heritage significance of a listed item or conservation area and that the cultural and environmental heritage of Hornsby Shire will be retained.

Recent studies show that heritage listing has no adverse effect on residential property values in certain areas and sometimes improves resale value because heritage homes are often quality buildings with a special appeal.

Well-presented heritage style homes are very popular and a sought-after investment.



You can continue to maintain your heritage home and garden and make it comfortable to live in and continue to operate your business from a heritage listed commercial premise. When you want to make changes, you apply to Council through development application processes that are the same for non-listed places.

Renovating a Home outlines the requirements and processes when change is proposed to a heritage listed place.

The Hornsby Development Control Plan (HDCP) assists property owners proposing changes to their property. Part 9: Heritage of the HDCP outlines the types of development Council encourages and provides guidance relating to design, siting, streetscape, fences, landscaping and demolition. Character statements are also provided for each heritage conservation area.

To find out more visit:

hornsby.nsw.gov.au/property/build/heritage

Or contact Hornsby Shire Council's Heritage Planner on 02 9847 6666 or via email hsc@hornsby.nsw.gov.au

We are here to help!

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