

Living Heritage Grants Program

Successful Projects: Round 6 2021-22

A former gunpowder magazine, an early 20th century locomotive engine and an exceptional ceremonial Chinese dragon are among the nineteen significant heritage places and objects from across the state receiving heritage grants through the sixth competitive round of Victoria's Living Heritage Grants Program. Round 6 of the Community Grants Stream (2021-22) will provide a total of \$2.36 million for urgent conservation works or studies to nineteen significant heritage places and objects across Victoria.

The Living Heritage Grants Program is an initiative of the Victoria 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. Round 7 of the Program will open in early 2022.

Barwon South West



The Heights
*National Trust of
Australia (Victoria)*
Geelong

A grant of \$167,000 has been awarded to the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) to undertake urgent structural works to the roof of the stone stables at The Heights. The project will involve extensive roof repairs, carpentry and gutter replacement throughout to stabilise the building. Due to its poor condition the stables are not currently open to the public, although The Heights house is publicly accessible on Sundays and for events. The works will make stables water-tight and safe for public visitation and will prevent further building fabric loss.



**St George the
Martyr Church
and Parish Hall**
*The Parish of St
George*
*Queenscliff & St
James Point*
Lonsdale
Queenscliff

A matched grant of \$39,000 has been awarded to the Parish of St George Queenscliff and St James Point Lonsdale for roof remediation works on the tower at St George the Martyr Church. Stage 1 works involve replacing the lead roof and deteriorated elements of the timber frame. The rainwater goods will also be repaired or replaced where required. The tower is currently inaccessible due to its condition and these urgent Stage 1 works will improve the condition of the tower to allow future works to take place.

Hume



**Benalla Water
Supply Depot**
*Benalla Water
Tower*
*Preservation
Group Inc*
Benalla

A grant of \$44,000 has been awarded to the Benalla Water Tower Preservation Group Inc for the development of an Existing Conditions & Recommendations Report, including the investigative examination of water tower brick columns, and repair to the cast iron plate roof of the blacksmith's shop at the Benalla Water Supply Depot. The Benalla Water Supply Depot is an essentially intact example of a complex which demonstrates the changes in water tower design since the 1880s. The documentation project is necessary and urgent to identify the conservation works required to ensure public safety and restore community. The roof repairs will commence the initial, necessary conservation works.

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Beechworth Cemetery (Fountain)

Beechworth Public Cemetery Trust

Beechworth

A grant of \$56,000 has been awarded to the Beechworth Public Cemetery Trust for conservation works to the fountain at Beechworth Cemetery. The Turkish-style fountain is located close to the entry of the Cemetery and is a distinctive landmark. The works include waterproofing, repairs, repainting, solar powered pump installation and connection of water pipes. The works are necessary to safeguard the structural integrity of the fountain and will result in a fully operational fountain.



Alexandra Court House and Former Shire Offices

CEACA Limited trading as the Alexandra Community Hub

Alexandra

A grant of \$49,000 has been awarded to the Alexandra Community Hub for urgent conservation works to the Alexandra Court House and Former Shire Offices. The building is a centre for education and training, community services, and operates as a community meeting and event space. The works include external timber repairs to the main entry way, as well as render repairs, repairs to gutters and verandah paving. The works will address water damage and improve public health and safety, to ensure the continued community use of the building.

Port Phillip



Puffing Billy Locomotives and Rolling Stock

Emerald Tourist Railway Board (ETRB)

Belgrave

A grant of \$180,000 has been awarded to the Emerald Tourist Railway Board to undertake urgent conservation works to return Puffing Billy Locomotive 6A to full operational order. The Puffing Billy Rolling Stock Collection is of historical significance as a collection of Victorian Railways locomotives rolling stock that operated on Victorian narrow gauge from 1899 to 1962. Funded works include repairs to the boilers, water tanks, cab and other components, replacement of cracked wheels, manufacture and installation of timber cowcatcher, and repainting throughout. The project will allow the locomotive to return to service as a significant component of Puffing Billy Railways operations, reinstating its substantial public access and economic benefits to the local area.



Jack's Magazine

Working Heritage Maribyrnong

A grant of \$163,000 has been awarded to Working Heritage for conservation works to Powder Magazine West, Powder Magazine East and the Examining Room at Jack's Magazine by the banks of the Maribyrnong River. Jack's Magazine is historically significant as the largest gunpowder magazine ever constructed in Victoria. Works funded include joinery repairs, roof repairs, and drainage works. The works will mitigate an ongoing water ingress issue, protect the structural stability and enable activation of the site.



St Peters Eastern Hill Precinct

St Peter's Anglican Church, Eastern Hill

East Melbourne

A matched grant of \$144,000 has been awarded to St Peter's Anglican Church, Eastern Hill for conservation works to the Hall roof at St Peters Eastern Hill Precinct. Built between 1846 and 1848, St Peter's Eastern Hill is significant as the oldest Anglican church in Victoria on its original site. Works include replacement of roof tiles, battens and rainwater goods, rebuilding of some roof structures and installation of a new down pipe and rainwater head. Render repairs and repointing of parapets, turrets, and chimneys will also be undertaken. The works will address water ingress issues and ensure the ongoing community use of the Hall.

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Melbourne Athenaeum
The Melbourne Athenaeum Incorporated
Melbourne

A grant of \$200,000 has been awarded to the Melbourne Athenaeum for urgent conservation works to the roof and clerestory windows. Established in 1839 as a Mechanics Institute, the Melbourne Athenaeum has operated in this building as an arts and cultural hub for over 170 years. The theatre attracts some 200,000 visitors per year, staging theatrical, comedy and music performances. The works will resolve issues of water penetration, deterioration and falling damp, associated with elements of the clerestory windows and roof being beyond the end of their useful lives.



Christ Church, South Yarra
Christ Church South Yarra (Melbourne Anglican Trust Corporation)
South Yarra

A matched grant of \$95,000 has been awarded to Christ Church South Yarra (Melbourne Anglican Trust Corporation), for sandstone conservation works at Christ Church, South Yarra. The place is historically important for its ability to demonstrate Melbourne's urban growth, particularly following the influx of migrants after the discovery of gold in 1851. Works include conservation of high-level sandstone corbels and the decorative sandstone around the doorway at the base of the Church's spire. The works will address public safety issues and ensure ongoing conservation of the place.

Grampians



Yurunga
Hindmarsh Shire Council
Rainbow

A grant of \$184,000 has been awarded to Hindmarsh Shire Council for conservation works at Yurunga. Works include the stabilisation of the rear walls, repairs and alterations to drainage, rainwater goods and galvanised water tank, repairs to the sub-floor timbers in the schoolroom and laundry, and repainting of the timber fascia and interior walls of the laundry, pantry, kitchen and vestibule. Yurunga embodies the brief heyday of the metropolis of the Mallee when Rainbow's population reached its zenith in the early 1900s. The works will ensure the structural integrity and public safety of this significant homestead that plays an important role in Rainbow's tourism economy.



Horsham Town Hall
Horsham Rural City Council
Horsham

A grant of \$200,000 has been awarded to Horsham Rural City Council to fund the replacement of the damaged auditorium floorboards and sub-floor structure of the Horsham Town Hall. The town Hall is an outstanding example of a provincial municipal building of the inter-war period and is a notable and intact example of the Art Deco style of the late 1930s. Today, it is used as a multi-purpose community space and the grant will protect the structural integrity of the Hall, ensuring the ongoing functionality and public safety of the auditorium.



Ballaarat Mechanics Institute Collection
Ballaarat Mechanics Institute (BMI)
Ballarat

A grant of \$170,000 has been awarded to the Ballaarat Mechanics Institute to fund conservation works to 53 significant books and folios and one oil painting held within the historic Ballaarat Mechanics Institute Collection. The Collection includes over 16,000 items and is the largest and most intact collection of material relating to Mechanics Institutes in Victoria. The urgent and necessary works include conservation treatment, stabilisation, cleaning and rehousing. The works will stabilise the objects for storage or display and improve safe handling and accessibility of the items.

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Loddon Mallee



Loong, Chinese dragon

National Chinese Museum of Australia

Bendigo

A grant of \$133,000 has been awarded to the National Chinese Museum of Australia for conservation works to the processional Chinese Dragon, Loong, and his Pearl and Flame Regalia. Loong is a five clawed or imperial dragon. Along with his Pearl and Flame Regalia, Loong is significant for his association with the history of the Chinese in Victoria. The works involve cleaning, consolidation, repairs and stabilisation, and will ensure this highly culturally significant object is stable for permanent display to the public and occasional future parading.



Seymour Cottage

Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc.

Romsey

A grant of \$37,000 has been awarded to the Romsey & Lancefield Districts Historical Society Inc to fund the development of a Conservation Management Plan, a heritage landscape plan, and a structural condition report recommending appropriate remedial measures for Seymour Cottage in Romsey. Seymour Cottage is currently closed due to the poor condition of the building and public safety risks. The documentation project is necessary and urgent to identify the conservation works required to ensure public safety and restore community use.



Castlemaine Market

Mount Alexander Shire Council

Castlemaine

A grant of \$198,000 has been awarded to Mount Alexander Shire Council for conservation works to the Castlemaine Market. Architecturally significant as a rare surviving early colonial market building, the Castlemaine Market is of historical importance for its association with the growth and prosperity of Castlemaine, a Victorian goldrush town. Funded works include undertaking stonework repairs, including to the sandstone plinth, installation of a new damp proof course, and rainwater goods works. The works will mitigate water ingress, protect the structural integrity of the place and ensure its ongoing community use.



Castlemaine Public Cemetery (Campbell's Creek)

Castlemaine Cemetery Trust

Castlemaine

A grant of \$77,000 has been awarded to the Castlemaine Cemetery Trust to investigate an appropriate conservation approach and undertake prioritised conservation works to the Sexton's Office. The Castlemaine Public Cemetery is historically and socially important for its direct association with one of Australia's significant episodes of immigration. Funded works include repairs to the brickwork; repointing; tuckpointing; salt removal; render repairs; fireplace conservation; repainting; and stabilisation of 1875 Cemetery Plan and exterior plaques. The works will address urgent conservation needs ensure the building is safeguarded for the future.

Gippsland



Windsor House

Private Owner

Walhalla

A matched grant of \$23,500 has been awarded to undertake conservation works to the roof of Windsor House in Walhalla. Windsor House was built in the 1890s and is significant for its unusual domestic building form. It is the largest residence built in Walhalla's boom period, one of the few masonry houses, and one of only two surviving in the town. Windsor House currently operates as accommodation for tourists and an event venue. The roof will be replaced with corrugated galvanised steel and the works are an urgent conservation action to resolve water ingress and for bushfire prevention.

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Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trust Church

*Lake Tyers
Aboriginal Trust
Bung Yarnda/
Lake Tyers*

A grant of \$200,000 has been awarded for urgent conservation works to the Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trust Church. The timber church was constructed in 1878 for the then Lake Tyers Aboriginal Mission. The building is architecturally, historically and socially significant to the state of Victoria, and is integral to the cultural and spiritual identity of the community. The church is still in use, and open to the Lake Tyers community and visitors around Victoria for a diverse range of community events. It is currently in a very poor condition due to water ingress and the harsh maritime setting. The grant will fund urgent repairs to ensure the building can continue to be utilised.

For more information on the Living Heritage Grants Program email
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