The Heritage Protection Framework

We identify, record and protect our heritage so future generations can appreciate, learn and understand it.

Local heritage

A place that is of local heritage significance to a locality, or the City of Rockingham. Most heritage protection happens at a local level.

Planning and Development Act 2005

The Western Australia planning system identifies local heritage at a local level then it protects places via a 'Heritage List'. The 'Heritage List' is not used to protect places with primarily Aboriginal heritage values, as these are protected by the *Aboriginal Heritage Act* 1972.

Local Council

The City of Rockingham is responsible for proposing what places are included in a 'Heritage Survey', which is used to identify places at a local level on a 'Heritage List'. This includes:

- preparation, and adoption of a 'Heritage Survey' to identify and assess places and areas of local heritage significance
- preparation, and adoption of a 'Heritage List' to identify places of cultural heritage significance worthy of protection
- preparation, and progress of a 'Heritage Area' to identify places that are collectively of cultural heritage significance
- assessing and determining Development Applications for places on a 'Heritage List'
- requiring compliance with Development Approval, stopping unauthorised works.

Minister for Heritage

Determines places which are of heritage value to the State of Western Australia.





State heritage

A place that is of state level cultural heritage significance to Western Australia, with the highest recognition afforded.

Heritage Act 2018

Protects and manages cultural heritage places at a state level. It does not include heritage places associated solely with Aboriginal tradition; these are protected by the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*. The State Register of Heritage Places (SRHP) provides legal protection for heritage significant to the history and development of Western Australia. Places include buildings, structures, gardens, cemeteries, memorials, landscapes and archaeological sites.

Aboriginal cultural heritage

Aboriginal cultural heritage can be the knowledge, traditions, practices, people, objects and places that are valued, culturally meaningful and have an enduring connection to identity and the land. Aboriginal heritage holds significant value and importance to Aboriginal people for their social, spiritual, historical, scientific and aesthetic traditions, and provides a link to their past, present and future.

Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972

The act protects and manages Aboriginal cultural heritage. All 'Aboriginal Sites' are protected in Western Australia, whether they are registered or not. This could include rock art, ancient caves or burial sites, waterways, ceremonial sites or scar trees.

The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Inquiry System (ACHIS) provides locations and information about Aboriginal heritage in Western Australia. This includes ACH Lodged Places, ACH Register Sites and Protected Areas.

Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage

Western Australia Government agency responsibilities include:

- recommending places to be included in the SRHP
- managing state heritage and historical archaeological sites
- assessing and considering Development Applications via the Heritage Council.

Heritage Council of Western Australia

Independent statutory authority established under the *Heritage Act 2018*. Responsibilities include:

- assessing and documenting places of cultural heritage significance in Western Australia
- managing state heritage (SRHP), historical archaeological sites
- assessing Development Applications for registered places
- advising the Minister for Heritage.

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Committee

The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Committee (ACHC) is a statutory body that makes recommendation to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs on Section 18 Notices. The role of the ACHC is to:

- manage and protect Aboriginal cultural heritage on Country
- evaluate the importance of places and objects that may be associated with Aboriginal persons
- make recommendations to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.

Who are the traditional owners and custodians of land within the City of Rockingham?

The City of Rockingham acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this land within its district, being the Binjareb and Whadjuk Nyoongar peoples.

National heritage

Natural, historic and Indigenous places with outstanding value to Australia are included in the National Heritage List. The *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* protects places of national heritage significance on the National Heritage List. Administered by the Australian Government with advice from the Australian Heritage Council.



National Trust of Australia

The National Trust of Australia is a not-for profit organisation which actively protects and conserves places of heritage significance for future generations to enjoy. The Australian National Trust movement was founded in New South Wales in 1945.

Collectively the organisation owns or manages over 300 heritage places, and manages a large volunteer workforce. The National Trust of Australia is the national body representing each state and territory National Trust. The National Trust of Australia responsibilities includes:

- monitoring, assessing and acting on issues which impact on the nation's heritage
- procures and protection of heritage places, structures, lands and environment for the public benefit
- undertaking research and investigation in support of heritage and conservation
- a forum for communication and information sharing and knowledge on heritage.

Global heritage

A place that represents the best examples of the world's cultural and natural heritage and are recognised on the World Heritage List. Western Australia examples include Fremantle Prison, and Purnululu National Park (Bungle Bungles).

There are international non-government organisations which protect global cultural heritage. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) curates the World Heritage List under the *World Heritage Convention (1972)* held in Paris.