



CITY OF VINCENT

INFORMATION KIT

LOCAL HERITAGE REVIEW 2024





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1. WHAT IS CITY OF VINCENT DOING?

The Municipal Heritage Inventory (MHI) was prepared and adopted in 1995, reviewed in 2007 and has been intermittently updated since. The Central Perth Heritage Inventory (CPHI) was prepared as part of the Central Perth Redevelopment Area (CPRA) and comprises a list of places of cultural heritage significance.

The MHI and CPHI are records of places which have cultural heritage significance in Vincent. They also form part of Vincent's Heritage List which provides statutory protection.

Since the last review of these documents, legislation has been revised from the *Heritage of Western Australia Act 1990* to the *Heritage Act 2018*. The *Heritage Act 2018* requires all local government authorities in Western Australia to survey all heritage places and to periodically update that survey. In response to this requirement, the City is reviewing the MHI and CPHI to create a Local Heritage Survey (LHS).

As part of the review, the City will be inviting all landowners and/or residents to nominate any properties or places that they believe should be added to the LHS.

Specialist heritage consultancy, Hocking Heritage and Architecture, has been appointed to assist with this project.

2. HERITAGE SURVEY PROCESS

The City's heritage consultant will be reviewing existing heritage places and undertaking street surveys to update street view photography and document architectural features. These places will be included in the new LHS.

3. CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

As an owner/occupier or resident of Vincent, you may have insight about a place that you consider is worthy of being recognised for its heritage significance. Your nomination will assist the City and its heritage consultant in assessing new places and making recommendations to Council. You can submit your LHS nomination by Friday 12 April.

4. HOW DO I RESEARCH A PLACE?

The City of Vincent's **Local History Centre** offers resources and services to help you explore these questions.

These include:

- photographs from the **Local History Image Library**
- maps, plans and posters
- street files and directories
- suburb histories
- **house history** research resources, including a research guide and information on historic housing styles

You can visit the centre between 9am and 1pm or book an appointment between 2pm and 4pm, Monday to Friday for help to research a place.

Other resources include:

- **Trove** for early newspaper articles, covering a date range from the 1800s up to 1954 and images from a range of collecting institutions.
- State Records Office for access to detailed maps and plans of specific areas as well as archival records on suburb development.
- **WA Post Office Directories** for information by locality, individual surname, government service, and by trade or profession in Western Australia during the period 1893-1949.
- Rate Books (freely accessible through Ancestry.com at the City of Vincent Library & Local History Centre) for information about property owners and occupiers in Perth, Western Australia from 1880-1946.
- **State Library of Western Australia** for photographs, archival records, maps and plans, oral history interviews and telephone directories relating to people and places in Western Australia.



5. WHAT IS HERITAGE AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Heritage is what we inherit from previous generations and recognise as something that we want to pass on to future generations. Heritage helps us to understand the story of both Western Australia and the local community – our history, identity, and diversity.

Heritage is wide-ranging and consists of buildings, structures, gardens, cemeteries, landscapes, heritage areas, shipwrecks and archaeological sites. We want to protect and pass on significant examples of these places to future generations so they will be able to enjoy a rich and diverse cultural environment and understand what came before them. As heritage is not only about individual buildings, we use the term 'heritage place'.

6. HOW IS A PLACE IDENTIFIED AS HAVING CULTURAL HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE?

A place or area will be of significance to the locality if it has one or more of the values defined by the Heritage Council of Western Australia, based on the [Burra Charter \(2013\)](#). These are:

Aesthetic value

A place included under this criterion may be a good example of an architectural style, display creative or design excellence or be of landmark value for the local district.

Historic value

A place included under this criterion should be closely associated with events, developments or cultural phases that have played an important part in the locality's history.

Research value

A place of research value should provide, or demonstrate a likelihood of providing, evidence about past activity. This may include important information about construction technology, land use or industrial processes not available anywhere else.

Social value

A place of social value will be significant through association with a community or cultural group in the local district for social, cultural, educational or spiritual reasons.

Rarity

It demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the cultural heritage of the local district.

Representativeness

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

The Australian Government lists places at the national level, and the State Government lists places at the State level. In Western Australia, places of State significance are entered onto the Heritage Council of Western Australia's State Register of Heritage Places.





7. WHAT IS A LOCAL HERITAGE SURVEY AND WHY IS IT REQUIRED?

A Local Heritage Survey (previously called a Municipal Heritage Inventory) is a list of places which, in the opinion of the City, are, or may become, of cultural heritage significance to the local community. The Heritage Act 2018 requires all local government authorities in Western Australia to survey all places in regard to heritage, and to periodically update that survey.

If a place appears on the LHS, there is **no change** to the normal development processes and requirements as the LHS **does not have a statutory implication for planning and development**.

8. WHAT ARE MANAGEMENT CATEGORIES?

Some places are more important to the community than others while others have been lost over time with only the site remaining. Management Categories recognise the levels of significance and corresponding categories provide recommendations as to the kind of care that should be taken for each place.

The City currently has two management categories:

1. Management Category A 'Conservation Essential'
2. Management Category B 'Conservation Recommended'

The City will be reclassifying existing places and allocated new places in accordance with the Classifications of Significance, set by Heritage Council of Western Australia (HCWA) in its Guidelines for Local Heritage Surveys (August 2022). Each place in the LHS will be assigned a Classification of Significance between 1 and 4 as follows:

1. Exceptional significance – essential to the heritage of the locality.
2. Considerable significance – very important to the heritage of the locality.
3. Moderate significance – contributes to the heritage of the locality.
4. Little significance – has elements or values worth noting for community interest but otherwise makes little contribution.

9. WHAT IS A HERITAGE LIST?

As a requirement of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Scheme) Regulations 2015*, the City must compile a list of places under the Local Planning Scheme that are considered worthy of some protection. Currently the Heritage List is derived from those places in the existing MHI and CPHI. As part of this review, existing places on the MHI and CPHI are intended to remain on the Heritage List.

The City's heritage consultant will provide recommendations for the new Heritage List from the nominations as part of the LHS review. The final decision as to the inclusion of places in the List will be made at a future Council meeting.

The inclusion of a place on the List does have implications for owners who propose to demolish, alter or develop their property. Planning approval is required in order for an assessment to be made on the impact of the proposal on the heritage value of a place.



10. WHAT HAPPENS IF SOMEONE NOMINATES MY PLACE?

If your place is nominated by someone else, the City will assess your place as per the assessment process. The City will contact you prior to the Council meeting to endorse the draft LHS for public comment, to advise that your place has been nominated and whether or not it is supported by the City for inclusion in the draft LHS.

Comments can then be made during the public comment period on any proposed new inclusions to the LHS, which will be considered before the LHS is put to Council for final adoption.

What is the review process?

PHASE 1: The City, together with the heritage consultant will review existing heritage places and assess nominated places in accordance with the HCWA guidelines.

PHASE 2: Where a nominated place is considered on threshold for inclusion in the LHS, a place record will be created with a classification identifying the contribution of the place to the City's local cultural heritage.

PHASE 3: The City will prepare a report to Council on the LHS. The report will be presented to Council to endorse the draft LHS for a public comment period. The City will contact all owners of new places proposed for inclusion in the LHS prior to the Council meeting. The City will also write to existing place owners, occupants and relevant stakeholders providing opportunity for comment during the public comment period.

PHASE 4: Once the public comment period has closed, the feedback will be analysed and further amendments may be proposed to the LHS.

PHASE 5: The revised LHS will then be presented to Council to consider for final adoption.



11. ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE AND THE LOCAL HERITAGE SURVEY

It is not the intention of the *Heritage Act 2018* to override or impinge on the protection of Aboriginal sites or cultural material as provided for under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*.

The *Heritage Act 2018* is quite explicit in this regard in that it does not apply to places that have cultural heritage significance solely on account of their connection with Aboriginal tradition or culture.

Places of significance to Aboriginal communities may be included in the LHS where their cultural heritage significance is not solely connected with Aboriginal tradition or culture. Places that may be protected under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* should be identified as such in the LHS, noting that the provisions of that Act also apply.



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