

HERITAGE

This policy applies to all applications under the Heritage Overlay.

Policy basis

There are a number of dispersed heritage places within the Shire that have been identified in the Avoca Shire Heritage Study as being of state heritage significance. In particular a collection of heritage places within the core area of the Avoca township.

There are a substantial number of heritage places both in urban and rural areas of the Shire that have been identified in the Avoca Shire Heritage Study and the Pyrenees Shire Heritage Precinct Study as being of either proven or potential local heritage significance.

There are a number of urban precincts in townships throughout the Shire which have been found to have strong heritage character and sense of place due to the presence of a collection of buildings, works, objects and sites that are of either individual or contributory heritage significance.

The policies and decision guidelines set out in the Pyrenees Shire Heritage Precinct Policy Report, 2002 (a document which is incorporated in Clause 81 of this Scheme).

This policy responds to the issues of conservation and enhancement of heritage places and precincts identified in Clause 21.03-3.

Objectives

- To encourage the retention of individually significant and contributory heritage places within Heritage Overlay areas, namely:
 - Avoca Township Heritage Precinct
 - Beaufort Township Heritage Precinct
 - Landsborough Township Heritage Precinct
 - Landsborough Camp Hill Heritage Precinct
 - Moonambel Township Heritage Precinct
 - Snake Valley Heritage Precinct
 - Snake Valley Memorial Heritage Precinct
 - Waubra Heritage Precinct
- To encourage development to be undertaken in accordance with the accepted conservation standards of the Australia ICOMOS Burra Charter;
- To conserve and enhance the natural or cultural features of an area or site and to ensure that any alterations or development complement their form and appearance;
- To ensure that new development and external alterations of existing heritage places make a positive contribution to the built form and amenity of the area and complement existing heritage characteristics including (but not limited to) siting, scale, mass, bulk, form, texture and colour;
- To encourage the retention and re-instatement of street works including street trees and bluestone kerbs;
- To discourage the demolition of heritage places;
- To provide guidance on heritage management for known remnant sites and objects which relate to pre-European settlement and to undertake further study of Aboriginal cultural heritage to contribute to and guide Council's strategies on heritage management.

Policy

It is policy to:

- Discourage demolition of places that are of cultural heritage significance within a heritage area until a planning permit for the replacement development is approved and a bona-fide contract for the new work has been confirmed.
- Employ the Pyrenees Shire Heritage Precinct Policy Report, 2002 in assessing relevant planning proposals and in conserving the heritage values and character of those heritage places found within the heritage precincts.
- Have regard to any current Aboriginal heritage study documents for the municipality, and the Aboriginal cultural resource management grid map and guidelines provided by Aboriginal Affairs Victoria.
- Encourage replanting of a similar type of tree where the removal of a significant tree in unavoidable.
- Support the retention of existing bluestone kerb and channel within the Snake Valley and Beaufort heritage areas.

Application requirements

An application to demolish a building must be accompanied by the following information, as appropriate:

- Require documentation that demonstrates the demolition will not prejudice the long-term conservation of any place which is of either local or state heritage significance.

An application to subdivide, use or develop land must be accompanied by the following information, as appropriate:

- A conservation management plan for all applications for major development and subdivision of large or complex places. The plan should be prepared in accordance with the principles of the Australia ICOMOS Charter for the Conservation of Places of Cultural Significance (The Burra Charter).
- Information to demonstrate:
 - The proposed subdivision will not adversely affect the significance of the original subdivision.
 - The subdivision will enhance/conservate the significance of the surrounding heritage places and area
 - The effects of the subdivision on the cultural heritage significance of the place are minimised.
- Require applications for the development of land in areas where there is a known Aboriginal or other archaeological site to include a report from a suitably qualified archaeologist demonstrating the impact of the proposed developments and showing that the relevant cultural heritage values have been addressed.

Decision guidelines

It is policy that the responsible authority considers as appropriate:

- Heritage studies and other published historical information, including but not limited to the following:
 - The Pyrenees Shire Heritage Precinct Policy Report, prepared by Authentic Heritage Services Pty Ltd for the Pyrenees Shire (2002).
 - Avoca Shire Heritage Study, Volumes 1-3, prepared by W. Jacobs & K. Twigg for the Shire of Avoca (1995).

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- Pyrenees Shire Heritage Precinct Study, Volumes 1-2, prepared by Authentic Heritage Services Pty Ltd for the Pyrenees Shire (2001).
- The Australia ICOMOS Charter for the Conservation of Places of Cultural Significance (The Burra Charter), Australia ICOMOS (1999).