



**Junee Shire Council
HERITAGE STRATEGY
2008-2011**



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Junee Shire Council has reviewed the best practice advice contained in *'Recommendations for Local Council Heritage Management'* and resolve to undertake the following recommendations:

Recommendation 1

Establish a heritage committee to deal with heritage matters in your area.

- Continuation of the Junee Shire Heritage Committee.
- The committee will continue to assist Council to raise community awareness of heritage conservation through its bi-annual heritage awards and support of the National Trust Heritage Festival.

Recommendation 2

Identify the heritage items in your area and list them in your local environmental plan

- The Shire will finalise its community based heritage study by June 2008, which will include a recommended list of items of environmental heritage for inclusion in the new local environmental plan which has to be completed by 2010.
- A heritage layer will be created in the Council's GIS system plotting the location of all items of Environmental Heritage with links to images of the items from the GIS layer by December 2009.
- Review and provide update to heritage items on the RAIA 20th Century Register by July 2009.

Recommendation 3

Appoint a heritage and design advisor to assist the council, the community and owners of listed items.

- The Council will continue its Heritage Advisory service where our heritage advisor assists the community and Council on all heritage matters
- Council will periodically advertise its 'Heritage Services' in the Council page in the Southern Cross and will update 'flyers' promoting the Heritage Advisory Service and the Local Heritage Assistance Fund.

Recommendation 4

Manage local heritage in a positive manner.

- The Council and Heritage Advisor (in conjunction with the Regional Organisation of Council's in the region) will review current practice and put in place appropriate measures to ensure best practice is in place for assessment of development applications by the mid of 2009.

- Council to adopt a flexible approach to planning and Building Code requirements for heritage trust.

Recommendation 5

Introduce Local Heritage Fund to provide small grants or loans to encourage local heritage projects.

- The Council will continue its financial contribution toward the Junee Local Heritage Assistance fund each year and encourage owners to undertake conservation work. Priority will be given to projects that provide community access; i.e. public places, commercial buildings and/or structures within the Council area.

Recommendation 6

Run a heritage main street program

- Council, Owners and the Community are active participants in maintaining the attractiveness of Junee main streets.

Recommendation 7

Present educational and promotional programs

- Continue to have bi-annual Heritage Awards (2009) acknowledging the contribution of locals to the region's heritage. Successful event held in April 2008.
- Continue to support the annual National Trusts Heritage Festival.
- Continue to provide support to the regional library to assist in maintaining and upgrading its local history records and overall collection.
- Assist with the production of a Heritage Drive tour booklet by December 2008, following on from the recent publication of "Historic Junee Heritage Walk" brochure.
- Hold seminars for local community, building owners, developer, and trades people on the value of heritage conservation works and of assistance available.

Recommendation 8

Set a good example to the community by properly managing places owned or operated by the council.

- Continued use and maintenance of Broadway Museum as a public facility.
- Development works in accordance with the Conservation Management Plan for the Athenium Theatre, as masterplan development and conservation of the theatre is proposed.
- Develop scopes of works, on review of Council's items of Environmental Heritage within its care and control. Council to undertake costings based on the scope of works.

- Develop a priority works schedule for all works and provide an annual budget for basic maintenance and repairs.
- Identify items that are in need of extensive works and try to source funding to ensure the items are maintained.

Recommendation 9

Promote sustainable development as a tool for heritage conservation

- Council is proactive in heritage and its role of adaptive reuse, infill, and sympathetic additions to heritage places. An example is Council's conversion of the former supermarket for the community library including energy efficient design solutions.