What is Heritage?

Our heritage is our identity. It's what we appreciate today and what we want to pass on to future generations, so they can understand what came before them.



Heritage can be something that you can see and feel, like buildings, landscapes or objects, or hear like an oral history from a person. It can be both physical in this way, or it can be abstract, like traditions and beliefs. It is natural heritage, Aboriginal heritage, historic heritage or intangible.

Examples of heritage

Tangible (physical)

Cultural heritage

- Aboriginal cultural sites
 and objects
- Nyoongar heritage places in the City
- archaeological objects, coin, buttons old bottles
- built structures including buildings and former jetties
- cemeteries
- fountains
- gardens
- landscapes
- significant trees
- statues

So then heritage:

- is not just a building •
- is not always old
- might be ugly to some and beautiful to others
- can be objects from a different time reflecting a different way of life
- can be associated with a prominent person

Intangible (non-physical)

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Natural heritage

- coastal landforms
- landscapes
- wilderness areas
- beliefs
- ceremonies
- stories
- traditions

For more information about the City's heritage and how it is protected visit rockingham.wa.gov.au/heritage



