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Annual Report 2022-23

Acknowledgement of Country

The Heritage Council of Western Australia acknowledges the Traditional Owners and custodians of land and waterways across Western Australia. The Heritage Council is committed to reconciliation to improve outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and to work together to provide a culturally-safe and inclusive environment.

About this report

This report covers the operations of the Heritage Council of Western Australia and presents audited financial statements and performance indicators for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Pursuant to *Treasurer's Instruction 104C - Annual Reporting 2022-23 Exemption*, the Council has opted to submit a reduced annual report for the 2022-23 financial year.

Statement of compliance

**Hon David Templeman Dip Tchg BEd MLA
Minister for Heritage**

In accordance with section 63 of the *Financial Management Act 2006*, I hereby submit for your information and presentation to Parliament, the annual report of the Heritage Council of Western Australia for the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the *Financial Management Act 2006*.

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Nerida Moredoundt

Chair

Heritage Council of Western Australia

4 September 2023

Richard Offen

Richard Offen
Member

Heritage Council of Western Australia

4 September 2023



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Gage Roads Fremantle
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Mullewa stock route, Well 9
- courtesy of Ria and Trevor Baker.



Heritage Award winner
- Interpretation Project Fremantle Then & Now Historical Panoramas.

Photographer: J Wyld.

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A MARITIME WINDOW TO THE WORLD

WA Maritime Museum

Gage Roads Brew Co

Rottnest ferry terminal

The West End of Victoria Quay has
precinct around the WA Maritime

and tourism
terminal.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Message from the Chair



On behalf of the Heritage Council of Western Australia (the Council), I am pleased to present our 2022-23 Annual Report. This report highlights the achievements and activities of the Council over the past year and our future priorities as we work to fulfil our statutory responsibilities and corporate objectives.

During the year, the Council met regularly on a fortnightly basis, with members also attending conferences, workshops, committee meetings and presentations. In late November 2022, we were delighted to host the annual meeting of the Heritage Chairs and Officials of Australia and New Zealand (HCOANZ) at the Western Australian Maritime Museum.

HCOANZ provides national leadership for and raises the profile of historic and cultural heritage in both countries. Twenty delegates from around Australia attended in person, while several chairs and officials attended online. A highlight of the meeting was our visit to Fremantle Prison to learn more about conservation management, immersive and innovative interpretation, and opportunities for activation, partnerships and Aboriginal engagement.

Recent entries in the State Register of Heritage Places continue to recognise and protect the State's significant heritage places. We now have 1,388 places entered in the State Register with eight joining over the past year, including the De Grey to Mullewa Stock Route, Goldfields Water Supply Scheme, Sun City Precinct, Two Rocks and Peel Town. Other places such as Benedictine Monastery Precinct, New Norcia and Oliver Hill Battery, Rottnest Island/Wadjemup have progressed to public consultation.

In 2022-23, the Council and the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage continued to work proactively with local government, State Government, property owners and developers to achieve positive outcomes for heritage places throughout the metropolitan area including the former Bristle Kilns in Ascot, Fremantle Prison and the Graham Flats in West Perth. The Council and Department also

provided advice on several key projects in regional Western Australia including the Old Hospital Complex in Margaret River, One Mile Jetty in Carnarvon, Sun Picture Gardens in Broome and St Mary's Anglican Church Precinct in Beverley.

The Heritage Council continues to support private owners of State registered places through our Heritage Grants Program which provides funding towards the conservation, future planning and promotion of heritage places. Since the program began in the 1996-97 financial year, more than \$25 million in grant funds have been awarded. In the 2022-23 funding round, more than \$1.2 million in grants was shared between 19 regional and 30 metropolitan projects.

In November 2022, we celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Western Australian Heritage Awards. More than 100 guests attended an awards ceremony at the Western Australian Museum Boola Bardip to celebrate the achievements of professionals, volunteer groups, individuals and organisations which embrace heritage through conservation, adaptive reuse, promotion, tourism, and interpretation.

Thirteen people were recognised for heritage excellence including the late historian Clare Menck who posthumously received the Judges' Award: The Professor David Dolan Award for her work on *A Thematic History of Western Australia*. Clare worked professionally for more than 20 years in the history and heritage sector in Western Australia. Her achievements and contributions to the field will continue to inform and inspire for many years to come.

The Council's Strategic Plan 2019-2023 was reviewed and updated this year to capture emerging priorities in the areas of recognition, protection and promotion of Western Australia's cultural heritage places. Over the next period, we will continue to promote engagement with WA's cultural heritage, support heritage tourism opportunities and build capacity in the heritage sector. The Council looks forward to continuing to work with the Department to deliver key priorities.

I would like to thank my colleagues on the Council especially the outgoing Chair, the Hon John Cowdell AM, who guided the Council through our first few years of operation under the *Heritage Act 2018*, serving first as a Councillor, then as Chair from January 2020 to December 2022. On behalf of the Council, I wish John all the best in his future endeavours. I would also like to welcome incoming councillor Darren Foster.

The Council also acknowledges the advice and support provided by the Department and looks forward to working with the Director General, Anthony Kannis, and his staff in 2023-24 to finalise and implement our new Strategic Plan.

Nerida Moredoundt
Chair
Heritage Council of Western Australia

Year at a glance

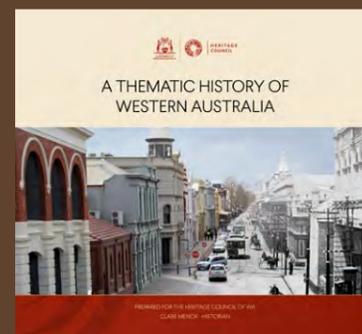


8 places

entered in the State Register including the De Grey to Mullewa Stock Route, Goldfields Water Supply Scheme, Sun City Precinct, Two Rocks and Peel Town.

8 October 2022

launch of
A Thematic History of WA
at Parliament House.



723

development
referrals
processed during
2022-23.



91%

of development and
planning referrals
processed within
statutory timeframes.



1,388

total places now
entered in the
State Register.



1,432 followers

on Twitter
@StateHeritage.



\$1.2 million

grant funding shared between 49
projects for conservation works to
State registered places across WA.



3 regional workshops

for local government and property owners
held in Geraldton, Toodyay and Kalgoorlie.



4,607

subscribers to the
revamped Heritage
Matters eNewsletter.



13 individuals and heritage projects

recognised for heritage excellence at the
30th annual Western Australian Heritage Awards.



112,000 sessions

logged on inHerit, an increase of
approximately 15 per cent on the
previous year.



State Heritage Seminar

on managing State Government agency heritage
assets co-presented with Department of
Treasury, Main Roads and Department of Local
Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.

About the Heritage Council of Western Australia

Heritage is important in understanding the story of Western Australia — its history, identity and diversity. It can comprise places such as buildings and structures, monuments, gardens, cemeteries, landscapes and archaeological sites.

The Heritage Council of Western Australia (Heritage Council), assisted by the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (Department), works with Western Australians to recognise, conserve, adapt and celebrate our State's unique cultural heritage.

As a community, we share the responsibility to identify and protect what is important and pass these places on to future generations so they will understand what came before them.

Our role

The Heritage Council is the State Government's advisory and statutory body on heritage, established under section 11 of the *Heritage Act 2018*. Our role includes:

- Advising State Government on heritage-related issues.
- Assessing and recommending places for inclusion in the State Register – a statutory list of places that represent the history and development of Western Australia.
- Managing change and adaptation of places to ensure that their heritage significance is maintained while encouraging contemporary use.
- Providing advice to local governments and assisting them with managing local heritage places.
- Promoting best-practice conservation and enhancing the community's understanding and appreciation of heritage places.

Responsible minister



Hon David Templeman
Dip Tchg BEd MLA
Minister for Heritage

[Hon David Templeman](#)



Delegations

The Department has delegated responsibility for carrying out the Heritage Council's day-to-day operations, including:

- Advising State and local governments on heritage-related matters and providing assistance to manage local heritage places.
- Facilitating the identification and assessment of places of cultural heritage significance.
- Promoting best-practice conservation and enhancing the community's understanding and appreciation of heritage places.

The Heritage Council adopts a best practice approach to the delegation of authority. As such, instruments of delegation are routinely examined to ensure they remain accurate and appropriate. In 2022-23, the delegations were revised and updated.

The Heritage Council has no shared responsibilities with other agencies other than the Department.

Legislation

Enabling legislation

Heritage Act 2018 (WA).

Legislation administered

The Heritage Council assists the Minister for Heritage in administration of the *Heritage Act 2018*.

Other key compliance legislation

- *Building Act 2011*
- *Community Titles Act 2018*
- *Land Administration Act 1997*
- *Land Administration (South West Native Title Settlement) Act 2016*
- *Maritime Archaeology Act 1973*
- *Mining Act 1978*
- *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967*
- *Planning and Development Act 2005*
- *Property Law Act 1969*
- *Public Works Act 1902*
- *Registration of Deeds Act 1856*
- *Transfer of Land Act 1893*
- *Valuation of Land Act 1978*
- *Strata Titles Act 1985*

Operational legislation

- *Auditor General Act 2006*
- *Disability Services Act 1993*
- *Equal Opportunity Act 1984*
- *Financial Management Act 2006*
- *Financial Management (Transitional Provisions) Act 2006*
- *Freedom of Information Act 1992*
- *Industrial Relations Act 1979*
- *Interpretation Act 1984*
- *Long Service Leave Act 1958*
- *Procurement Act 2020* (formerly the State Supply Commission Act 1991)
- *Public Sector Management Act 1994*
- *State Records Act 2000*
- *Superannuation and Family Benefits Act 1938*
- *Work Health and Safety Act 2020* (formerly the Occupational Safety and Health Act 1984 repealed on 31 March 2022)
- *Workers' Compensation and Injury Management Act 1981*

His Majesty's Theatre 2nd floor balcony.

Photo by Griffiths Architects, Courtesy of the Australian Institute of Architects.



Heritage Award winner -
Contribution by a Community based organisation
- Rail Heritage WA.

Heritage council members

The Heritage Council comprises of nine members appointed by the Governor of Western Australia on the recommendation of the Minister for Heritage.

Hon John Cowdell AM, Chair (to December 2022)

John Cowdell was appointed Chairperson of the Heritage Council in January 2020. A former President of the Legislative Council of Western Australia, John had a long and successful career in State Parliament and formerly served as both President and Vice President of the National Trust of WA, and Director and Deputy Chairperson of the Australian Council of National Trusts. He is a long-term ambassador of heritage conservation and an advocate for the importance of heritage to the Western Australian community, as well as having substantial experience in providing leadership of high-level government bodies. Mr Cowdell was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 2010 for services to the Parliament of Western Australia, to regional development, and to the community, particularly through contributions to history and heritage.

Nerida Moredoundt, Chair (from January 2023)

Nerida Moredoundt is the Principal Heritage Architect with element. She brings a depth of experience in heritage planning to the important advisory role the Heritage Council plays in the identification and management of heritage places in Western Australia.

Nerida has built an enviable reputation for delivering iconic and innovative solutions for some of the State's most valued heritage places. She has pioneered application of the World Heritage Cultural Landscapes framework to Rottnest Island/Wadjemup and played an instrumental role to secure World Heritage Listing for the Australian Convict Sites.

With a track record working on complex urban revitalisations and adaptive reuse projects, she is a trusted advisor across the full statutory heritage spectrum, with expertise in heritage assessments and analysing development proposals. She has a particular interest in working with owners, government agencies and community organisations to find practical outcomes that enhance our appreciation of heritage places.

Lloyd Clark, Deputy Chair

Lloyd Clark is the Founder and Managing Director of Match group of companies. Match has undertaken a number of redevelopments of heritage properties including the WD & HO Wills Building known as the 'Home' warehouse apartments in Perth, which won the 2009 National Property Council of Australia Award for adaptive reuse.

Match also undertook the redevelopment and adaptive reuse of the historic Dalgety Wool Stores building in Fremantle, known as Heirloom. Completed in early 2017, the redevelopment saw this famous landmark building converted into 183 warehouse-style residential apartments.

The innovative and sensitive adaptation of the city block-sized former wool stores won two of the 2017 Heritage Awards, including the prestigious Gerry Gauntlett Award that recognises outstanding conservation or adaptation of a State registered place. Lloyd has strong business acumen, property development expertise and practical hands on experience with large scale adaptive reuse and heritage renewal projects.

Leigh Barrett

Leigh Barrett is a creative and strategic heritage practitioner across the public and private sectors of Western Australia. Leigh is the former Executive Director at Heritage Perth, a not-for-profit organisation which actively supports the conservation and interpretation of the City of Perth's heritage, encouraging a culture that values and celebrates it.

The Principal of her own consultancy — Leigh Barrett, Heritage Advisory Services — Leigh works with a variety of clients to provide a fresh approach to the industry. Having previously worked for the National Trust of Western Australia, Leigh currently works for local government.

She has built an extensive network of contacts through her career in heritage and is experienced at all levels of advisory services.

Darren Foster (from June 2023)

Darren Foster is a public policy consultant in private practice, following three decades of experience in strategic leadership roles in all three tiers of government. As a former Director General of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, he is best known for driving reforms across the public sector, including in digital service delivery, the justice system, Aboriginal policy and the regulatory system.

Darren has held positions on several councils and committees including Chair of the Justice Planning and Reform Committee, and membership of the Committee for the Economic Development of Australia – State Advisory Committee, Infrastructure WA and the Public Sector Leadership Council. Current roles include part time membership of the Mental Health Tribunal.

Darren brings experience in governance and has expertise in sustainable development, environmental policy and regulation. He has academic qualifications in local history and has produced oral histories and biographical papers, including on members of the Aboriginal Stolen Generation.

Darren was appointed to the Heritage Council towards the end of the 2022-23 financial year.

Alan Kelsall

Architect and former Heritage Coordinator for the City of Fremantle, Alan Kelsall brings a wealth of experience to the Council from his extensive portfolio of conservation planning and building projects, including undertaking more than 50 heritage assessments.

While at the City of Fremantle, Alan oversaw award-winning conservation works on Fremantle Town Hall, the largest conservation project the City has ever undertaken. Under Alan's direction, a large team of skilled stonemasons, plasterers, lead workers and slate roofers with specialist traditional skills transformed the exterior of the town hall building using traditional building methods. Alan played a crucial role in developing the whole-of-agency approach the City now adopts towards promoting Fremantle's heritage, and in integrating awareness of the benefits of positive heritage outcomes with the planning and development processes.

Prior to joining the City of Fremantle, Alan was Co-Principal of Kelsall Binet Architects, a small two-partner practice he formed with Gena Binet in 1998. Kelsall Binet worked for a range of clients on a variety of projects, including the former Governor's Residence on Rottnest Island/Wadjemup and Saint Patrick's Basilica Fremantle. Prior to establishing Kelsall Binet, Alan worked for architectural practices in London and Perth for 22 years, specialising in conservation and heritage work.

Catherine Lezer

Catherine Lezer brings valuable expertise and insights from her roles as President of the Strata Community Association Inc WA and as a City of Perth Councillor to the Heritage Council. After various finance positions and property directorships, Catherine developed a passion for adding value to apartments and apartment buildings. Catherine sits on the Perth Development Assessment Panel, Perth Land Redevelopment Committee and, importantly, represents the Heritage Council on the Department's Audit and Risk Management Committee.

Catherine has experience in managing strata properties, and in her role has undertaken significant projects including lift replacements, solar installations and defects remediation. She holds a Bachelor of Business, Master of Business Administration and qualifications with the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Sally Malone

Sally Malone is an Albany-based public place designer with extensive experience in landscape, urban, townscape, trail and interpretation design. She has worked in both the local government and private sectors across a wide variety of projects from large-scale CBD streetscape upgrades to small civic gardens and landscapes.

Sally has a particular interest in rural, remote and regional communities, and has worked throughout Western Australia helping towns to celebrate their identity in their public places. As a result, she has a deep understanding of the issues facing rural communities in preserving and highlighting their cultural heritage, historic streetscapes and natural settings. She has experience in strategic project planning, landscape management plans, interpretive tourism and infrastructure project development and site design for a wide variety of public place enhancement initiatives.

Richard Offen

Before coming to Australia, Richard Offen worked for the UK National Trust for 15 years. He was also a long-term member of the Canterbury Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches, which is a statutory committee providing conservation advice at diocesan level, in relation to church buildings and their contents. For over 10 years Richard was also a visiting lecturer for the Birmingham University Masters' Degree in Heritage Management.

He immigrated to Perth in 2005 to become the inaugural director of Heritage Perth, a post he held until retiring in 2017. During that time he became a very popular speaker and broadcaster, promoting the history and heritage of Western Australia.

Richard now spends his time as an author and broadcaster. He has five published books and is currently President of both the Royal Western Australian Historical Society and the Friends of the Batty Library.

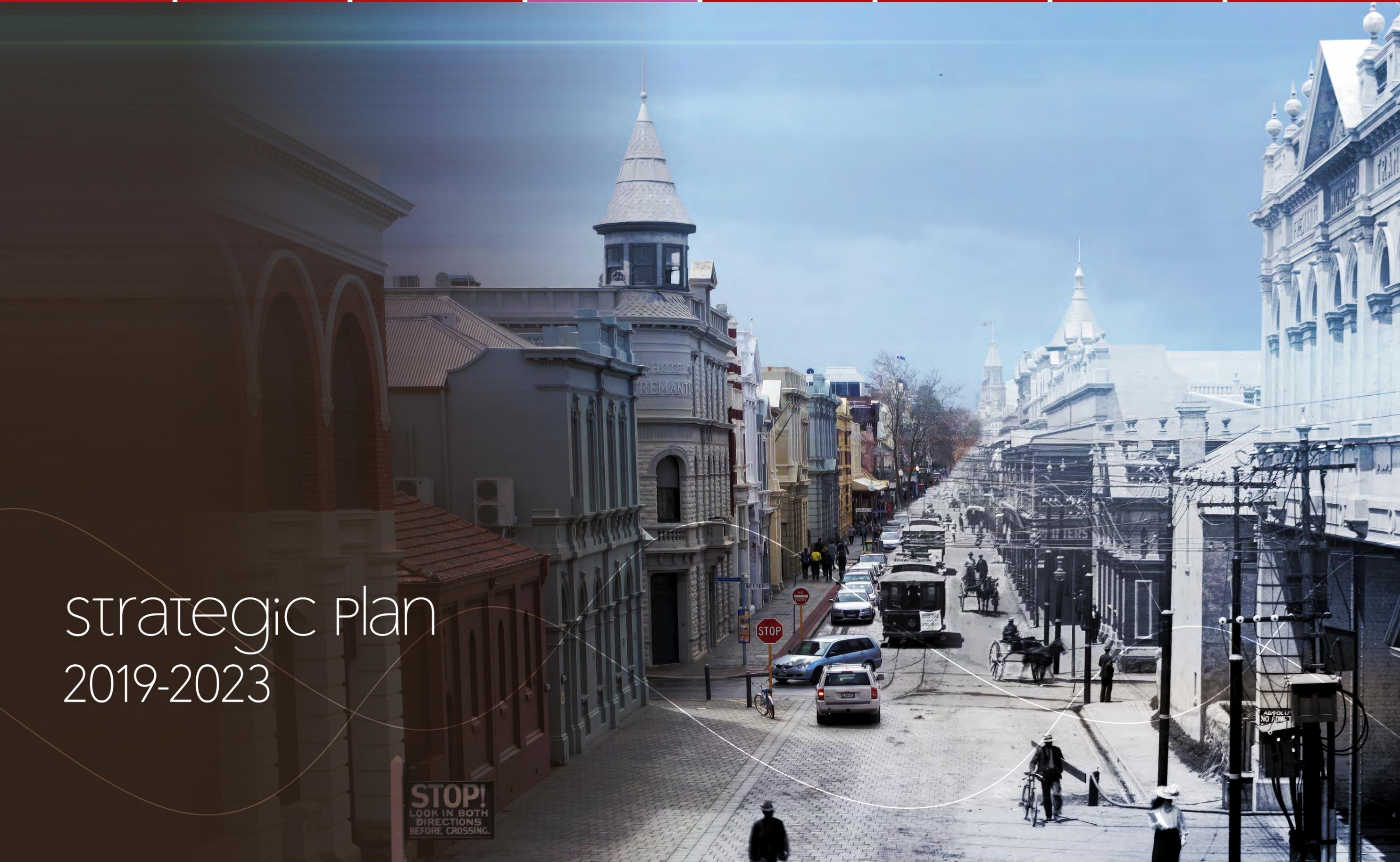
Dr Erika Techera

Erika Techera is an international and comparative environmental lawyer with a particular focus on marine governance. Her research explores Indo-Pacific maritime issues, marine environmental law, including marine protected area governance, migratory and invasive species, and marine pollution, as well as maritime history and heritage.

Recent projects include the intersection of climate change and fisheries law; non-traditional security threats (climate change, pollution and Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing); marine environmental law for the blue economy in Indian Ocean states; and safeguarding marine and maritime heritage.

Currently a Professor of Law in the University of Western Australia (UWA) Law School, Erika was formerly the Interim Pro Vice Chancellor (International) (2019), Director of the UWA Oceans Institute (2017) and before that the Dean of the Faculty of Law (2013-2016). Before becoming an academic, she practised as a barrister in Sydney for over seven years and has also been a company director and currently holds positions on several boards.

Strategic Plan 2019-2023



Our vision

Heritage is integral to the identity, vibrant life and prosperity of Western Australia.

Our values

- **Professionalism** - we are proficient, competent and reliable in all that we do. We value excellence and act with respect and integrity at all times.
- **Accountability** - we practice fair and ethical decision-making. We explain things openly and take responsibility for our decisions and actions.
- **Collaboration** - we work together, and with our stakeholders, to promote good heritage outcomes.
- **Helpfulness** - we always seek to be helpful. We provide valued and timely service, respecting that our customers have individual needs.
- **Respect** - we are serious about what we do, and understand our work is personal to our stakeholders. We support each other and celebrate our successes.

Strategic plan

The Heritage Council's *Strategic Plan 2019-2023* outlines our three focus areas, each supported by ongoing activities and strategic projects:

- Places representing the story of Western Australia's history and development are comprehensively identified and chronicled.
- Western Australia's heritage places are conserved through sound heritage practice and harmonious development, and their full potential is realised.
- The importance of heritage places to Western Australia's identity and quality of life is understood and appreciated.

During the year, the Heritage Council reviewed its *Strategic Plan 2019-2023* to capture emerging priorities in the areas of recognition, protection and promotion of Western Australia's cultural heritage places, which align with the State Government's overall goals and objectives. A new strategic plan will be released in the second half of 2023.

Thematic history a Western Australian first

The Heritage Council's *A Thematic History of Western Australia*, released in October 2022, provides a fascinating insight into the events, influences and challenges that have shaped our State.

The work is the first thematic history to cover all of Western Australia and provides invaluable context and vital details to help the Heritage Council understand the heritage value of places being considered for inclusion on the State Register.

With a focus on the past 200 years, the thematic history offers a concise overview of the State framed across eight themes and expressed through key stories and chronological periods.

Development of the thematic history was a priority project under the Heritage Council's *Strategic Plan 2019-23*. The document is now available as a guide for practitioners and others within the heritage sector or for anyone interested in Western Australian history. It will be updated over time as our understanding of Western Australia's heritage develops.

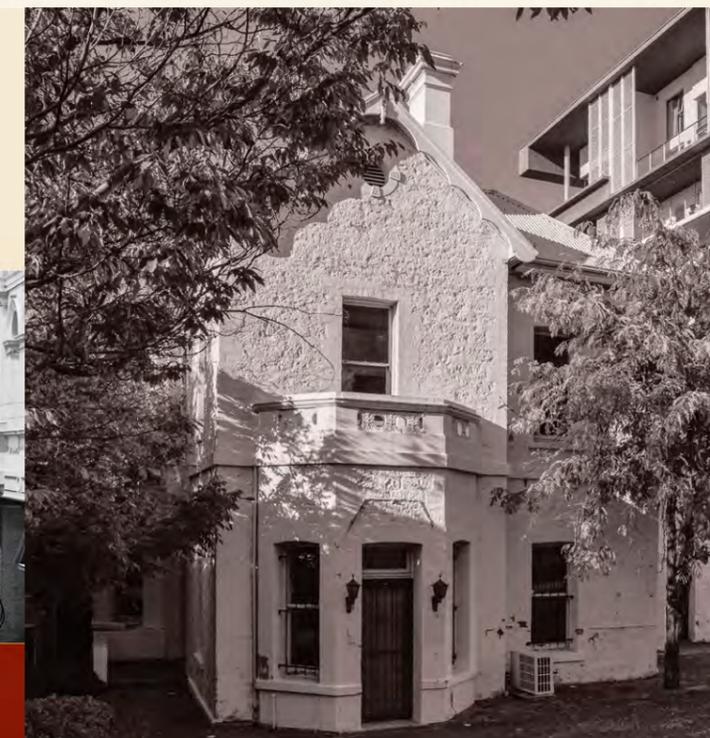
[A Thematic History of Western Australia](#)



A THEMATIC HISTORY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA



PREPARED FOR THE HERITAGE COUNCIL OF WA
CLARE MENCK - HISTORIAN



Heritage Award Joint Commendation -
Conservation or Adaptive Reuse of a State registered Place -
Gage Roads Victoria Quay Fremantle.

Photo: Ross Wallace.

NO SMOKING

year in review

Performance

Outcome-based management framework

Through the desired outcomes and services listed below, the Heritage Council contributes to the Government's goal of "Investing in WA's Future: Tackling climate action and supporting the arts, culture and sporting sectors to promote vibrant communities."

Government goal	Desired outcome	Services
Investing in WA's Future: Tackling climate action and supporting the arts, culture and sporting sectors to promote vibrant communities.	An effective system for the conservation of cultural heritage places in Western Australia for the benefit of present and future generations.	Historical heritage conservation services.

Key performance indicators are used to measure the Heritage Council's achievement of its desired outcomes, and the efficiency of its services.

Summary of actual results compared to budget targets

Heritage Council financial targets	2022-23 target ^(a) \$'000	2022-23 actual ^(b) \$'000	Variation \$'000
Total cost of services (expense limit)	1,557	1,603	46
Net cost of services	1,557	1,521	(36)
Total equity	6,286	6,549	263
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	-	549	549
Approved salary expense level	Nil	Nil	-
Agreed borrowing limit	Nil	Nil	-

Heritage Council financial targets	2022-23 agreed limit ^(a) \$'000	2022-23 target/actual ^(b) \$'000	Variation \$'000
Working cash limit (at budget)	78	78	-
Working cash limit (at actuals)	78	56	(22)

Notes: (a) The targets specified above are as per the 2022-23 budget papers.

(b) Further explanations are contained in Note 7.8 to the financial statements.

Summary of key performance indicators compared to budget targets

Key effectiveness indicators ^(a)	2022-23 target ^(b)	2022-23 actual	Variation ^(c)
Desired outcome: An effective system for the conservation of cultural heritage places in Western Australia for the benefit of present and future generations.			
Extent to which development approvals issued for registered places are consistent with the Heritage Council's advice to decision-making authorities	100%	100%	0%
Percentage of additional private investment generated from grant-assisted conservation projects	150%	219%	69%

Key efficiency indicators ^(a)	2022-23 target ^(b)	2022-23 actual	Variation ^(c)
Average number of days to make preliminary determinations	45	42.3	(2.7)

Notes: (a) The tables above provide a summary of the Heritage Council's key performance indicators for 2022-23. For more detailed information, including explanations, refer to the desired outcome and key performance indicators section of this report from page 81.

(b) The targets specified above are as per the 2022-23 budget papers.

(c) Variations shown in brackets represent a decrease in the actual result compared to the target. Depending on the key performance indicator, a decrease in the actual result does not necessarily mean that the target has not been achieved.

Assessment and registration of heritage places

The Heritage Council continues to work towards compiling a comprehensive register of Western Australia's culturally significant places. It operates with well understood, open and transparent criteria for entry to the State Register and promotes consistency and high standards in heritage identification and listing practices.

State Register of Heritage Places

The State Register is a statutory list of places that represent the story of Western Australia's history and development. Entry in the State Register recognises the value and importance of a place and helps promote its preservation into the future.

More information on new inclusions in the State Register can be found through inHerit, the Heritage Council's online database of heritage places.

Assessments and registrations in 2022-23

- 24 places underwent preliminary review by the Department.
- Two places progressed to stakeholder consultation for consideration of their possible inclusion in the State Register.
- Two places did not meet the conditions for entry in the State Register.
- Five places were fully assessed and are at the stakeholder engagement phase of the process.
- Eight places were added to the State Register.

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Renkema Building - 134 Stirling Highway - photo courtesy Annette Green.

Places added to the State Register in 2022-23

Place No	Place Name	Address	Date of entry
P9108	City Beach and Floreat Beach Precinct	Challenger Parade, between Oceanic Drive and The Boulevard, City Beach	6/10/22
P5113	De Grey – Mullewa Stock Rote No. 9701	Mullewa to Pardoo	7/12/22
P16610	Goldfields Water Supply Scheme	Various locations along the route from Mundaring to Kalgoorlie	8/12/22
P17868	Peel Town Archaeological Sites	Near Mount Brown, Beeliar Regional Park, Henderson	8/12/22
P13700	Tudor Style Shops – Renkema Building	134 Stirling Hwy, Nedlands	20/12/22
P26470	Sun City Precinct, Two Rocks	Bounded by Sovereign Drive, Lisford Avenue, and the Marina, Two Rocks	28/12/22
P26940	Marginata Flats, Perth	165 Wellington Street, corner Hill and Goderich streets, Perth	28/12/22
P11888	Djuringe Mooranoppin, Kellerberrin	Corner Goldfields and Mission roads, Kellerberrin	23/1/23



Government Heritage Property Disposal Process

In 2022-23, 10 places were referred to the Heritage Council through the Government Heritage Property Disposal Process (GHPDP) and had preliminary reviews. Of these, one place was identified as warranting assessment for possible entry in the State Register as an amendment to a registered place.

The purpose of the GHPDP is to identify and assess the heritage value of State Government property under consideration for disposal and to provide relevant protection where appropriate.

The number of places being referred under the GHPDP this year was lower than previous years as a result of the strategic thematic approach adopted by agencies with large-scale disposal programs.

Golden Pipeline celebrates 120 years and enters State Register

On 24 January 2023 the Goldfields Water Supply Scheme (GWSS) marked its 120th anniversary.

The anniversary came just one month after the GWSS was included in the State Register underlining its significant contribution to the development of Western Australia.

The GWSS was officially opened at Mount Charlotte, Kalgoorlie on 24 January 1903, pumping fresh water 566 kilometres east from Mundaring Weir to the Eastern Goldfields.

The brainchild of Western Australia's first Engineer-in-Chief CY O'Connor, the scheme had a focus on delivering a reliable water supply to the arid Goldfields. It is considered one of Australia's greatest engineering achievements and was the world's longest overland pipeline at completion.

The triumph of the GWSS was pivotal in the growing confidence and economic development of the State and was fundamental to the continued success of goldmining in the Eastern Goldfields and development of the Western Australian mining industry.

In its assessment of the GWSS the Department, on behalf of the Heritage Council, worked closely with the Water Corporation which manages all operational and some non-operational components of the scheme including several of the original steam pumping stations.

At the same time as the registration was being considered, the Water Corporation had identified sections of the pipeline reaching the end of their service life. A proposal to install a new below-ground pipeline adjacent to the existing pipeline was under consideration.

Further consideration of additional portions of the pipeline for entry in the State Register will be determined in the years to come.



No. 3 Station Cunderdin.

Cunderdin Reservoir conduit across Cunderdin Golf Course.



A fragmented precinct across the 560 kilometre linear water pipeline commencing at Mundaring Weir (1902, 1951) and terminating at Mount Charlotte Reservoir (1902) in Kalgoorlie, the place includes six steam pump stations (1902), reservoirs and tanks (1902-1932), other related infrastructure, and small portions of the main pipeline conduit associated with the construction and operation of the Goldfields Water Supply Scheme from 1902 to the present.

Conservation of heritage places

The Heritage Council works with key agencies to ensure heritage is actively supported in statutory and regulatory frameworks and planning, build capacity in the sector, increase investment in conservation, and ensure development proposals referred to us are appropriately assessed.

Development of heritage places

The Heritage Council and Department work together with owners and industry to encourage sensitive development and new compatible uses of heritage places. Appropriate development and the continued activation of heritage places is the best way of assuring their future.

Early engagement with stakeholders about their proposed development plans provides the opportunity for timely feedback and advice from the Department. It also enables quicker turnaround times for formal referrals to the Heritage Council.

Development referrals in 2022-23

- 723 development referrals determined during the year, with 89 per cent considered by the Department under delegation from the Heritage Council.
- 91 per cent of development and planning referrals were processed within statutory timeframes. Those taking more than the statutory timeframes required further information from the applicant or were more complex, requiring consideration by the Heritage Council.
- 70 development referrals sent to the Heritage Council for determination, a decrease of four from the previous year.

Development referrals by processing times, delegation and regions

Referral processing times	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
42 days or under	839	743	652
Over 42 days	70	31	71
TOTAL	909	774	723

Referrals by delegation	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Referrals made under delegated authority	816	700	653
Referrals determined by the Heritage Council	93	74	70
TOTAL	909	774	723

Referrals by regions	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Metropolitan areas	633	548	505
Regional areas	276	226	218
TOTAL	909	774	723

Major projects

In 2022-23, the Heritage Council and Department provided advice on a number of major metropolitan projects and local planning policies during development stage including:

- Bristle Kilns, Ascot
- Fremantle Prison
- Graham Flats, West Perth
- Redemptorist Monastery and Church, North Perth
- Guildford-Mandoon Heritage Area Local Planning Policy (City of Swan)
- Perth Cultural Centre Rejuvenation Project, Perth
- Design guidelines for Princess Margaret Hospital for Children (former), Subiaco.

The Heritage Council and Department were also involved in providing advice on several projects in regional Western Australia:

- Old Hospital Complex, Margaret River
- One Mile Jetty, Carnarvon
- Sun Picture Gardens, Broome
- St Mary's Anglican Church Precinct, Beverley.

His Majesty's Theatre restored to former glory

For the first time in 70 years, the beautiful wrap-around balconies that were a prominent feature of the original façade of His Majesty's Theatre have been reinstated for Western Australians to enjoy.

His Majesty's Theatre is one of the last remaining working Edwardian theatres in the Southern Hemisphere. Built in 1902 and opened in 1904, the original balconies were removed in 1953 as part of a city-wide order enacted because of concerns vehicles could crash into the supporting posts, causing the balconies to collapse.

The \$15 million His Majesty's Theatre balcony reconstruction project was a State Government initiative as part of the WA Recovery Plan infrastructure stimulus package. The project is a great example of the benefits of engaging early with the Heritage Council to ensure a positive heritage outcome.

In late 2020, the project architects approached the Heritage Council (prior to submitting a formal development application to the City of Perth) to ensure it could provide its early advice on the reconstruction of the balcony.

Department staff also met with the architects on several occasions to discuss the proposed colour of the balconies as the scheme deviated from its original darker colour.

In February 2023, the new balconies, including a new upper circle bar and function area, a repainted façade, and installation of upgraded lighting and LED screens were opened and ready to shine again.

*Kiki Saito, Soloist, West Australian Ballet
outside His Majesty's Theatre.*

*Photo by Griffiths Architects, Courtesy of the
Australian Institute of Architects.*



Heritage agreements

A heritage agreement is a legally binding contract that sets out a framework for the long-term conservation, maintenance and/or interpretation of a place. If the place is sold after the owner signs the heritage agreement, it normally remains binding on the new owner.

In 2022-23, the Department, on behalf of the Heritage Council, prepared and completed eight new heritage agreements pursuant to Part 7 of the *Heritage Act 2018* in respect of six places.

There are currently 187 heritage agreements in effect for 159 places, of which 129 places are entered in the State Register. Some places are subject to more than one heritage agreement because the place includes two or more separate structures or significant lots that are each the subject of a heritage agreement. Most of these heritage agreements are between the property owner or lessee and the Heritage Council.

The Department assists local governments to prepare heritage agreements for places of local heritage significance that are not in the State Register. The Heritage Council is not a party to these agreements as they are between local governments and property owners.

In 2022-23, the Department assisted the Town of Claremont and City of Perth to each prepare two local heritage agreements.

Regulatory orders

Under Part 4 of the *Heritage Act 2018*, the Minister for Heritage may issue an order to provide special protection for a place. In 2022-23, no orders were issued.

Heritage grants

The Heritage Council's grants program is administered by the Department and provides funding for the conservation, future planning and promotion of heritage places. There are two funding streams under the program:

- **State Heritage Grants** subsidise the cost of physical conservation works, documentation and professional advice relating to the conservation of State registered places and are open to private owners of State registered heritage places.
- **Community Heritage Grants** subsidise the cost of educational activities, community engagement and interpretation projects that celebrate a State registered place, a place in the Heritage Council's assessment program or group of local heritage places. This stream is open to not-for-profit organisations, businesses and local governments.

Since the program began in 1996-97, more than \$25 million in grants have been awarded.

2022-23 funding round

In 2022-23, \$1.221 million in grant funding was shared between 19 regional and 30 metropolitan projects.

Thirty eight projects were successful in securing new funding. In addition, 11 projects received top up funding which was available to active State Heritage Grant recipients who could demonstrate cost increases impacting their ability to deliver the agreed conservation works.

Coolgardie Post Office complex recorded in time

In 2020-21, the Shire of Coolgardie received a \$20,000 Community Heritage Grant for research, design and implementation of an interpretation strategy of the Coolgardie Post Office complex.

Built in the 1890s, the complex is a long-standing public office and meeting place for the community.

As part of the project, the Shire recorded the many anecdotal stories and memories that are treasured and shared by people who have some association with the complex and will help express the social value of the place for generations to come.

The project was completed in April 2023.

[View the story here](#)



Bunbury Lotteries House has the winning ticket

In 2022-23, under the State Heritage Grants stream, the Bunbury Lotteries House Complex Inc. received \$12,537.50 for conservation works which have now been successfully completed.

Bunbury Lotteries House, which is in the State Register as the WA Bank (former), was built in 1896 to accommodate the Bunbury branch of the Western Australian Bank. The building is valued by the local and wider community for its contribution to the built environment of Bunbury and as a result, contributes to the community's sense of place.

Bunbury Lotteries House received funding for masonry and window repairs, and painting. Conservation work included rendering over painted brickwork and patching local imperfections, as well as colour matching the render and mortar texture to the face. On the south and east façades, the fretting face of the bricks was removed back to a sound surface. Algaecide was used on the corner of the building where the rain head was blocked causing algae to occur, and windowsills were repaired and repainted.



Heritage sponsorships

The Heritage Council's sponsorship program aims to deliver partnerships that will support heritage in Western Australia.

In 2022-23, 10 projects received sponsorships totalling \$90,811.50, including \$10,000 to the Forum Advocating Cultural and Eco-Tourism (FACET) for its Heritage Tourism Workshop and \$19,581.50 to the City of Melville for its Goolugatup Lowerlands Renewal Project.

Owners of the National Hotel presented a case study at the FACET Heritage Tourism Workshop.



FACET Heritage Tourism Workshop

In March 2023, more than 100 heritage and tourism practitioners gathered at the Fremantle Town Hall and online to hear speakers present on a range of cultural heritage experiences at FACET's Heritage Tourism Workshop, an event supported by the Heritage Council.

Luke Donegan from Fremantle Prison provoked thought and discussion by speaking about 'Difficult Histories: Truth and Healing – How to present histories of human suffering with authenticity and compassion.' A number of Western Australian historic sites are associated with painful histories, particularly for Aboriginal people. Luke discussed how the cultural heritage and cultural tourism sectors can use 'sites of conscience' to sensitively acknowledge and share these stories with the community.

Consistent with the emerging global trend in visitors seeking out authentic experiences to connect with their own and other cultures, the adaptive re-use of heritage places has been a clear winner in the heritage tourism sector. Workshop attendees were taken along the journey of four heritage places finding new lives as bustling hospitality venues: Fremantle's National Hotel, the Old Courthouse, Gage Roads in the A Shed at Victoria Quay as well as the Exchange Hotel in Pinjarra.



Heritage Minister David Templeman speaking at the workshop.



Heritage promotion and tourism

The Heritage Council promotes engagement with the State's cultural heritage, celebrates our State's heritage and those that care for it, and supports cultural tourism opportunities to stimulate the economy and promote Western Australia to visitors.

Celebrating 30 years of Western Australia's Heritage Awards

The Heritage Council established its awards program in 1992 to recognise individuals and organisations who have made an outstanding contribution to conserving Western Australia's heritage.

The inaugural winner was Margaret Wilson, who dedicated more than 40 years to research and conservation of the State's heritage, in particular Cossack with which she had a family connection.

A second award was introduced in 1993 — the Heritage Conservation and Property Value Award — to encourage property owners to look at heritage buildings as a sound investment and to help them understand that restoration improved the value of a property. The conservation of heritage places in the 1990s made a significant contribution to their retention.

Over the past 30 years, the Western Australian Heritage Awards have featured individuals and organisations who have made significant contributions to preserving, recording and conserving Western Australia's built and natural heritage places, and the stories associated with them. During this time, the number of award categories has increased with the addition of heritage tourism and the Professor David Dolan Award, which was initially presented to an outstanding newcomer and is now the Judges' Award. The Judges' Award spans all categories and honours Professor Dolan, a past Councillor of the Heritage Council.

In the past 10 years, approximately half of the category winners were from the State's regional areas.

Heritage stars shine at 2022 awards

On 25 November 2022, 130 guests gathered at the Western Australian Museum Boola Bardip in Perth to celebrate 30 years of the Western Australian Heritage Awards.

Of the 23 finalists, 13 individuals, organisations and projects received awards for heritage excellence.

Philippa Rogers was awarded the voluntary individual contribution for her work as an advocate and educator for Western Australia's rich railway heritage. She also accepted the award for contribution by a community-based organisation, won by Rail Heritage WA.

The special Judges' Award, the Professor David Dolan Award which recognises a significant contribution to heritage, was awarded posthumously to historian Clare Menck in recognition of her career of more than 20 years in history and heritage. Clare's last work *A Thematic History of Western Australia* is an outstanding achievement that will guide the future assessment and classification of Western Australia's heritage places.

Several local governments were also recognised for their work to conserve heritage places and celebrate local heritage stories. The Shire of Collie's enhancement of Throssell Street including building conservation, interpretation and murals was honoured at the event; and the City of Bunbury was recognised for its body of work engaging with the community and advocating for heritage in the region.

The number of tourism-related projects and individuals recognised as winners illustrates the important role heritage plays in creating vibrant, sustainable communities for the enjoyment of tourists and local residents.



2022 Western Australian Heritage Awards winners and commendations

Voluntary Individual Contribution



Winner: Philippa Rogers,
President, Rail Heritage WA

Commendation: Peggy Parkin,
Volunteer and Belmont History
Local Champion

Professional Contribution



Winner: Dr Ingrid van Bremen,
Adjunct Senior Lecturer, University
of Western Australia

Contribution by a Community-based Organisation



Winner: Rail Heritage WA

Commendation: Greenough
Museum and Gardens

Contribution by a Public or Private Organisation



Winner: Shire of Collie

Commendation: City of Bunbury

Interpretation Project



Winner: 'Fremantle Then & Now:
Historical Panoramas' exhibition

Heritage Tourism Product



Winner: Vincent Street Heritage
Walking Trail, Beverley

Conservation or Adaptive Reuse of a State registered Place



Winner: Former Fremantle Court
House and Police Station Complex

Joint Commendation: 101 Canning
Highway (East Fremantle Post and
Telegraph Office)

Joint Commendation: Victoria
Quay, Fremantle (Gage Roads
Fremantle)

The Judges' Award: The Professor David Dolan Award



Winner: Clare Menck,
Historian, and author of
A Thematic History of Western
Australia

Plaques program

Heritage plaques play a pivotal role in telling the stories surrounding State registered places, promoting heritage tourism and encouraging community engagement with our heritage places.

Places to receive a plaque in the 2022-23 year include:

- His Majesty's Theatre (P2006), Perth
- WA School for Deaf Children (P594), Cottesloe
- Wadjemup Museum (P516), Rottnest Island
- Victoria Quay (P3602), Fremantle (A-Shed).

To supplement the physical plaques, a virtual plaque for use on websites has also been developed and is available for owners of State registered places.

Heritage tourism

The Heritage Council aims to raise the profile of heritage tourism as a viable niche market to promote the ongoing conservation of Western Australia's built heritage. During the year partnerships were maintained with the Tourism Council WA, FACET and City of Perth towards achieving these goals.

Highlights included:

- Sponsorship of the Tourism Council Western Australian Tourism Awards.
- Ongoing inclusion of the heritage tourism category in the Western Australian Heritage Awards.
- Sponsorship of the City of Perth Boorloo Heritage Festival.
- Providing support to FACET to hold its Heritage Tourism Workshop.

Western Australia welcomes Heritage Chairs and Officials of Australia and New Zealand

The Heritage Council and Department are represented on the HCOANZ, a group that provides national leadership for, and raises the profile of, historic and Indigenous heritage in Australia and New Zealand.

In November 2022, the annual HCOANZ meeting was hosted by the Heritage Council at the Western Australian Maritime Museum at Victoria Quay in Fremantle. It was the first face-to-face meeting of cultural heritage leaders across the jurisdictions in two years.

The Heritage Chairs were joined by representatives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage from the Commonwealth, States and Territories, and collectively took the opportunity to work together in advancing a shared approach to Australia's cultural heritage.

Delegates toured Fremantle Prison to discuss how the venue is working within the context of its World Heritage listing status and its engagement with Traditional Owners.

The group agreed to implement best practice cultural heritage principles including sharing the comprehensive Australian heritage story, inclusion and engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and co-operation and collaboration. They also acknowledged the critical importance of recording and sharing the stories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage.

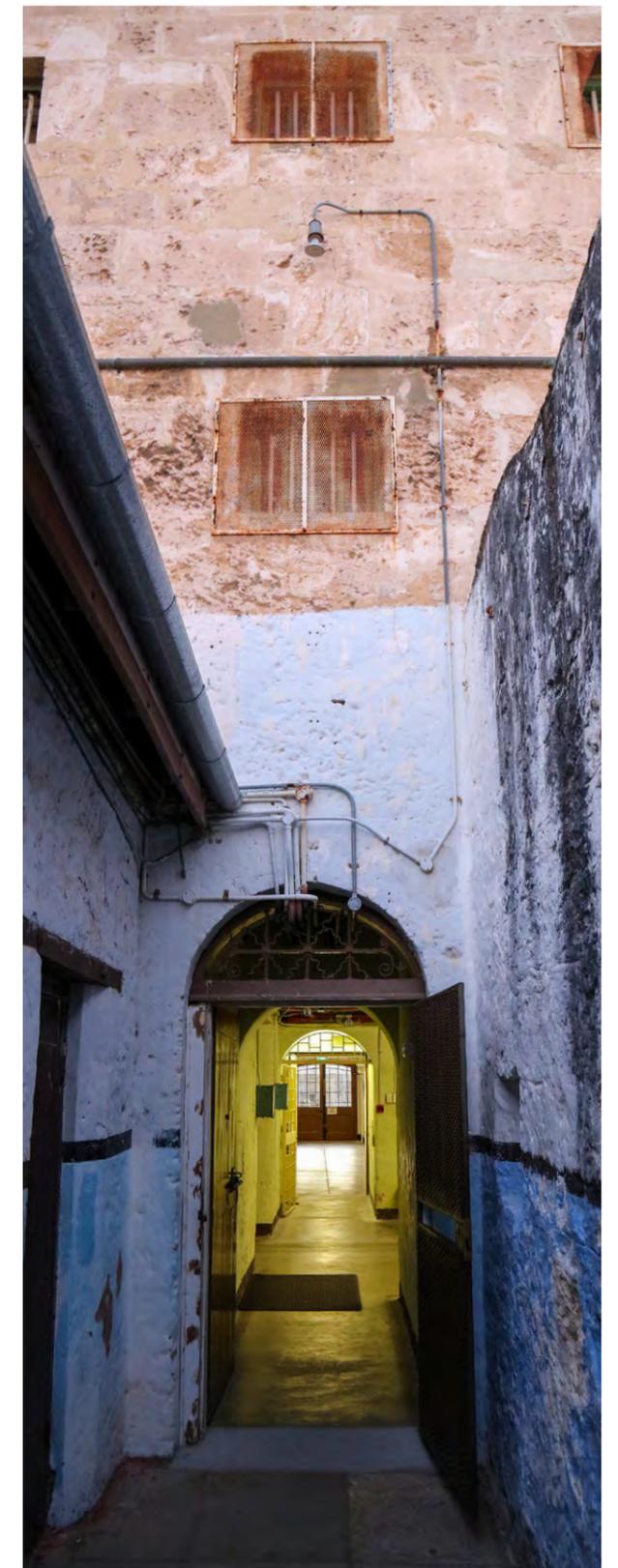


Presentations

The Heritage Council and Department are committed to engaging with their diverse stakeholders through the delivery of presentations and lectures, and the participation in conferences and workshops across a broad range of topics. These outreach initiatives are targeted across all levels of government and industry and include engagement with:

- WA Local Government Association
- FACET
- Regional and metropolitan local governments
- Other State Government departments
- Professional Historian's Association
- International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS).

In 2022-23 the Department, on behalf of the Heritage Council, delivered 12 presentations and participated in 17 heritage-related conferences and workshops.



Heritage Award winner -
Heritage Tourism Product -
Vincent Street Heritage Walking Trail, Beverley.



Heritage council Remuneration

The remuneration and allowances paid to committee members are determined by the Governor based on a recommendation by the Minister for Public Sector Management.

Member	Position	Type of remuneration	Membership Period	Gross remuneration	Meetings attended
Nerida Moredoundt	Chairperson	Per annum	12 months	\$25,792	18
John Cowdell	Chairperson (former)	Per annum	6 months	\$19,446	9
Lloyd Clark	Deputy Chair	Per annum	12 months	\$20,686	22
Leigh Barrett	Councillor	Per annum	12 months	\$19,234	21
Sally Malone	Councillor	Per annum	12 months	\$19,234	20
Richard Offen	Councillor	Per annum	12 months	\$19,234	19
Alan Kelsall	Councillor	Per annum	12 months	\$19,234	22
Catherine Lezer	Councillor	Per annum	12 months	\$19,234	17
Erika Techera	Councillor	Per annum	12 months	\$19,234	20
Darren Foster	Councillor	N/A	N/A	Nil	0

Heritage Award winner -
Contribution by a Public or Private Organisation -
Shire of Collie.



Disclosures and Appendices

Disclosures

Ministerial directives

The Heritage Council received no ministerial directives under the *Heritage Act 2018* in 2022-23.

Pricing policies

Administered through the Department, the Heritage Council charges for goods and services rendered on a full or partial cost-recovery basis for:

- Freedom of Information requests
- Inclusion in inContact, our online directory of heritage specialists.

The fees and charges are determined in accordance with *Costing and Pricing Government Services: Guidelines for Use by Agencies in the Western Australian Public Sector* published by the Department Treasury.

Capital projects

The Heritage Council had no capital projects in 2022-23.

External audit

Apart from the Office of the Auditor General's annual financial audit, the Heritage Council was not included in any other specific external audits in 2022-23.

Other governance functions

It is important for the public and Government to have confidence that the Heritage Council is spending public funds and delivering and administering devolved programs in an honest, reasonable and prudent manner. The Heritage Council abides by the Public Sector Accountability, Integrity and Ethics Framework and ensures compliance with the:

- WA Public Sector Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct
- Public Sector Standards in Human Resources Management
- Part IX of the *Equal Opportunity Act 1984*.

Council members are reminded of, and required to comply with, the Public Sector Standards in Human Resource Management. Actions to monitor and ensure compliance with public sector standards include:

- Awareness of the Code of Ethics.
- Encouraged to report non-compliance to the Public Information Disclosure Officer.

The Heritage Council is guided by its Charter which clarifies the roles and responsibilities of the Council. The Charter provides the framework for high standards of governance and clear understandings about the roles and responsibilities of the board and the relationship with the Department.

Conflicts of interest

Under the Heritage Council's Conflict of Interest Policy, members must declare a conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest to the Chair and be excused from attendance, where determined, on those particular items.

Risk management and business continuity

The Heritage Council has driven ongoing improvements to its risk management practice, with solid foundations in the Heritage Council Risk Management Policy and Business Continuity Policy. The Heritage Council continues to be supported with regular reviews of strategic risks. An external risk management consultant is engaged for this, to ensure the appropriate level of subject matter expertise and an independent oversight of the reviews.

Operational risks are reviewed on an annual basis by the Department. Evidence of operational risk management is provided by the Department bi-annually to the Heritage Council. Risk management has firmly established itself in the forefront of all planning and is included in all project and event plans.

Public interest disclosure

The Heritage Council is assisted by the Department to provide mechanisms for the lodgement of public interest disclosures. No disclosures were received in 2022-23.

Complaint handling

The Heritage Council aims to provide the best service it can for Western Australians and values stakeholder and customer feedback. As part of a whole-of-government complaints management strategy, through the Department, the Council offers a complaints management system that conforms to the Australian Standard AS ISO 10002-2006 supported by a Complaints Handling Policy.

Nil complaints were received this year.

Other disclosures

The following activities are undertaken by the Department on behalf of the Heritage Council and are reported in the Department's annual report.

- Act of grace payments
- Advertising, market research, polling and direct mail
- Credit cards – information on personal expenditure
- Disability, access and inclusion plan outcomes
- Occupational safety, health and injury management
- Record keeping plans
- Substantive equality (optional)
- WA Multicultural Policy framework.

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Appendix 1: Heritage Grants Program allocations 2022-23

State Heritage Grants

Place No	Place Name	Applicant	Funds committed
P4851	Morgan's Camp, Broome	Nyamba Buru Yawuru Ltd	\$78,115.00
P9999	Metro Health Clinic (Whatley Crescent Group, Maylands)	The Trustee for Whatley Crescent 202 Trust	\$16,000.00
P371	WA Bank (former), Bunbury	Bunbury Lotteries House Complex Inc	\$12,537.50
P1060	Radio Theatre Building, Geraldton	Margland Pty Ltd ATF Margland Unit Trust	\$14,400.00
P4579	Castledare Boys Home (former)	Catholic Homes Inc	\$9,800.00
P3273	Midland Railway Workshop Block 1	Health Integra Pty Ltd	\$100,000.00
P2968	Wyening Mission Group	Louise Young	\$17,600.00
P16300	Uniting Church and Hall, Northam	Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (WA)	\$40,000.00
P4125	The Ship (Roman Catholic Church Group, Toodyay)	Cheryl Jean	\$44,000.00
P955	Wesley Church, Fremantle	Uniting Church in Australia Property Trust (WA)	\$40,000.00
P2462	Wesley Church and Manse (Former), Guildford	Uniting Church Association – Guildford Church Council	\$10,925.00
P2422	The Old Maylands Post Office	Marie Havilah	\$29,249.64
P11595	First Church of Christ, Scientist, Perth	First Church of Christ, Scientist, Perth, WA	\$27,220.50
P805	Woodlawn House	Jack Raymond Wood	\$44,000.00
P3320	Windsor Hall	Diane Summers	\$44,000.00
P603	Wearne, Cottesloe	Curtin Heritage Living	\$100,000.00
P75	Law Offices (former), Albany	Richard Ball and Angela Fryer-Smith	\$40,000.00
P1330	WD & HO Wills Warehouse (former)	Realmark Strata Pty Ltd	\$40,000.00
P916	Ajax Building 49-59 High Street, Fremantle	Owners of 49-59 High Street Strata Plan 20713	\$40,000.00
P2482	St Matthews Church, Guildford	The Perth Diocesan Trustees	\$12,421.50
P25225	Lionel Samson Buildings, West End, Fremantle	WHJ Samson Pty Ltd, FC Cook & Co Pty Ltd, Calista Pty Ltd	\$33,295.00
P4641	Church of Saints Constantine and Helene	Hellenic Community of Western Australia	\$16,500.00
P2092	Lawson Flats, Perth	The Owners of Lawson Flats	\$70,000.00
P2150	Beach House, Trigg Island	Margaret Carmody	\$44,000.00
P2368	Tom Collins House, Allen Park	Fellowship of Australian Writers WA	\$14,805.00

Community Heritage Grants

Project Title	Applicant	Funds committed
Harvey Internment Camp Shrine and Old Prison	Shire of Harvey	\$20,000.00
Narrogin Railway Station and Footbridge	Shire of Narrogin	\$14,852.50
The Australind and Harvey Heritage Trails Interpretive Project	Shire of Harvey	\$20,000.00
Merredin Pioneer Park and Water Tank	Shire of Merredin	\$20,000.00
Busselton Court House and Police Complex	City of Busselton	\$14,983.17
Banks Reserve Interpretation Node	City of Vincent	\$20,000.00
Frenchman Bay Whaling Station (ruin) and Kep Mardjit / Vancouver Spring and Dam	City of Albany	\$10,000.00
Eyre Bird Observatory	Eyre Bird Observatory Committee	\$20,000.00
East Perth Cemeteries Audio Project	John Toohey	\$5,593.50
Swan River Heritage Project	Maritime Archaeological Association of WA	\$9,800.00
Merredin Railway Station Group	Merredin Museum and Historical Society	\$7,712.00
Atlas Building, Perth	James del Piano & Jadel Pty Ltd	\$20,000.00
Goldfields Water Supply Scheme Interpretation Project	Christian Sprogoe	\$20,000.00

Top up funding

Place No	Place Name	Applicant	Funds committed
P22536	48 High Street, Fremantle	William Alexander Campbell	\$14,576.98
P2468	Welbourne House, Guildford	Greg Brindle	\$9,790.00
P3320	The Stirling Arms, Guildford	Trul Entrepreneurial Pty Ltd ATF BC Family Trust	\$1,811.50
P9885	Marich Buildings, Fremantle	Dunross Enterprises Pty Ltd	\$15,462.46
P14470	Waylen House, Swanleigh Precinct	The Perth Diocesan Trustees	\$4,868.41
P13227	Anglican Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Geraldton	The Diocese of North West Australia	\$7,596.65
P1295	McKenzie's Buildings, Kalgoorlie	Faith Creations Pty Ltd ATF (Faith Creations Unit Trust)	\$3,728.89
P8546	Parkerville Children's House and Cemetery	Parkerville Children & Youth Care Inc	\$2,921.72
P964	14-16 Nairn St, Fremantle	Geoffrey London	\$8,593.42
P061	Ballybane Tearooms - Bell & Co	Camille Daniele	\$6,616.15
P2092	Lawson Flats, Perth	The Owners of Lawson Flats	\$3,713.27

Heritage Award Joint Commendation -
Conservation or Adaptive Reuse of a State registered Place -
East Fremantle Post and Telegraph Office.



Financial statements



Auditor General

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

2023

Heritage Council of Western Australia

To the Parliament of Western Australia

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of the Heritage Council of Western Australia (Council) which comprise:

- the Statement of Financial Position at 30 June 2023, and the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended
- Notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In my opinion, the financial statements are:

- based on proper accounts and present fairly, in all material respects, the operating results and cash flows of the Heritage Council of Western Australia for the year ended 30 June 2023 and the financial position at the end of that period
- in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (applicable to Tier 2 Entities), the *Financial Management Act 2006* and the Treasurer's Instructions.

Basis for opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of my report.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Responsibilities of the Council Members for the financial statements

The Council Members are responsible for:

- keeping proper accounts
- preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (applicable to Tier 2 Entities), the *Financial Management Act 2006* and the Treasurer's Instructions
- such internal control as it determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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In preparing the financial statements, the Council Members are responsible for:

- assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern
- disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern
- using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Western Australian Government has made policy or funding decisions affecting the continued existence of the Council.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

As required by the *Auditor General Act 2006*, my responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements. The objectives of my audit are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control.

A further description of my responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website. This description forms part of my auditor's report and can be found at https://www.augasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf.

Report on the audit of controls

Opinion

I have undertaken a reasonable assurance engagement on the design and implementation of controls exercised by the Heritage Council of Western Australia. The controls exercised by the Council are those policies and procedures established to ensure that the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, the acquisition and disposal of property, and the incurring of liabilities have been in accordance with the State's financial reporting framework (the overall control objectives).

In my opinion, in all material respects, the controls exercised by the Heritage Council of Western Australia are sufficiently adequate to provide reasonable assurance that the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, the acquisition and disposal of property and the incurring of liabilities have been in accordance with the State's financial reporting framework during the year ended 30 June 2023.

The Council Members' responsibilities

The Council Members are responsible for designing, implementing and maintaining controls to ensure that the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, the acquisition and disposal of property and the incurring of liabilities are in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 2006*, the Treasurer's Instructions and other relevant written law.

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Auditor General's responsibilities

As required by the *Auditor General Act 2006*, my responsibility as an assurance practitioner is to express an opinion on the suitability of the design of the controls to achieve the overall control objectives and the implementation of the controls as designed. I conducted my engagement in accordance with Standard on Assurance Engagement ASAE 3150 *Assurance Engagements on Controls* issued by the Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. That standard requires that I comply with relevant ethical requirements and plan and perform my procedures to obtain reasonable assurance about whether, in all material respects, the controls are suitably designed to achieve the overall control objectives and were implemented as designed.

An assurance engagement involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the suitability of the controls design to achieve the overall control objectives and the implementation of those controls. The procedures selected depend on my judgement, including an assessment of the risks that controls are not suitably designed or implemented as designed. My procedures included testing the implementation of those controls that I consider necessary to achieve the overall control objectives.

I believe that the evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Limitations of controls

Because of the inherent limitations of any internal control structure, it is possible that, even if the controls are suitably designed and implemented as designed, once in operation, the overall control objectives may not be achieved so that fraud, error or non-compliance with laws and regulations may occur and not be detected. Any projection of the outcome of the evaluation of the suitability of the design of controls to future periods is subject to the risk that the controls may become unsuitable because of changes in conditions.

Report on the audit of the key performance indicators

Opinion

I have undertaken a reasonable assurance engagement on the key performance indicators of the Heritage Council of Western Australia for the year ended 30 June 2023. The key performance indicators are the Under Treasurer-approved key effectiveness indicators and key efficiency indicators that provide performance information about achieving outcomes and delivering services.

In my opinion, in all material respects, the key performance indicators of the Heritage Council of Western Australia are relevant and appropriate to assist users to assess the Council's performance and fairly represent indicated performance for the year ended 30 June 2023.

The Council Members' responsibilities for the key performance indicators

The Council Members are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the key performance indicators in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 2006* and the Treasurer's Instructions and for such internal controls as the Council Members determine necessary to enable the preparation of key performance indicators that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the key performance indicators, the Council Members are responsible for identifying key performance indicators that are relevant and appropriate, having regard to their purpose in accordance with Treasurer's Instructions 904 *Key Performance Indicators*.

Auditor General's responsibilities

As required by the *Auditor General Act 2006*, my responsibility as an assurance practitioner is to express an opinion on the key performance indicators. The objectives of my engagement are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the key performance indicators are relevant and appropriate to assist users to assess the entity's performance and whether the key performance indicators are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. I conducted my engagement in accordance with Standard on Assurance Engagements ASAE 3000 *Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information* issued by the Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. That standard requires that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to assurance engagements.

An assurance engagement involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the key performance indicators. It also involves evaluating the relevance and appropriateness of the key performance indicators against the criteria and guidance in Treasurer's Instruction 904 for measuring the extent of outcome achievement and the efficiency of service delivery. The procedures selected depend on my judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the key performance indicators. In making these risk assessments, I obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the engagement in order to design procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances.

I believe that the evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

My independence and quality management relating to the report on financial statements, controls and key performance indicators

I have complied with the independence requirements of the *Auditor General Act 2006* and the relevant ethical requirements relating to assurance engagements. In accordance with ASQM 1 *Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Reports and Other Financial Information, or Other Assurance or Related Services Engagements*, the Office of the Auditor General maintains a comprehensive system of quality management including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Other information

The Council Members are responsible for the other information. The other information is the information in the entity's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2023, but not the financial statements, key performance indicators and my auditor's report.

My opinions on the financial statements, controls and key performance indicators do not cover the other information and accordingly I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with my audit of the financial statements, controls and key performance indicators my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements and key performance indicators or my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact. I did not receive the other information prior to the date of this auditor's report. When I do receive it, I will read it and if I conclude that there is a material misstatement in this information, I am required to communicate the matter to those charged with governance and request them to correct the misstated information. If the misstated information is not corrected, I may need to retract this auditor's report and re-issue an amended report.

Matters relating to the electronic publication of the audited financial statements and key performance indicators

The auditor's report relates to the financial statements and key performance indicators of the Heritage Council of Western Australia for the year ended 30 June 2023 included in the annual report on the Council's website. The Council's management is responsible for the integrity of the Council's website. This audit does not provide assurance on the integrity of the Council's website. The auditor's report refers only to the financial statements, controls and key performance indicators described above. It does not provide an opinion on any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from the annual report. If users of the financial statements and key performance indicators are concerned with the inherent risks arising from publication on a website, they are advised to contact the entity to confirm the information contained in the website version.



Patrick Arulsingham
Senior Director Financial Audit
Delegate of the Auditor General for Western Australia
Perth, Western Australia
7 September 2023

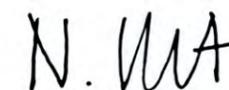


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Certification of financial statements
for the year ended 30 June 2023

The accompanying financial statements of the Heritage Council of Western Australia have been prepared in compliance with the provisions of the *Financial Management Act 2006* from proper accounts and records to present fairly the financial transactions for the reporting period ended 30 June 2023 and the financial position as at 30 June 2023.

At the date of signing, we are not aware of any circumstances which would render the particulars included within the financial statements misleading or inaccurate.



Nerida Moredoundt
Chair
Heritage Council of Western Australia
4 September 2023



Richard Offen
Member
Heritage Council of Western Australia
4 September 2023



Maurice Hanrahan
Chief Finance Officer
Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage
4 September 2023

Statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	2023 \$	2022 \$
Cost of services			
Expenses			
Supplies and services	2.2	253,156	1,670,782
Grants and subsidies	2.1	1,304,302	1,347,040
Other expenses	2.2	45,522	25,211
Total cost of services		1,602,980	3,043,033
Income			
Other income	3.2	82,202	2,235
Total Income		82,202	2,235
Total income other than income from State Government		82,202	2,235
Net cost of services		1,520,778	3,040,798
Income from State Government			
Service appropriation	3.1	1,557,000	1,606,000
Income received from other public sector entities	3.1	-	470,000
Total income from State Government		1,557,000	2,076,000
Surplus /(Deficit) for the period		36,222	(964,798)
Other comprehensive (loss)/income			
Items not reclassified subsequently to profit or loss			
Total other comprehensive (loss)/income		-	-
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the period		36,222	(964,798)

The statement of comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023

	Notes	2023 \$	2022 \$
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5.1	1,286,880	1,087,132
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	5.1	7,579,182	7,229,944
Receivables	4.1	18,676	216,676
Total Current Assets		8,884,738	8,533,752
Total Assets		8,884,738	8,533,752
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Payables	4.2	131,553	162,966
Grants Payable	4.3	2,204,254	1,858,077
Total Current Liabilities		2,335,807	2,021,043
Total Liabilities		2,335,807	2,021,043
Net Assets		6,548,931	6,512,709
Equity			
Accumulated surplus		6,548,931	6,512,709
Total Equity		6,548,931	6,512,709

The statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of changes in equity for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Accumulated surplus \$	Total equity \$
Balance at 1 July 2021	7,477,507	7,477,507
Deficit	(964,798)	(964,798)
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the period	(964,798)	(964,798)
Balance at 30 June 2022	6,512,709	6,512,709
Balance at 1 July 2022	6,512,709	6,512,709
Surplus	36,222	36,222
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the period	36,222	36,222
Balance at 30 June 2023	6,548,931	6,548,931

The statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2023

	Notes	2023 \$	2022 \$
Cash flows from the State Government			
Service appropriation		1,557,000	1,606,000
Funds from the other public sector entities		-	470,000
Net cash provided by State Government		1,557,000	2,076,000
Utilised as follows:			
Cash flows from operating activities			
Payments			
Supplies and services		(217,822)	(1,725,325)
Grants and subsidies		(793,436)	(690,069)
GST payments on purchases		(97,440)	(323,716)
GST payments to taxation authority		-	(14,613)
Other payments		(110,165)	(32,056)
Receipts			
GST receipts on sales		8,459	142,108
GST receipts from taxation authority		73,667	196,386
Other receipts		128,723	2,235
Net cash (used in) operating activities		(1,008,014)	(2,445,050)
Net (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period		8,317,076	8,686,126
Cash and cash equivalent at the end of the period	5.1	8,866,062	8,317,076

The statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023

1. Basis of preparation

The Heritage Council of Western Australia (Heritage Council or HCWA) is a Western Australia Government entity and is controlled by the State of Western Australia, which is the ultimate parent. The Heritage Council is a not-for-profit entity (as profit is not its principal objective).

A description of the nature of its operations and its principal activities have been included in the 'Overview' of this Annual Report, which does not form part of these financial statements.

These annual financial statements were authorised for issue by the Chair of the Heritage Council on 4 September 2023.

Statement of compliance

These general purpose financial statements are prepared in accordance with:

- 1) The *Financial Management Act 2006* (FMA)
- 2) The Treasurer's Instructions (TIs)
- 3) Australian Accounting Standards (AASs) - Simplified Disclosures
- 4) Where appropriate, those AAS paragraphs applicable for not-for-profit entities have been applied.

The FMA and the TIs take precedence over AASs. Several AASs are modified by the TIs to vary application, disclosure format and wording. Where modification is required and has had a material or significant financial effect upon the reported results, details of that modification and the resulting financial effect are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements are presented in Australian dollars applying the accrual basis of accounting and using the historical cost convention. Certain balances will apply a different measurement basis (such as the fair value basis). Where this is the case the different measurement basis is disclosed in the associated note. All values are rounded to the nearest dollar (\$).

Accounting for Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Income, expenses, and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except that the:

- (a) amount of GST incurred by the Heritage Council as a purchaser that is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) is recognised as part of an asset's cost of acquisition or as part of an item of expense; and
- (b) receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included.

Cash flows are included in the Statement of cash flows on a gross basis. However, the GST components of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are classified as operating cash flows.

Contributed equity

Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) Interpretation 1038 *Contributions by Owners Made to Wholly-Owned Public Sector Entities* requires transfers in the nature of equity contributions, other than as a result of a restructure of administrative arrangements, to be designated by the Government (the owner) as contributions by owners (at the time of, or prior to, transfer) before such transfers can be recognised as equity contributions. Capital appropriations have been designated as contributions by owners by TI 955 *Contributions by Owners made to Wholly Owned Public Sector Entities* and have been credited directly to Contributed Equity.

Comparative information

Except when an AAS permits or requires otherwise, comparative information is presented in respect of the previous period for all amounts reported in the financial statements.

Judgements and estimates

Judgements, estimates, and assumptions are required to be made about financial information being presented. The significant judgements and estimates made in the preparation of these financial statements are disclosed in the notes where amounts affected by those judgements and/or estimates are disclosed. Estimates and associated assumptions are based on professional judgements derived from historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

2. Use of our funding

Expenses incurred in the delivery of services

This section provides additional information about how the Heritage Council's funding is applied and the accounting policies that are relevant for an understanding of the items recognised in the financial statements. The primary expenses incurred by the Heritage Council in achieving its objectives and the relevant notes are:

	Notes	2023 \$	2022 \$
Grants and subsidies	2.1	1,304,302	1,347,040
Other expenditure	2.2	298,678	1,695,993

2.1 Grants and subsidies

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Recurrent		
Heritage Grants Program	1,304,302	1,347,040
Total grants and subsidies	1,304,302	1,347,040

Grants are paid as specific purpose grants, which are paid for a particular purpose and/or have conditions attached regarding their use.

Grant applications are checked and reviewed prior to being recognised as an expense at the date the application was authorised by the Minister. They include transactions such as: grants, subsidies, personal benefit payments made in cash to individuals, other transfer payments made to public sector agencies, local government, non-government schools, and community groups.

2.2 Other expenditure

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Supplies and services		
Parry Street Precinct Project Costs ^(a)	72,250	1,461,315
Committee sitting fees	164,028	189,175
Superannuation - defined contribution plans	16,800	18,918
Consumables	78	1,374
Total supplies and services expenses	253,156	1,670,782
Other expenses		
Other	45,522	25,211
Total other expenses	45,522	25,211
Total other expenditure	298,678	1,695,993

Supplies and services:

Supplies and services are recognised as an expense in the reporting period in which they are incurred. Conservation works are recognised as expenses as incurred, except where they relate to the replacement of a significant component of an asset. In that case, the costs are capitalised and depreciated.

The Heritage Council of Western Australia has no direct staff or systems, all administrative and operational activities are undertaken by the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) on the Council's behalf.

Other expenses generally represent the day-to-day running costs incurred in normal operations.

^(a) Project costs for the pre-sale works to prepare eight houses in the Parry Street Precinct on behalf of Department of Communities.

3. Our funding sources

How we obtain our funding

This section provides additional information about how the Heritage Council obtains its funding and the relevant accounting policy notes that govern the recognition and measurement of this funding. The primary income received by the Heritage Council and the relevant notes are:

	Notes	2023 \$	2022 \$
Income from State Government	3.1	1,557,000	2,076,000
Other Income	3.2	82,202	2,235

3.1 Income from State Government

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Appropriation received during the period:		
Service appropriation	1,557,000	1,606,000
Total service appropriation received	1,557,000	1,606,000
Income received from other public sector entities ^(b)	-	470,000
Total income received from other public sector entities	-	470,000
Total income from State Government	1,557,000	2,076,000

^(a) **Service appropriations** are recognised as income at the fair value in the period in which the Heritage Council gains control of the appropriated funds. The Heritage Council gains control of appropriated funds at the time those funds are deposited to the bank account.

^(b) **Income received from other public sector entities** are recognised as income when the Heritage Council has satisfied its performance obligations under the funding agreement. If there is no performance obligation, income will be recognised when the Heritage Council receives the funds.

Appropriations fund the net cost of services delivered.

Summary of consolidated account appropriations

	2023 Estimate	2023 Actual	Variance
Delivery of Services			
Item 89 Net amount appropriated to deliver services	1,557,000	1,557,000	-
Total appropriations provided to deliver services	1,557,000	1,557,000	-

3.2 Other income

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Annual variation for previous years Heritage Grant Program	82,202	2,235
Total other income	82,202	2,235

Other income is recognised at the transaction price when the Council transfers control of the services to customers.

Other income has been recognised in their entirety upon receipt as there are no conditions applying to its use and it is not subject to performance measures in terms of service delivery.

4. Other assets and liabilities

This section sets out those assets and liabilities that arose from the Heritage Council's controlled operations and includes other assets utilised for economic benefits and liabilities incurred during normal operations:

	Notes	2023 \$	2022 \$
Receivables	4.1	18,676	216,676
Payables	4.2	131,553	162,966
Grants Payable	4.3	2,204,254	1,858,077

4.1 Receivables

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Current		
Trade receivables	304	129,028
GST receivable	18,372	3,058
Accrued income	-	84,590
Total current receivables	18,676	216,676
Balance at end of period	18,676	216,676

The Heritage Council does not hold any collateral or other credit enhancements as security for receivables.

Receivables are recognised at original invoice amount less any allowances for uncollectible amounts (i.e. impairment). The carrying amount of net trade receivables is equivalent to fair value as it is due for settlement within 30 days.

4.2 Payables

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Current		
Trade payables	114,303	1,786
Accrued expenses	17,250	161,180
Total current payables	131,553	162,966
Balance at end of period	131,553	162,966

Payables are recognised at the amounts payable when the Heritage Council becomes obliged to make future payments as a result of a purchase of assets or services. The carrying amount is equivalent to fair value, as settlement is generally within 30 days.

4.3 Grants payable

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Current		
Heritage Grants Program	2,204,254	1,858,077
Total current grants payables	2,204,254	1,858,077
Balance at end of period	2,204,254	1,858,077

Grants are paid as specific purpose grants, which are paid for a particular purpose and/or have conditions attached regarding their use.

Grants applications are checked and reviewed prior to being taken up into payables at the date the application was authorised by the Minister. They include transactions such as: grants, subsidies, personal benefit payments made in cash to individuals, other transfer payments made to public sector agencies, local government, non-government schools, and community groups.

5. Financing

	Notes	2023 \$	2022 \$
Cash and cash equivalents	5.1	8,866,062	8,317,076

5.1 Cash and cash equivalents

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Cash and cash equivalents	1,286,880	1,087,132
Restricted cash and cash equivalents:		
- Heritage Grants Program ^(a)	2,204,254	1,855,016
- Refund of Heritage Loan Scheme Subsidy Funds ^(b)	384,480	384,480
- Heritage Works Program ^(c)	4,990,448	4,990,448
	7,579,182	7,229,944
Total cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash and cash equivalents	8,866,062	8,317,076

^(a) Funds restricted for heritage grants awarded to the owners of state listed heritage properties for conservation purposes.

^(b) The Heritage Loan Subsidy Scheme was terminated and the funds have been restricted with the understanding that the proceeds will be added to either an existing program or be applied to a future program that focuses on regional heritage.

^(c) Funds restricted for future use by the Heritage Works Program.

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalent (and restricted cash and cash equivalent) assets comprise cash on hand and short-term deposits with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and which are subject to insignificant risk of changes in value.

6. Financial instruments and contingencies

This section sets out the key risk management policies and measurement techniques of the Heritage Council.

	Notes
Financial instruments	6.1

6.1 Financial instruments and contingencies

The carrying amounts of each of the following categories of financial assets and financial liabilities at the end of the reporting period are:

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Financial assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,205,774	1,087,132
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	7,660,288	7,229,944
Financial assets at amortised cost ^(a)	304	129,028
Total financial assets	8,866,366	8,446,104
Financial liabilities		
Financial liabilities at amortised cost ^(b)	2,335,807	2,021,043
Total financial liability	2,335,807	2,021,043

^(a) The amount of financial assets at amortised cost excludes GST recoverable from the ATO (statutory receivable).

^(b) The amount of financial liabilities at amortised cost excludes GST payable to the ATO (statutory payable).

6.2 Contingent assets and liabilities

The Heritage Council has no significant contingent liabilities or contingent assets as at 30 June 2023 and 30 June 2022.

7. Other disclosures

This section includes additional material disclosures required by accounting standards or other pronouncements, for the understanding of this financial report.

	Notes
Events occurring after the end of the reporting period	7.1
Key management personnel	7.2
Related party transactions	7.3
Related bodies	7.4
Affiliated bodies	7.5
Remuneration of auditors	7.6
Supplementary financial information	7.7
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7.1 Events occurring after the end of the reporting period

No information has become apparent after the end of the reporting period which would materially affect the financial statements.

7.2 Key management personnel

The Heritage Council has determined key management personnel to include responsible Cabinet ministers and members of the Council. The Council does not incur expenditures to compensate Ministers and those disclosures may be found in the Annual Report on State Finances.

The total fees, salaries, superannuation, non-monetary benefits, and other benefits for members of the Heritage Council for the reporting period are presented within the following bands:

Compensation Band (\$)	2023	2022
30,001 - 40,000	-	2
20,001 - 30,000	3	1
10,001 - 20,000	6	6
0 - 10,000	-	1
	\$	\$
Total compensation of key management personal	182,901	209,896

Total compensation includes the superannuation expense incurred by the Heritage Council in respect of members.

7.3 Related party transactions

The Heritage Council is a wholly owned public sector entity that is controlled by of the State of Western Australia.

Related parties of the Heritage Council include:

- all Cabinet ministers and their close family members, and their controlled or jointly controlled entities;
- all members and their close family members, and their controlled or jointly controlled entities;
- other Departments and statutory authorities, including related bodies, that are included in the whole of government consolidated financial statements (i.e. wholly-owned public sector entities);
- associates and joint ventures of a wholly-owned public sector entity; and
- the Government Employees Superannuation Board (GESB).

Material transactions with other related parties

Outside of normal citizen type transactions with the Heritage Council, there were no other related party transactions that involved key management personnel and/or their close family members and/or their controlled (or jointly controlled) entities.

Significant transactions with Government related entities

In conducting its activities, the Heritage Council is required to transact with the State and entities related to the State. These transactions are generally based on the standard terms and conditions that apply to all agencies.

Significant transactions include:

	Notes
Service appropriation received from State and other entities	3.1

7.4 Related bodies

The Heritage Council had no related bodies during the financial year 2022-2023 and 2021-2022.

7.5 Affiliated bodies

The Heritage Council had no affiliated bodies during the financial year 2022-2023 and 2021-2022.

7.6 Remuneration of auditors

Remuneration paid or payable to the Auditor General in respect of the audit for the current financial year is as follows:

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Auditing the accounts, financial statements, controls and key performance indicators	17,250	15,400

7.7 Supplementary financial information

(a) Write-offs

During the financial year 2023 nil (2022: nil) was written off from the Heritage Council's receivables register.

(b) Losses through theft, defaults and other causes

There was no loss of public money and public and other property through theft, default and other causes during the financial year 2022-23 and 2021-22.

(c) Gifts of public property

There were no gifts of public property provided by the Heritage Council during the financial year 2022-23 and 2021-22.

7.8 Explanatory statements for controlled operations

This explanatory section explains variations in the financial performance of the Agency undertaking transactions under its own control, as represented by the primary financial statements.

All variances between annual estimates (original budget) and actual results for 2023, and between the actual results for 2023 and 2022 are shown below. Narratives are provided for key major variances which vary more than 10% from their comparative and that the variation is more than 1% of the:

- Total Cost of Services for the previous year for the Statements of comprehensive income and Statement of cash flows; and
- Total Assets for the previous year for the Statement of financial position.

7.8.1 Statement of comprehensive income variances

	Variance	Estimate	Actual	Actual	Variance	Variance
	Note	2023 \$	2023 \$	2022 \$	between estimate and actual \$	between actual results for 2023 and 2022 \$
Expenses						
Supplies and services	1, A	226,000	253,156	1,670,782	27,156	(1,417,626)
Grants and subsidies		1,221,000	1,304,302	1,347,040	83,302	(42,738)
Other expenses	2	110,000	45,522	25,211	(64,478)	20,311
Total cost of services		1,557,000	1,602,980	3,043,033	45,980	(1,440,053)
Income						
Other income	3, B	-	82,202	2,235	82,202	79,967
Total Income		-	82,202	2,235	82,202	79,967
Total income other than income from State Government		-	82,202	2,235	82,202	79,967
Net cost of services		1,557,000	1,520,778	3,040,798	(36,222)	(1,520,020)
Income from State Government						
Service appropriation		1,557,000	1,557,000	1,606,000	-	(49,000)
Income received from other public sector entities	C	-	-	470,000	-	(470,000)
Total income from State Government		1,557,000	1,557,000	2,076,000	-	(519,000)
Surplus/(deficit) for the period		-	36,222	(964,798)	36,222	1,001,020
Other comprehensive income/(losses)						
Items not reclassified subsequently to profit or loss						
Total other comprehensive income/(loss)		-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period		-	36,222	(964,798)	36,222	1,001,020

Major Estimate and Actual (2023) Variance Narratives

1. Supplies and services are higher budget estimate by \$0.03 million (12%) mainly due to the completion amount for the Parry Street Precinct project.
2. Other expenses are lower than budget estimate by \$0.06 million (59%) mainly due to an underspend in travel expenses related to board members and other discretionary expenses.
3. Other income is higher than budget by \$0.08 million (100%) mainly due to variations of grant amounts.

Major Actual (2023) and Comparative (2022) Variance Narratives

- A. Supplies and Services has decreased by \$1.42 million (85%) mainly due to the completion of conservation works on seven houses at the Parry Street Precinct in 2021-22.
- B. Other income has increased by \$0.08 million (3578%) mainly due to higher amount of unused grants in 2022-23.
- C. Income received from other public sector entities has decreased by \$0.47 million (100%) mainly due to one-off DPLH funding contribution to conservation works on Parry Street Precinct in 2021-22.

7.8.2 Statement of financial position variances

	Variance	Estimate	Actual	Actual	Variance	Variance
	Note	2023	2023	2022	between	between
		\$	\$	\$	estimate	actual
					and actual	results for
						2023 and
						2022
ASSETS						
Current Assets						
Cash and cash equivalents		1,030,000	1,286,880	1,087,132	256,880	199,748
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		6,464,000	7,579,182	7,229,944	1,115,182	349,238
Receivables		4,000	18,676	216,676	14,676	(198,000)
Total Current Assets		7,498,000	8,884,738	8,533,752	1,387,738	350,986
Total Assets		7,498,000	8,884,738	8,533,752	1,387,738	350,986
Liabilities						
Current Liabilities						
Payables		1,212,000	131,553	162,966	(1,080,447)	(31,413)
Grants payable	4, D	-	2,204,254	1,858,077	2,204,254	346,177
Total Current Liabilities		1,212,000	2,335,807	2,021,043	1,123,807	314,764
Total Liabilities		1,212,000	2,335,807	2,021,043	1,123,807	314,764
Net Assets		6,286,000	6,548,931	6,512,709	262,931	36,222
Equity						
Contributed equity		(5,282,000)	-	-	5,282,000	-
Accumulated surplus/(deficit)		11,568,000	6,548,931	6,512,709	(5,019,069)	36,222
Total Equity		6,286,000	6,548,931	6,512,709	263,931	36,222

Major Estimate and Actual (2023) Variance Narratives

4. Grants Payable are higher than budget estimate by \$2.204 million (100%), mainly due to a large component of the grants being unpaid from the 2023 Heritage Grants Program.

Major Actual (2023) and Comparative (2022) Variance Narratives

- D. Grants Payable has increased by \$0.35 million (16%) mainly due to the grant recipients for the 2022-23 Heritage Grants Program announced in December 2022 resulting in a large component of the committed grants unpaid.

7.8.3 Statement of Cash Flow Variance

	Variance	Estimate	Actual	Actual	Variance	Variance
	Note	2023	2023	2022	between	between
		'000	'000	'000	estimate	actual
					and actual	results for
						2023 and
						2022
Cash flows from the State Government						
Service appropriation		1,557,000	1,557,000	1,606,000	-	(49,000)
Funds from other public sector entities	E	-	-	470,000	-	470,000
Net cash provided by State Government		1,557,000	1,557,000	2,076,000	-	(519,000)
Cash flows from operating activities						
Payments						
Supplies and services	F	(226,000)	(217,822)	(1,725,325)	8,178	1,507,503
Grants and subsidies	5, G	(1,221,000)	(793,436)	(690,069)	427,564	(103,367)
GST payments on purchases	6, H	-	(97,440)	(323,716)	(97,440)	226,276
GST payments to taxation authority		-	-	(14,613)	-	14,613
Other payments	I	(110,000)	(110,165)	(32,056)	(165)	(78,109)
Receipts						
GST receipts on sales	J	-	8,459	142,108	8,459	(133,649)
GST receipts from taxation authority	7, K	-	73,667	196,386	73,667	(122,719)
Other receipts	8, L	-	128,723	2,235	128,723	126,488
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities		(1,557,000)	(1,008,014)	(2,445,050)	548,986	1,437,036
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		-	548,986	(369,050)	548,986	918,036
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period		7,494,000	8,317,076	8,686,126	823,076	(369,050)
Cash and cash equivalent at the end of the period		7,494,000	8,866,062	8,317,076	1,372,062	548,986

Major Estimate and Actual (2023) Variance Narratives

5. Grants and Subsidies are lower than budget estimate by \$0.43 million (35%) mainly due to the 2022-23 Heritage Grants Program announced in December 2022 and majority are expected to be paid in 2023-24.
6. GST payments on purchases are higher than budget estimate by \$0.1 million (100%) mainly due to no estimate for the budget.
7. GST receipts from taxation authority are higher than budget estimate by \$0.07 million (100%) mainly due to no estimate for the budget.
8. Other receipts are higher than budget estimate by \$0.13 million (100%) mainly due to Parry Street Precinct project recoup from Department of Communities.

Major Actual (2023) and Comparative (2022) Variance Narratives

- E. Funds for other public sector entities has decreased by \$0.47 million (100%) mainly due to no funding contribution from the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage for Parry Street Precinct project.
- F. Supplies and Services have decreased by \$1.51 million (87%) mainly due to the completion of conservation works on seven houses at the Parry Street Precinct in 2021-22.
- G. Grants and subsidies have increased by \$0.1 million (15%) mainly due to previous years Heritage Grants Program being paid in 2022-23.
- H. GST payments on purchases have decreased by \$0.2 million (70%) mainly due to the completion of the Parry Street Precinct project in 2021-22.
- I. Other Payments have increased by \$0.08 million (244%) mainly due to additional sponsorship payments.
- J. GST receipts on sales have decreased by \$0.13 million (94%) mainly due to the decrement in the receipt of taxable supplies for the Parry Street Precinct which was in 2021-22.
- K. GST receipts from taxation authority have increased by \$0.12 million (62%) mainly due to decrease in the payment of taxable supplies for Parry Street Precinct project.
- L. Other receipts have increased by \$0.13 million (5659%) mainly due to Parry Street Precinct project recoup from Department of Communities.



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Certification of key performance indicators

We hereby certify that the key performance indicators are based on proper records, are relevant and appropriate for assisting users to assess the Heritage Council of Western Australia's performance, and fairly represent the performance of the Heritage Council of Western Australia for the financial year ended 30 June 2023.

Nerida Moredoundt
Chair

Heritage Council of Western Australia

4 September 2023

Richard Offen
Member

Heritage Council of Western Australia

4 September 2023

The Heritage Council's desired outcome and key performance indicators

For the year ended 30 June 2023

Relationship to Government goals

The Heritage Council of Western Australia provides strategic cultural heritage services for the conservation of cultural heritage places in Western Australia for the benefit of present and future generations.

Through the desired outcome and service listed below, the Heritage Council contributes to the Government's goal of "Investing in WA's future: Tackling climate action and supporting the arts, culture and sporting sectors to promote vibrant communities."

Government Goal	Desired Outcome	Services
Investing in WA's Future Tackling climate action and supporting the arts, culture and sporting sectors to promote vibrant communities.	Conservation of cultural heritage places in Western Australia, for the benefit of present and future generations.	1. Cultural heritage conservation services

To achieve this goal, the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (the Department) provides cultural heritage conservation services on behalf of and under the direction of the Heritage Council such as:

- establishing and maintaining a comprehensive heritage register
- providing conservation advice on development referrals and other relevant matters
- developing the role of public authorities in conserving and managing heritage places
- providing financial assistance and other conservation incentives
- providing publications, seminars and other promotional activities.

Outcome and Key effectiveness indicators

Heritage Council desired outcome

Conservation of cultural heritage places in Western Australia, for the benefit of present and future generations.

Effectiveness indicator

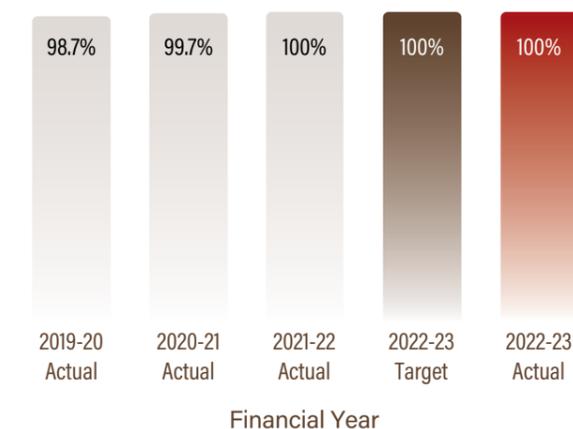
Extent to which development approvals issued for registered places are consistent with the Council's advice to decision-making authorities.

This key performance indicator measures the extent to which the Heritage Council is achieving its desired outcome.

One of the Heritage Council's functions under the *Heritage Act 2018* is to provide advice to decision-making authorities on development or other proposals that may impact a registered place to ensure preservation of the place's cultural heritage significance.

If a development involves a change to a place listed on the State Register of Heritage Places, the responsible decision-maker refers the development proposal to the Heritage Council for advice. On behalf of the Heritage Council, the Department manages development referrals within strategic, legislative and policy frameworks that ensure respect for the cultural heritage significance of the place.

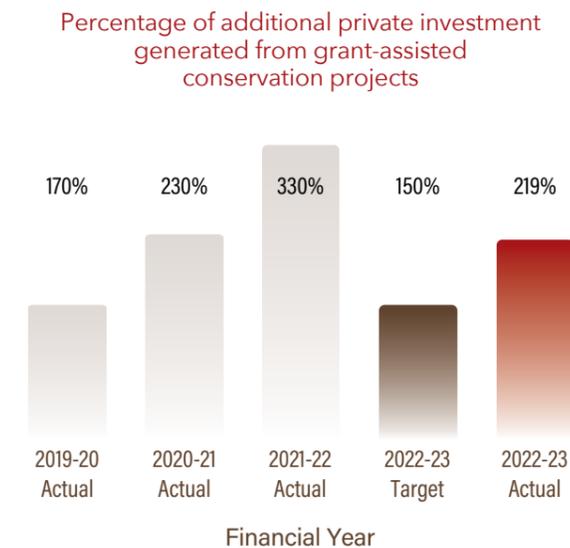
Extent to which development approvals issued for registered places are consistent with the Council's advice to decision-making authorities



Effectiveness indicator:**Percentage of additional private investment generated from grant-assisted conservation projects.**

This key performance indicator measures the value of resources applied to grant-funded projects by the recipients (including in-kind contributions) as a percentage of the total value of grants provided.

One of the Heritage Council's key objectives is the conservation of Western Australia's heritage places through sound heritage practice, harmonious development, and the realisation of their full potential. To promote this, the Council offers funding through its Heritage Grants Program for best practice conservation, and for projects that engage with community and interpret State Registered places. The Council generally requires grant recipients to contribute an equal or greater amount of their own resources.

**Explanation for variance**

The variance between the 2022-23 actual and target is due to applicant contributions in 2022-23 where 29 of the 53 grant recipients provided more than the minimum 50 per cent required funds. Seventeen grant recipients provided more than 60 per cent of the project funds, six of whom provided more than 80 per cent.

By comparison, of the 34 grant recipients in 2021-22, 14 provided more than 60 per cent of the project funds, eight of whom provided more than 80 per cent.

Heritage Council services:**Service 1: Cultural heritage conservation services****Efficiency indicator:****Average number of days to make preliminary determinations**

This key performance indicator measures the Department's efficiency in meeting the new statutory requirement on behalf of the Heritage Council, by calculating the total number of days taken to make all preliminary determinations and dividing this by the total number of determinations made.

Under s 39 of the *Heritage Act 2018*, the Heritage Council must make a preliminary determination as to whether a nomination for entry in the State Register of Heritage Places warrants review under s 40(1). Under r 30(2) of the Heritage Regulations 2019, the prescribed period is 60 days from the date the Heritage Council receives the nomination.

Average number of days to make preliminary determinations

Financial Year	Average Number of Days
2020-21 Actual	47.4 Days
2021-22 Actual	41.5 Days
2022-23 Target	45 Days
2022-23 Actual	42.3 Days

Explanation for variance

The variance between the 2022-23 actual and target was due mainly to the Heritage Council resolving four of the seven nominations in less than 45 days, one of which was resolved in 22 days.

