

22.09 NUMURKAH RECREATION PRECINCT

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This policy applies to all applications within the Numurkah Recreation Precinct Heritage Overlay (**HO257**).

22.09-1 Policy basis

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This policy applies the SPPF provisions at Clause 15.03 to local circumstances and builds on the local objectives and strategies identified at Clause 21.04-4. The MSS identifies the protection of places of cultural heritage and supporting preservation of those site threatened by development or neglect as a key objective. The MSS also identifies the need for its cultural heritage assets to be conserved and enhanced.

The *Moira Shire Stage Two Heritage Study* (2007) has assessed individual sites, precincts and groups across the municipality. A Statement of Significance has been prepared which describes the history and condition of some of these heritage places. Other heritage places within precincts are documented in the Heritage Study database or are listed in Appendix 1 of the report.

All buildings which are ‘contributory’ within the Precinct are listed at Clause 22.09-7 in this Policy.

All applications will be assessed in accordance with the following Statements of Significance for the Heritage Places as listed in the *Moira Shire Stage Two Heritage Study* (2007).

22.09-2 Statements of Cultural Significance

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The **Numurkah Recreation Precinct** is **aesthetically significant** at the **local** level. It demonstrates many original and early design qualities associated with the recreational and water infrastructure development of Numurkah, between the 1880s and 1950s. These include the Agricultural and Pastoral Society Memorial entry arch and gates to the Numurkah Showgrounds, the Apex Park, and historic trees associated with the beautification of the area. The area is enhanced by several views to and from the features above.

The **Numurkah Recreation Precinct** is **historically and socially significant** on a **local** level. The Showgrounds are important for its close association with the agricultural, cultural and economic development of the community from its inception in 1882 to the present day. They are also associated with the Agricultural and Pastoral Society and is linked thereby to a significant group and individuals who were important in the historical shaping of the area and as a site of ongoing recreational and cultural activity, it is also of recognised community significance in developing cultural and commercial life as well as being interwoven with the history of Numurkah. It contains sites and structures that are socially and historically significant on a local level, particularly A&P Memorial arch and gates, that played an important role in the history of the area within the precinct.

The **Numurkah Recreation Precinct** is **scientifically significant on a local level**. The materials and workmanship seen in the significant timber bridge and brick and iron water tower infrastructure are technically important and increasingly rare examples in Numurkah.

Overall, the Numurkah Recreation Precinct is culturally significant at the LOCAL level.

22.09-3 Policy Objectives – Numurkah Recreation Precinct

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- To support the retention, enhancement and conservation of the buildings and places identified and referred to in the above statements of significance.
- To ensure new development is of a scale form and mass that is compatible with adjacent significant buildings and other significant buildings in the precinct.

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In considering applications under the Heritage Overlay it is policy to:

- Retain the significant buildings in the precinct.
- Encourage the use of paint colours appropriate to the period of the precinct.
- Encourage signage that is compatible with the style, scale and location of signage appropriate to the periods of the precinct.
- Retain mature trees within the precinct.

22.09-5 Application requirements14/12/2017
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An application should be accompanied by a report prepared by a suitably qualified heritage consultant, which assesses the impact of the application upon the significance of the heritage place. This information may not be required for minor applications as determined by the responsible authority.

All applications for the total demolition of a significant or contributory heritage place are to be accompanied by a report from a suitably qualified and experienced structural engineer that outlines the structural condition of the building.

22.09-6 Decision Guidelines14/12/2017
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Before deciding on an application the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate:

- The Statement of Significance for those heritage places as contained above.
- Whether the application has responded to the relevant design suggestions in *The Heritage Overlay: Guidelines for Assessing Planning Permit Applications*.
- The History, Description and Statement of Significance of the Heritage Place in the *Moira Shire Stage Two Heritage Study (2007)*.
- Whether the building, place or group is identified as individually significant in the Heritage Overlay or a contributory place under this policy.
- How the buildings or works relate to the contributory building, place or group identified in this policy and Clause 22.17.

In deciding any application, the Responsible Authority will disregard non-contributory buildings and works when determining the appropriate siting, massing and scale of new buildings or extensions to existing buildings in a Heritage Overlay.

22.09-7 Contributory Places14/12/2017
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In addition to the individual places listed in the schedule to the Heritage Overlay, the following places have been identified as being ‘contributory’ within the Precinct in the *Moira Shire Heritage Study Stage One (2004)*:

- Broken Creek Footbridge.
- Knox Street Water Tower
- Within Showgrounds
 - A & P Society Memorial Entry Arch
 - Sheep Pavilion
 - Ladies Pavilion
 - Vertical Slab Stables
 - School Building
 - J.M Findlay Pavilion
 - Cec Gibbons Pavillion
- The Apex Park