

# Living Heritage Grants Program

## Successful Projects: Round 7 2022-23

An historic timber truss bridge in Gippsland, a former railway water tower in Murtoa and an ornamental fountain in the Geelong Botanic Gardens are among the eighteen significant heritage places and objects from across the state receiving heritage grants through the seventh competitive round of Victoria's Living Heritage Program. Round 7 of the Community Grants Stream (2022-23) will provide a total of \$2.212 million for urgent conservation works or studies to eighteen significant heritage places and objects across Victoria.

The Living Heritage Program is an initiative of the Victorian State Government and supports the repair and conservation of 'at risk' heritage places and objects identified as being of State significance and included in the Victorian Heritage Register under the provisions of the *Heritage Act 2017*.

The program benefits local communities all over Victoria.

### Barwon South West



#### **The Fisherman's Shed**

*Queenscliffe  
Maritime Museum  
Inc*

Queenscliff

A grant of \$38,000 has been awarded to the Queenscliffe Maritime Museum Inc. to prepare a conservation management plan and undertake conservation works to the Fisherman's Shed, Queenscliff. Originally built as a shelter and later used by fisherman as a club-house, the building features a unique painted mural of ships and ferries. Now part of the museum, the shed is currently at risk due to water entry and the funded works include repairs to the roof and rainwater goods. The documentation will ensure best conservation practice is employed to protect the Shed and mural.



#### **Captain John Mills House**

*The National  
Trust of Australia  
(Victoria)*

Port Fairy

A grant of \$103,000 has been awarded to the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) for works to Captain John Mills House. The works will repair the roof and includes the manufacture and installation of replica Morewood and Rogers tiles. These rare tiles are found on only a handful of buildings throughout Victoria and will be re-produced specifically for this house. The project will reduce water entry which is causing damage to the house interior and risks making the building unusable.



#### **Eastern Park and Geelong Botanic Gardens**

*The Friends of the  
Geelong Botanic  
Gardens*

Geelong

A grant of \$35,000 has been awarded to The Friends of the Geelong Botanic Gardens for conservation works to the Traill Fountain at Eastern Park and Geelong Botanic Gardens. The project will include cleaning, repainting and sealing the fountain. It will also document the fountain's condition and investigate an uneven water flow which causes overflow. The project will result in a conserved fountain and demonstrates strong social and community benefits.

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## Hume



### **Tatura World War II Internment and POW Camps Collection**

*Tatura and District Historical Society Inc*

Tatura

A grant of \$40,000 has been awarded to the Tatura and District Historical Society Inc for conservation works to the Tatura World War II Internment and POW Camps Collection. The collection includes heritage objects and archival material made and used by POW and internees at the camp during WWII. The project will focus on items most at risk including clothing with pest activity or mould, and books in very poor condition. The project will protect the unique items from further deterioration, allow them to be displayed for the public therefore keeping this history alive.



### **Former Benalla Migrant Camp**

*Benalla Rural City Council*

Benalla

A grant of \$195,000 has been awarded to Benalla Rural City Council for conservation and repair works to Huts 61, 62 and 65 at the Former Benalla Migrant Camp. The Camp was opened in 1949 to provide housing for people migrating to Australia after an international promotion campaign. The works will repair windows, floors, cladding and ceilings of the huts. The project will provide new and improved community facilities and support the interpretation and education of the migrant camp history.

## Port Phillip



### **St Marks Anglican Church (Fitzroy)**

*Melbourne Anglican Trust Corporation*

Fitzroy

A matched grant of \$155,000 has been awarded to the Melbourne Anglican Trust Corporation for repairs to the roof, and brickwork of the Social Settlement buildings (the Community Centre) at St Marks Anglican Church. St Marks is a place of significance to many, including the LGBTIQ+ community and the Church holds the Midsumma Mass every year. The works will address the urgent risk caused by rusted out roof sheets, eaves and downpipes, and cracked brickwork. The project will ensure the continued use of the building for support services offered to vulnerable and marginalised members of the community.



### **All Saints Church, Hall and former Vicarage**

*Melbourne Anglican Trust Corporation*

East St Kilda

A matched grant of \$200,000 has been awarded to Melbourne Anglican Trust Corporation on behalf of All Saints, for urgent sandstone repairs to All Saints Church, Hall and former Vicarage, East St Kilda. The sandstone stonework on all facades of the building is in poor condition. It poses a major risk to public safety and original fabric may be lost. These urgent works will ensure the Church will be safely accessible to the community.



### **Churchill Island**

*Phillip Island Nature Parks*

Newhaven

A grant of \$198,000 has been awarded to Phillip Island Nature Parks for conservation works to several buildings on Churchill Island including: Amess House; Amess Barn; the Cellar; the Cottage Kitchen; and Laundry and Rogers Cottage. The entire Island is significant to the state of Victoria, as the site of the first European settlement in the State. The heritage fabric of all buildings is at risk from corrosion and deterioration. Roof, timber and brickwork repairs will support the ongoing public access to Churchill Island as a popular tourist destination.

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## **Manyung Recreation Camp**

*Young Men's Christian Association of Victoria*

Mount Eliza

A grant of \$188,000 has been awarded to the Young Men's Christian Association of Victoria for conservation work to the bunkhouses at Camp Manyung to repair rising damp and salt attack. Camp Manyung is one of the longest operating youth camps in Victoria, and this project will help to stop severe salt erosion of the historic bunkhouses at the Camp and will allow future interpretation and community access.

## **Grampians**



## **Courthouse, former Police Quarters and Lock-up**

*Working Heritage*  
Daylesford

A grant of \$124,000 has been awarded to Working Heritage for conservation repairs to the Courthouse, former Police Quarters and Lock-up in Daylesford. Works include urgent repairs to and replacement of windows, replacement of undersized gutters, and repairs to downpipes. The project uses traditional trades and will deliver a strong social benefit by ensuring the neighbourhood centre, operating out of the Courthouse, can continue to deliver vital services to the community.



## **Former Railway Water Tower**

*Murtoa and District Historical Society and Community Museum Inc*  
Murtoa

A grant of \$183,000 has been awarded to Murtoa and District Historical society and Community Museum Inc for conservation works to the Former Railway Water Tower in Murtoa. The works will include a new tank roof, restoration of windows and doors, recapping of the tower top, and brickwork and floor repairs. The Tower houses a museum collection, including the James Hill taxidermy collection, and the works will allow continued use of and access to the building.



## **Chicory Kiln**

*Bacchus Marsh Lions Club Inc.*  
Maddingley

A matched grant of \$33,000 has been awarded for building conservation works at the Chicory Kiln in Maddingley. Works at Victoria's largest remaining chicory kiln will include roof repairs, repairs to rainwater goods, windows, doors and brickwork. A treatment proposal for the building's mural, advertising *Dr Morse's Indian Root Pills* and dating from the 1890s, will also be developed. The building is in poor condition from damage to the roof and building timbers. The project will protect the building, support community collaboration and reopen community access to the former kiln.



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## Loddon Mallee



**Castlemaine Railway Precinct**  
*Mount Alexander Shire Council*  
Castlemaine

A grant of \$39,000 has been awarded to the Mount Alexander Shire Council for the development of a Conservation Management Plan for the Castlemaine Railway Precinct. The precinct has many different tenants including the Castlemaine Festival, the Victorian Goldfields Railway and the Mill Castlemaine. The plan will provide a guiding document for all tenants as development and changes are made across the site. It will ensure the significance of the place is recognised and managed in accordance with best conservation practices.



**Bendigo Cemetery**  
*Remembrance Parks – Central Victoria*  
Bendigo

A grant of \$133,000 has been awarded to Remembrance Parks – Central Victoria for conservation works to the Mortuary Chapel at Bendigo Cemetery. Works on this rare Gothic Revival chapel will include repairs to the interior render and ceiling, masonry, as well to doors and roof slates. The works will complete necessary and urgent repairs to the building, restore public access and ensure the long-term use of the Chapel.



**Mechanics Institute and Library (also known as Kyneton Mechanics Institute and Library)**  
*Macedon Ranges Shire Council*  
Kyneton

A grant of \$200,000 has been awarded to Macedon Ranges Shire Council for works to the Mechanics Institute and Library in Kyneton. The works to one of Victoria's oldest and largest Mechanics Institutes will address the urgent risk to the building from lack of under-floor ventilation and rising damp. This project will restore public access to an in-demand building that hosts multiple community events and organisations.

## Gippsland



**Hinnomunjie Bridge**  
*East Gippsland Shire Council*  
Omeo

A grant of \$200,000 has been awarded to East Gippsland Shire Council to undertake conservation works to the Hinnomunjie Bridge. Following historic bridge losses caused by the Black Summer bushfires, the Hinnomunjie Bridge is the last timber truss bridge in the Victorian Heritage Register. This project will stabilise and make the bridge safe by repairing fire damage and repairing and reinforcing many aspects of the bridge structure. These works are urgent and necessary to protect this rare and endangered timber-truss bridge.

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## **Court house (Traralgon)**

*Friends of Traralgon Courthouse Inc*  
Traralgon

A grant of \$98,000 has been awarded to the Friends of Traralgon Courthouse Inc to undertake conservation works to the Court house (Traralgon). The C19th courthouse is largely intact and hosts many community events. It is at urgent risk from water entry. Works will include replacement of defective cast iron downpipes, repairs to internal plasterwork and cleaning and repainting of the ceiling to remove mildew. These works will help halt the deteriorating condition of the courtroom and allow continued community access.



## **Hiawatha A Frame Bridge**

*Wellington Shire Council*  
Hiawatha

A grant of up to \$50,000 has been awarded to Wellington Shire Council to undertake a detailed structural inspection and to develop a full scope of conservation works for the Hiawatha A Frame Bridge. The bridge is the last of its kind, designed especially for Gippsland rivers, and is at risk from fire and flood events. The project is necessary and urgent to identify the conservation works required to repair and stabilise the bridge and provide a pathway for future conservation works.

For more information on the Living Heritage Grants Program email:  
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