

**POLICY NO: 3.6.2**

**HERITAGE MANAGEMENT - ASSESSMENT**

**INTRODUCTION**

All Heritage Assessments of local heritage places in the Town of Vincent are to be carried out in accordance with the procedures outlined within this Policy so that assessments are accountable, comparable and consistent. The criteria are based on the principles outlined within the Burra Charter and adhere to well-established 'best practice' in the identification and assessment of heritage places in Western Australia and throughout Australia at a local, state and national level. The current Australian Burra Charter will supplement the heritage definitions and terms used in this Policy.

**OBJECTIVES**

- 1) To conserve and protect places of cultural heritage significance within the Town of Vincent.
- 2) To provide clear procedural guidelines for Heritage Assessments conducted within the Town of Vincent.
- 3) To provide improved certainty to landowners and community members about the formal practice involved in heritage identification and protection in the Town of Vincent.

**POLICY STATEMENT**

- 1) The following values are to be applied in assessing places within the Town of Vincent. A place will be considered to be significant to the locality and worthy of inclusion into the Town of Vincent's Municipal Heritage Inventory if **one or more** of the criteria are found to have at least *some significance* under the headings of Aesthetic, Historic, Scientific/Research or Social Value.

**i) Aesthetic Value**

*Criterion 1: It is significant in exhibiting particular aesthetic characteristics valued by the community.*

A place included under this criterion should have characteristics of scale, composition, materials, texture and colour that are considered to have value to the Town of Vincent. This may encompass:

- creative or design excellence;
- the contribution of a place to the quality of its setting;
- landmark quality; or
- a contribution to important vistas.

**ii) Historic Value**

*Criterion 2: It is significant in the evolution or pattern of the history of the local district.*

A place included under this criterion should:

- be closely associated with events, developments or cultural phases that have played an important part in the Town of Vincent's history;
- have a special association with a person, group of people or organisation important in shaping the Town of Vincent (either as a product or workplace of a person or group, or the site of a particular event connected to them); or
- be an example of technical or creative achievement from a particular period.

**iii) Scientific/Research Value**

*Criterion 3A: It has demonstrable potential to yield information that will contribute to understanding of the natural or cultural history of the local district.*

A place included under this criterion should:

- be a standing structure or archeological deposit;
- be an important benchmark or reference site; or
- demonstrate a likelihood of providing evidence about past activity.

*Criterion 3B: It is significant in demonstrating a high degree of technical innovation or achievement.*

A place included under this criterion should:

- show qualities of innovation or represent a new achievement for its time;
- demonstrate breakthroughs in design or places that extend the limits of technology; or
- show a high standard of design skill and originality, or innovative use of materials, in response to particular climatic or landform conditions, or a specific functional requirement, or to meet the challenge of a particular site.

**iv) Social Value**

*Criterion 4: It is significant through association with a community or cultural group in the local district for social, cultural, educational or spiritual reasons.*

A place included in this criterion should:

- a place in which the community or a significant part of the community has held in high regard for an extended period.
- be a public place or a place of distinction in the local landscape which makes a positive contribution to the local 'sense of place' and local identity.

- 2) The degree or 'level' of significance associated with a place can be determined with reference to Rarity, Representativeness, Condition, Integrity and Authenticity as set out below.

**i) Rarity**

*Criterion 5: It demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the cultural heritage of the local district.*

A place included under this criterion should:

- provide evidence of a defunct custom, way of life or process;
- demonstrate a custom, way of life or process that is in danger of being lost; or
- demonstrate a building function, design or technique of exceptional heritage significance.

**ii) Representativeness**

*Criterion 6: It is significant in demonstrating the characteristics of a class of cultural places or environments in the local district.*

A place included under this criterion should:

- provide a good example of its type
- be representative of a common building or construction type, or particular period or way of life, the work of a particular builder or architect, or an architectural style; or
- have a high degree of authenticity.

**iii) Condition, Integrity and Authenticity**

**Condition:** the current state of the place in relation to the values for which that place has been assessed and is generally graded on the scale of Good, Fair or Poor.

**Integrity:** the extent to which a building retains its original function, generally graded on a scale of High, Medium or Low.

**Authenticity:** the extent to which the fabric is in its original state, generally graded on a scale of High, Medium or Low.

- 3) Heritage Assessments are to address the following thematic framework. A theme, when applied to a particular time period, acts as a guide to the places which represent the history of the Town of Vincent during that period.

**Themes**

- Population and Settlement
- Transport and Communication
- What People did for a Living
- What People did Together
- Outside Influences
- Famous People and Events

*\*This thematic framework is further outlined with accompanying sub themes in the Town of Vincent Municipal Heritage Inventory.*

- 4) A Statement of Significance is to be included within the Heritage Assessment. This is a statement made about the place as a whole with reference to the standard criterion. One of the following levels of significance listed below is to be applied to the place identified within the assessment.

Level of Significance	Description	Desired Outcome	Management Category
Exceptional	Essential to the heritage of the area. Rare or outstanding example.	The place should be retained and conserved and any alterations or extensions should reinforce the significance of the place.	Management Category A - Conservation Essential  State Register of Heritage Places.
Considerable	Very important to the heritage of the locality.	Conservation is highly desirable and alterations and additions should reinforce the significance of the place.	Management Category A - Conservation Essential
Some	Contributes to the heritage of the locality. Has some altered or modified elements, not necessarily detracting from the overall significance of the place.	Conservation of the place is desirable and alterations and extensions should reinforce the significance of the place.	Management Category B - Conservation Recommended
Little	Does not fulfill the criteria for entry into the Local Heritage List.	Photographically record prior to major redevelopment or demolition. Recognise or interpret the site if possible.	Management Category Not Applicable.

5) At the Town of Vincent, the Municipal Heritage Inventory (The Heritage List) comprises places that have been identified as either Management Category A - Conservation Essential or Management Category B - Conservation Recommended. The Management Categories have been assigned with regard to the 'cultural heritage significance' associated with the place.

**i) A Conservation Essential**

This category applies to places with the highest possible heritage significance within the Town of Vincent. Places that are on the State Register of Heritage Places will always fall into this category. There are also places that meet this category that are of very high significance to the Town of Vincent but would not necessarily be suitable for inclusion on the State Register. As detailed in the table in clause 4) of this Policy places in Management Category A are of 'considerable' or 'exceptional' significance.

**ii) B Conservation Recommended**

This category applies to places of clearly established cultural heritage significance to the Town of Vincent. As detailed in the table in section (4) of this Policy places in Management Category B are of 'some' significance.