



Information sheet #2 – Local heritage places

This information sheet provides details about a proposed amendment to the Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme 2014 and Planning Scheme Policies, relating to Historic Cultural Heritage and dealing specifically with local heritage places.

What is a ‘local heritage place’?

A local heritage place is a place identified by Council to have cultural heritage significance, based on the framework set out by the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992* and *Planning Act 2016*.

Such places are identified in the planning scheme Heritage and Character Areas Overlay mapping, which operates with other planning scheme provisions to aid in protecting these places from inappropriate development.

Local heritage places vary greatly in nature. They range from sites with a link to European exploration and pioneering establishments, through to contemporary buildings that exemplify Sunshine Coast architectural design. They include historic houses, sites of important historic infrastructure, places of worship, historic vegetation, commercial premises and schools. They are invaluable in telling the story of local communities, as places of gathering and teaching, of scientific research and achievement, of reverence and of public administration. A number of local heritage places epitomise the iconic Sunshine Coast lifestyle. Some local heritage places also have archaeological significance.

Local heritage places can also exist within character areas and often provide a key focal point for these areas. Local heritage places are distinct from Queensland heritage places (also referred to as State heritage places), which are identified and protected under the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*.

What are the local heritage significance criteria?

Council’s assessment of prospective local heritage places has been based on the following local heritage significance criteria:

Criterion A: The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the region’s history.

Criterion B: The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the region’s cultural heritage.

Criterion C: The place has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the region’s history.

Criterion D: The place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of cultural places important to the region.

Criterion E: The place is important to the region because of its aesthetic significance.

Criterion F: The place is important in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period for the region.

Criterion G: The place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons important to the region.

Criterion H: The place has a special association with the life or work of a particular person, group or organisation of importance in the region’s history.

Note: The local heritage significance criteria are modelled on the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992* significance criteria.

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<https://haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/historic-cultural-heritage>



How have local heritage places been nominated?

A comprehensive assessment of historic places across the Sunshine Coast Council local government area has been conducted using the local heritage significance criteria noted overleaf.

This assessment was undertaken by an expert team of historians, giving consideration to all existing local heritage places identified in the planning scheme, as well as all known places of historic significance.

What does identification as a local heritage place mean?

The existing lawful use of land identified as a local heritage place can continue. The existing planning scheme provisions and proposed amendment are only applicable to development proposals. Examples of such proposals include building or demolition works, the introduction of new land uses, earthworks, signage and vegetation clearing.

Identification as a local heritage place may be only one of a number of reasons why a development proposal requires a development approval under the planning scheme.

The planning scheme provisions seek to ensure that development is compatible with the identified significance of the local heritage place, so that the place may be conserved for the benefit of the community and future generations. The active use or adaptive reuse of local heritage places is supported where appropriate.

As local heritage places are unique, development proposals require a site specific approach that is responsive to the local context.

As part of the proposed amendment, a new overlay element is proposed – ‘land in proximity to a local heritage place’. The intent of this overlay element is to ensure that development does not impact on the values or context of the nearby local heritage place. The presence of this element over a site is one of a number of reasons that a development proposal may require a development application to be made to Council (refer to ‘Information Sheet #3 - Land in proximity to a local heritage place’ for further details).

How are the details of local heritage places provided?

Each existing local heritage place has a statement of significance (also referred to as a place citation or site card) contained in the Planning Scheme Policy for the Heritage and Character Areas Overlay Code. For existing local heritage places intended for retention, the statement of significance has been updated as part of the proposed amendment. Each proposed new local heritage place also has a statement of significance in the proposed amendment.

The statements of significance provide key information for the assessment of development proposals that either involve a local heritage place or are in proximity to a local heritage place.

The statements of significance include full details of the place, identify the values of the place in relation to the heritage significance criteria, include a statement of historic context and a description of the place, accompanied by reference details.

Are existing local heritage places proposed to be changed?

There are a number of existing local heritage places where the place boundary is proposed to be expanded or reduced, based on the findings of recent investigations.

How can I find out more or make a submission?

Further details on the proposed amendment (including online/mobile interactive mapping) can be downloaded from Council’s website –

<https://haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/historic-cultural-heritage>

The website also provides details on how to make a written submission about the proposed amendment. Submissions must be received by Council no later than **4:30pm on Monday 16 September 2019**.

For further information, please contact Council’s Strategic Planning Branch on (07) 5420 8953 or email

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