

Living Heritage Grants Program

Implemented Projects: Round 4 2019 – 20

A collection of fragile objects from the Tatura POW and Internment Camp, a Gold Rush-era prefabricated iron hut and the historic homestead 'Yurunga' in Rainbow are among the 25 significant heritage places from across the State receiving heritage grants through the fourth competitive round of Victoria's Living Heritage Grants Program. Round 4 of the Community Grants Stream (2019-20) will provide a total of \$3.060 million for urgent conservation and documentation of 27 significant heritage places across Victoria.

The Living Heritage Grants Program is an initiative of the Victorian State Government and supports the repair and conservation of 'at risk' heritage places and objects included in the Victorian Heritage Register under the provisions of the *Heritage Act 2017*. The program commenced in 2016 to invest in the conservation of valuable heritage places to benefit local communities all over Victoria. The program funds communities working to repair and conserve significant places and objects from Victoria's past for continued future public access and use.

Barwon South West



**St Paul's
Anglican Church
Geelong**

*St Paul's Anglican
Church*
Geelong

A matched grant of \$60,000 has been awarded for the installation of interim screens to the belfry tower to address public safety concerns with falling masonry, repairs to rainwater goods and investigations as to the source of water penetration causing damage to the building. Construction of the Gothic St Paul's began in 1850, with the belfry tower added in 1865. The still bells ring out weekly at St Paul's and the conservation works will ensure the building is maintained and serves the community for years to come.

Hume



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

*Tatura and District
Historical Society*
Tatura

A grant of \$75,000 has been awarded to conserve 19 historic objects held in the Tatura World War II Internment and Prisoner of War (POW) Camp collection at Tatura Museum. These objects in the collection are most 'at risk' of loss and deterioration due to their fragile condition. The objects include 14 puppets, an oil painting, model ships and water colours – all works created by the internees and POWs held at Tatura during the Second World War. Conservation will ensure these irreplaceable items survive.

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Port Phillip



Deaf Children Australia

Deaf Children Australia
St Kilda

A grant of \$200,000 has been awarded to Deaf Children Australia for conservation, repair and restoration works to the west-facing windows of the 1866 bluestone building. The project also involves on-the-job training for deaf students during the conservation works. The bluestone building was built to provide a home, education and training for deaf and hard-of-hearing children and has continued to support the deaf community through the delivery of a wide range of services. The works invest in the conservation of this significant place for the community.



Heide I (Doll's House)

Heide Museum of Modern Art
Bulleen

A grant of \$60,000 has been awarded for the conservation and reconstruction of the 'Doll's House' (former Dairy) at Heidi I, Bulleen. The Heidi property belonged to notable art patrons John and Sunday Reed who supported the renowned Heidi circle of artists. The timber structure is at risk of complete collapse, and currently closed for public access due to safety concerns. The grant will enable public access and interpretation of the heritage site which is part of the wider Heidi Museum of Modern Art precinct.



Prefabricated Building, Brimbank (Keilor Police Hut)

Brimbank City Council
Keilor Park

A grant of \$200,000 has been awarded to Brimbank City Council to conserve and re-erect an 1850s prefabricated iron building at Keilor Park. Imported during the Gold Rush, likely from England, to form part of the Keilor Plains Police Station, the hut is a rare and important connection to this historic period. The restoration of the currently disassembled hut for the Keilor Historical Society will bring this history alive.



Keith Haring Mural

Contemporary Arts Precinct Ltd
Collingwood

A grant of \$200,000 has been awarded to the Contemporary Arts Precinct, Collingwood, to treat graffiti damage and apply an anti-graffiti coating to the Keith Haring Mural. Graffiti caused damage to this work of art, created by famed New York artist Keith Haring. It is the only large scale and accessible mural that still exists from his Melbourne visit in 1984 and one of few in the world that is still 'in his own hand' and not repainted. The anti-graffiti coating will protect the work into the future.



The Briars

Mornington Peninsula Shire Council
Mount Martha

A grant of \$155,000 has been awarded to the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council for urgent flooring repairs to 'The Briars' Homestead building at Mount Martha. The works will rectify termite damage and involve repairs to the roof and rainwater goods. The homestead and gardens are open to the public daily, but extensive damage has forced the homestead to close. The works mean the homestead can re-open for public access. Dating from the 1840s, the homestead and the seventeen surviving buildings on the property tell the story of one of the earliest pastoral runs on the Mornington Peninsula.

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

*All Saints
Anglican Church
East St Kilda
St Kilda*

A matched grant of \$152,000 has been awarded to the All Saints Anglican Church in St Kilda to undertake urgent roof repairs to resolve falling damp issues. Built in 1858, it is one of Melbourne's oldest Anglican Churches and is said to be the largest in the southern hemisphere. The bluestone building services the parish and wider community with an active outreach program. The works will ensure the protection of the landmark building and facilitate its ongoing use for the broader community.



Montsalvat
*Montsalvat Ltd
Eltham*

A grant of \$65,000 awarded to Montsalvat for conservation works to the French provincial, Gothic style buildings on the Eltham estate which has been home to artists since its establishment in the 1930s. The conservation works to notable buildings on the property include structural repairs, roof works, slate roof repairs and leadlight window conservation. Montsalvat is open to the public and hosts music recitals and art exhibitions.



**Napier Waller
House**
*National Trust of
Australia (Victoria)
as Committee of
Management
Ivanhoe*

A grant of \$80,000 has been awarded to the National Trust of Australia for urgent conservation works to the laundry at Napier Waller House, including structural stabilisation and drainage works, internal repairs, and service upgrades. The works will prevent the laundry from complete collapse and enable public access and interpretation of the site. The house was designed by Napier Waller in 1920 to be his own home and it was here that he created many of his renowned artworks. The National Trust manage the house as a museum and it is open for tours.

Grampians



**Ballaraat
Mechanics
Institute**
*Ballaraat
Mechanics
Institute
Ballarat*

A grant of \$175,000 has been awarded to the Ballaraat Mechanics Institute to undertake conservation works and ventilation to the basement to enable it to be used and accessed by the public. The project is supported by complementary investigations by the City of Ballarat and local water authority examining damp and water ingress in the immediate vicinity of the building. Built in two stages in 1860-61 and 1869-70, it is one of few Mechanic Institutes in Victoria that have continuously provided library services to the community.



Yurunga
*Hindmarsh Shire
Council
Rainbow*

A grant of \$65,000 has been awarded to Hindmarsh Shire Council to undertake urgent repair and restoration works to the veranda of the historic homestead, Yurunga, located in Rainbow. Yurunga was built in 1909 and now owned by the Hindmarsh Shire Council. The Rainbow Historical Society operate the homestead, grooms' quarters, coach house and stables as a house museum which holds a historic collection. The repairs will enable the building continues to be accessible, safe and structurally stable.

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**Hill Pipe Organ -
St Peter's
Lutheran
Church, Stawell**
*St Peter's
Lutheran Church
Stawell
Stawell*

A matched grant of \$47,000 has been awarded to St Peter's Lutheran Church for conservation works to return the Hill Pipe Organ, located in St Peter's, Stawell to full working order. The Pipe Organ was built to order in 1858 by the William Hill organ building firm. It is a very rare organ, if not unique in many aspects. The organ is in poor condition and the conservation works aim to restore it to operation for the congregation and music enthusiasts alike.



**Central Park
(Ticket Booths)**
*Northern
Grampians Shire
Council
Stawell*

A grant of \$80,000 has been awarded to the Northern Grampians Shire Council for urgent conservation works to the north and south ticket booth buildings at Central Park in Stawell. This will enable the use of these assets as originally intended – such as for the famous Stawell Gift - and reduce the risk of recent targeting by vandals. The ticket booths date from the first half of the twentieth century, but the reserve has been used for sporting events since the 1860s.



**Ballarat
Synagogue**
*Ballarat Hebrew
Congregation Inc
Ballarat*

A matched grant of \$107,000 has been awarded to the Ballarat Hebrew Congregation for conservation works to the 1861 Ballarat Synagogue. Designed by a local Ballarat architect, the Synagogue has one of the few surviving 19th century synagogues in Victoria. As well as providing a place of worship, the Synagogue is visited by schools and community groups year-round. The works will ensure the building is structurally stable and water tight, and ensure its ongoing use by the community.



**Old Curiosity
Shop**
*Private Owner
Ballarat*

A grant of \$54,000 has been awarded to the Old Curiosity Shop in Ballarat to undertake urgent conservation works to the front wall at the Old Curiosity Shop in Ballarat. The wall is inlaid with a myriad of eclectic objects, creating a mosaic which has long intrigued passers-by. Construction on the house began in 1855 and in 1895 it opened to the public as a local tourist attraction. The grant will protect the wall from complete collapse, ensuring it is stabilised, mitigate public health and safety risks and prevent the loss of this historic item.



**Porter
Prefabricated
Iron Store**
*The Sovereign Hill
Museums
Association
Golden Point*

A grant of \$27,000 has been awarded to the Sovereign Hill Museums Association to support the assessment and documentation of the condition of the Porter Prefabricated Iron store, an object currently stored at Sovereign Hill. Portable buildings like the Porter Prefabricated Store were imported in large numbers from around the world during the 1850s to provide for Melbourne's booming population during the gold rush. The report will consider the current condition of the store and examine potential restoration options.

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Loddon Mallee



St Andrew's Uniting Church
The Uniting Church of Australia Property Trust (Victoria)
Echuca

A matched grant of \$200,000 has been awarded to St Andrews Uniting Church for conservation works to restore the gothic revival church, designed by a local Echuca architect and engineer in 1901. The works will address the deteriorating condition of spaces in the Church used by the parish and community for community outreach. The repairs will enable the continued use of the Church's facilities for the local community.



White Hills Cemetery
Bendigo Cemeteries Trust t/a Remembrance Parks - Central Victoria
White Hills

A grant of \$200,000 has been awarded to the Bendigo Cemeteries Trust for urgent conservation works to stabilise and repair the cast iron and bluestone entrance gates and fence of the White Hills Cemetery. The gates date from 1854 and serve as the entrance to the Chinese section of the historic cemetery which contains over 1000 burials. The gates are structurally unsound and require restoration works to return them to working order. The works will stabilise the gates, enabling cemetery visitors and tourist's safe entry.



Former Bendigo Gas Works
City of Greater Bendigo
Bendigo

A grant of \$200,000 has been awarded to the City of Bendigo for repairs to the Purifier Shed at the former Bendigo Gas Works. The Gas Works was built in 1860 to produce coal gas and operated until 1973 and the introduction of natural gas. The conservation works will repair the Purifier Shed - one of the historic buildings on site. Council will also undertake contamination remediation with the eventual goal of enabling public access to this important industrial historic place.



Buda
Buda Historic Home and Garden Inc
Castlemaine

A grant of \$120,000 has been awarded to the Buda Historic Home and Garden Inc. organisation to undertake urgent repairs to the building to restore at risk fabric and ensure continuation of public access. This 1863 grand villa in Castlemaine is managed by the Foundation to conserve the house and garden for public use. The repairs will enable continued use and access to the community, tourists, volunteer groups and general public for tours, events and workshops.



Windmill Farm
Kyneton Historical Society Inc.
Kyneton

A matched grant of \$20,000 has been awarded to the Kyneton Historical Society for landscape conservation of the historic property, Windmill Farm, in Kyneton. The farm complex includes a bluestone windmill, timber residence and barn and a 1940s hawthorn hedge. The hedge is laid in a method involving weaving the living branches together to form a dense barrier. The grant will see the hawthorn hedge re-laid and reinstated in this traditional method. Hedge-laying is a master craft, accredited by the National Hedge-laying Society in the UK and is now rare in Australia. The restored hedge will reinstate this historic and functional element to the farm landscape.

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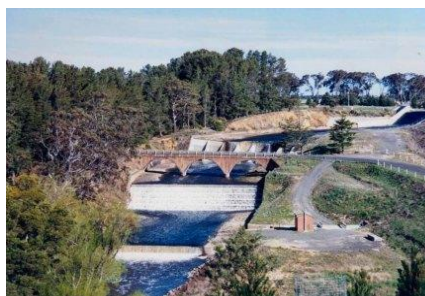


Former Nichols Point Primary School Shelter Shed

Mildura Rural City Council

Nichols Point

A grant of \$25,000 has been awarded to Mildura Rural City Council to develop a conservation management plan and carry out priority conservation works on the shelter shed adjoining a recreational reserve. Built in 1910, the rotunda is listed for its architectural significance and was once surrounded by gardens. Council intends that the plan and initial works will provide the first step to restoring the shed and reinstatement of a public garden for community recreation.



Coliban Water Supply System

City of Greater Bendigo

Bendigo

A grant of \$45,000 has been awarded to the City of Greater Bendigo for the development of a conservation management plan for the Coliban Water Supply System, a water utility which opened in 1877. The gravity operated open channel water supply is an engineering feat which is still operating today. The conservation plan document will identify required repairs and provide information on the workings of the site to inform visitors. The plan will also support the goal to open the whole site to the public.

Gippsland



Former Walhalla Post Office and Residence

Walhalla Board of Management

Walhalla

A grant of \$43,000 has been awarded to the Walhalla Board of Management to install a fire protection system for the former Walhalla Post Office and Residence. The timber building is located in a mountainous and bushfire prone area and the system will provide necessary ongoing protection for this 'at risk' place. Built in 1885 by the then Public Works Department, the building now operates as a museum managed by the Committee of Management and is a major attraction in the town.

For more information on the Living Heritage Grants Program, please call **03 9938 6851** or email living.heritage@delwp.vic.gov.au

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