

How Can We Help?

Heritage Information and Conservation Incentives

Heritage places help to define our community. They are the tangible reminders of our past that provide a window into who we are as a community, and where we have come from. They are important places that future generations will use to understand us and our forebears.

By owning and maintaining a heritage place, you are actively contributing to the Town of Vincent's rich cultural environment. Heritage places help to create the character that the Town is well known for and which makes the area a sought-after and desirable place to live.

In this brochure you will find a number of ways that you can be supported in your efforts to conserve your important heritage resource.

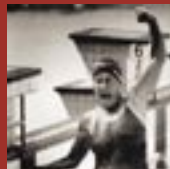
Town of Vincent Heritage Officers and Library Staff

Heritage staff at the Town of Vincent are accessible on business days between 8.30am and 5pm to discuss any issues you have in relation to your heritage place.

Heritage Officers can provide you with information on how a heritage listing affects you, what types of development can occur to your place, and any general heritage-related enquiries you may have. Officers can meet with you personally to discuss conservation and development issues. Please feel free to contact the Heritage Officers on (08) 9273 6000.

Library staff at the Town of Vincent will also be able to provide you with assistance if you are researching your heritage place.

The Library houses an extensive Local Studies and History Collection which will help you learn more about your suburb and local area. You can contact the Local Studies Library staff by visiting the Library between 9am and 5pm on Monday to Thursday. You can also call the Local History Library Staff on (08) 9273 6090 or e-mail them at Library@vincent.wa.gov.au.



Density Bonuses and Town Planning Scheme Provisions

Under the Town of Vincent Town Planning Scheme No. 1 a land density bonus of up to 50% can be granted by the Council if;

"the proposed development conserves or enhances an existing dwelling or existing dwellings worthy of retention."

All places listed in the Municipal Heritage Inventory are deemed to be worthy of retention.

A density bonus may increase the development potential of your land if a heritage place is located on it. To find out further information on density bonuses and if you qualify, please contact the Town's Planning Services on (08) 9273 6000.

The Town Planning Scheme also allows for variations to the Scheme Provisions in circumstances where it is;

"desirable to facilitate the conservation of a heritage place listed in the Heritage List or to enhance or preserve heritage values in a Heritage Area."

This provision gives owners of heritage places some flexibility when submitting a development application that owners of non-heritage places do not have. To discuss what variations are considered acceptable, please contact a Town of Vincent Heritage Officer or Planning Officer on **(08) 9273 6000**.

Town of Vincent 'Building Design & Conservation Awards'

Started in 2001, the Building Design & Conservation Awards recognise and award the following types of building and conservation achievements:

- The restoration or reconstruction of a building (or part of a building) to return it to a known earlier state;
- Repair and maintenance works that conserve and enhance older buildings;
- Sympathetic and innovative additions to existing residential, commercial or industrial buildings; and
- The sensitive adaptation of an existing building to make it suitable for another use, e.g. the conversion of a church or an obsolete industrial building for use as residential dwellings.

Owners of places listed on the Municipal Heritage Inventory who undertake building works in accordance with one of the above categories are eligible to enter the awards for a chance to receive a cash prize. If you would like to know more about the Building Design & Conservation Awards, please contact one of the Town of Vincent's Heritage Officers on **(08) 9273 6000** or visit the Town's Website at www.vincent.wa.gov.au

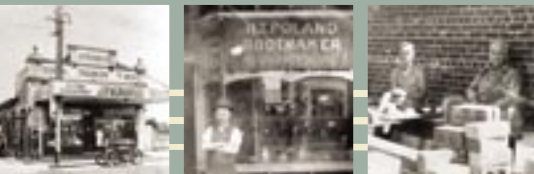


Heritage Loan Scheme

The Heritage Loan Scheme has been established through a partnership between the Heritage Council of Western Australia, the Western Australian Local Government Association, StateWest Credit Society and local government authorities like the Town of Vincent.

The Heritage Loan Scheme provides loans at reduced interest rates for heritage conservation works. The interest rate is currently set at a rate 3% lower than StateWest standard rates to encourage people to conserve their heritage place.

Please refer to the Heritage Loan Scheme brochure produced by the Heritage Council of WA for further information or visit their website at www.heritage.wa.gov.au.



Heritage Grants Program

The Heritage Council of Western Australia administers the State Government's Heritage Grants Program. This program is designed to provide funds to places within the Town of Vincent that have been identified for high levels of conservation and are listed on the State Register or considered likely to be listed on the State Register in the near future.

To find out if a place is eligible for this Grants Program contact the Grants Coordinator at the Heritage Council on (08) 9221 4177 or a Heritage Officer at the Town of Vincent.

Heritage Assistance Fund

The Town of Vincent administers the Heritage Assistance Fund. All places that are listed on the Town's Municipal Heritage Inventory (excluding those also on the State Register) are eligible to apply for financial assistance for conservation works or conservation documentation such as a Conservation Plan or Heritage Impact Statement conducted on a heritage listed property.

The Heritage Assistance Fund is run twice yearly. Application Forms and Application Guidelines on the Heritage Assistance Fund can be downloaded from the Town's website www.vincent.wa.gov.au or alternatively collected from the Town of Vincent Customer Service Centre.

Lotterywest Conservation of Cultural Heritage Grants

Lotterywest provides the opportunity for not-for-profit organisations and local government authorities to apply for grants involving conservation of cultural heritage within the community. Priority is given to projects where the community will directly benefit from the enhancement of its cultural heritage.

For further information contact Lotterywest on 9340 5270 or visit their website www.lotterywest.com

Should you have any questions about the information in this brochure, you can contact the Town of Vincent and speak to one of the Town's Heritage Officers. The Heritage Officers will be able to give you more advice how you can be supported in caring for your heritage place. Please telephone (08) 9273 6000.

People with specific requirements can request this brochure in Braille, a language other than English, large print, on computer disk or audiotape.

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