

21.04 HERITAGE

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21.04-1 Overview

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Recognition of Maroondah's heritage is crucial to the development of a vibrant and confident community. Heritage values include aesthetic, historic, scientific, social or spiritual value for past, present or future generations. Heritage significance may be embodied in the place itself, its fabric, setting, use, associations, meanings, records, related places and related objects. Places may have a range of values for different individuals or groups and assist with creating this sense of community.

Maroondah has a diverse range of heritage places, which date from both the indigenous and post contact settlement periods. Heritage places have been identified on scattered sites throughout the municipality, in the *Heritage Study Stage 2, Maroondah City Council, 2003*.

21.04-2 Objectives, strategies and implementation

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Objective 1

- To identify and plan for the future protection, enhancement and appropriate use of heritage places in Maroondah.

Strategy

- Identify the cultural heritage value and thematic history of pre-European and post contact settlement in the Maroondah region.

Objective 2

- To appropriately manage heritage resources, in order to preserve their historic integrity.

Strategies

- Promote sympathetic design and sustainable development on the subject land or abutting natural and cultural heritage places.
- Educate owners of natural or cultural heritage sites and other interested parties of the responsibilities and privileges associated with the process of heritage preservation.

Objective 3

- To promote heritage values throughout the municipality.

Strategies

- Increase general public awareness of heritage resources within Maroondah by identifying and promoting their cultural value and historical role.
- Develop a program for the appropriate management of heritage resources, to ensure their preservation and to maintain historic integrity.

Implementation

These strategies will be implemented by:

Local policy and exercise of discretion

- Engaging the services of a specialist heritage consultant to provide advice on issues in relation to heritage listed buildings.
- Encouraging the retention and re-use of heritage properties.

Zones and overlays

- Applying the Heritage Overlay to all sites with cultural or natural heritage value in the municipality, as identified through a Statement of Significance.

Future strategic work

- Reviewing and updating existing strategies in relation to heritage to ensure that the recommendations for protection remain relevant.
- Identifying additional buildings, properties or natural assets which require protection.
- Actively pursuing the listing of cultural heritage assets in the planning scheme, the Victorian Heritage Register, the Register of the National Estate or any other heritage register which recognises and protects the value of the identified place.
- Preparing urban design and development guidelines for additions and alterations to heritage properties.
- Establishing a framework for consistent decision making in respect of planning applications for heritage preservation.

Other actions

Reference documents

Maroondah Heritage Identification Study, Maroondah City Council, 1998

Maroondah Heritage Study Stage 2, Maroondah City Council, 2003