

# Living Heritage Grants Program

## Successful Projects: Round 3 2018-19

A World War 1 searchlight emplacement, a memorial fountain and a rare timber court house are among the 23 significant heritage places from across the state receiving heritage grants through the third competitive round of Victoria's Living Heritage Grants Program. Round 3 of the Community Grants Stream (2018-19) will provide a total of \$2.4 million for urgent conservation works or studies to 23 significant heritage places 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. There will be a final grant round in 2019.

### Barwon South West



**Wollaston Bridge**  
*Warrnambool City Council*  
Warrnambool

A grant of \$195,000 has been awarded to Warrnambool City Council to undertake urgent conservation works to the failing timber elements of the Wollaston Bridge. The suspension bridge was erected across the Merri River in 1890 as an entrance to the Wollaston Estate. Today, the bridge is one of the oldest surviving cable suspension bridges in Victoria and a local landmark. The bridge provides a key link for pedestrians over the Merri River and is frequently used for birdwatching, cycling, and other recreational activities.



**Balmoral Court House**  
*Balmoral & District Historical Society*  
Balmoral

A grant of \$50,000 has been awarded to the Balmoral & District Historical Society to undertake vital conservation works to the roof, rainwater goods, and timber elements of the Balmoral Court House, which has been closed to the public due to safety concerns. The rare timber court house was designed by Alfred T Snow and built by the Public Works Department in 1876. It is one of only three surviving timber court houses of its type in the state. Today, the former court house is used as a community space managed by the Historical Society. The grant will allow the court house to re-open, providing a local venue for exhibitions, meetings and education.



**Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Searchlight Emplacement**  
*Borough of Queenscliffe*  
Point Lonsdale

A grant of \$90,000 has been awarded to the Borough of Queenscliffe for the urgent structural stabilisation of the concrete searchlight emplacement at Point Lonsdale Lighthouse. The emplacement was erected during World War 1 in 1914 and was strategically placed alongside other defence structures near the lighthouse. The searchlight emplacement has been temporarily closed to public access, due to its poor condition and safety risks. The grant will re-open this historic site to the local community, visitors and preserve it for future generations.

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**Crossroads  
Uniting Church**  
*Crossroads  
Uniting Church*  
Werribee

A grant of \$195,000 has been awarded on a matched-funds basis to Crossroads Uniting Church in Werribee. The grant will fund urgent roof repairs to the Church and Manse. Both buildings are currently suffering from extensive water ingress due to the failing roofs. Erected in 1884, the church is a key site on the Werribee City Council Heritage Trail. The historic bluestone church has a strong community outreach program, bridging different cultures and backgrounds by providing a centre for community activity. The grant will contribute to the continued use of this important community asset.



**Hamilton  
Botanic Gardens  
Thomson  
Memorial  
Fountain**  
*Friends of  
Hamilton Botanic  
Gardens*  
Hamilton

A grant of \$160,000 has been awarded to the Friends of Hamilton Botanic Gardens, whom together with Southern Grampians Shire Council will restore the Thomson Memorial Fountain in Hamilton Botanic Gardens. The Hamilton Botanic Gardens are one of the earliest regional botanic gardens in Victoria, and the Thomson Memorial Fountain forms an important feature in the historic gardens. The gardens are open to the public seven days a week and is frequently used by members of the local community and visitors alike. The grant will enable water to once again flow through the fountain, currently fenced off for safety reasons.

## Hume



**Former  
Methodist  
Church  
(Quercus)**  
*Quercus  
Beechworth*  
Beechworth

A grant of \$55,000 has been awarded to Quercus Beechworth to undertake conservation works to the former Methodist Church in Beechworth, repairing extensive water damage within the nave. Built in 1857, it was the first permanent church building on the Ovens goldfields. Today, the building is a much-used community centre, offering a range of activities including community food programs, educational activities and community gardens and provides a government access point. The grant will ensure this historic building continues to serve as a meeting point for the local community.



**Former St  
Michael's  
Catholic Church**  
*Wandong History  
Group*  
Wandong

A grant of \$25,000 has been awarded to the Wandong History Group to prepare a conservation report for St Michael's Catholic Church, Wandong. Built of local lumber bricks in 1891, the former church is an important heritage asset to the community. Managed by Wandong History Group, the former church holds the historical archives, and is used for exhibitions, seminars, local events and as a community meeting space. Geotechnical & structural investigations will help inform future works and address structural issues that are currently threatening its ongoing use.



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## Port Phillip



### **Blunts Boatyard and Slipway**

*C Blunt  
Boatbuilder Pty  
Ltd*

Williamstown

A grant of \$115,000 has been awarded on a matched-funds basis for the urgent repair of the jetty at Blunts Boatyard and Slipway. It is a rare operating example of a small-scale boat building owned by the same family since the 1920s. The Blunt family have been operating in the Williamstown area since the 1880s. The current site's industrial history dates to 1858 when it was used for steam sawmill operations. The boatyard provides access for school groups, community groups and visitors to experience traditional boat building techniques.



### **All Saints' Anglican Church**

*All Saints'  
Anglican Church*

Mitcham

A grant of \$80,000 has been awarded to All Saints' Anglican Church, Mitcham, on a matched-funds basis. The grant will fund urgent conservation works to the clerestory windows of the church building, where the timber framework is suffering from extensive rot and is at high risk of collapsing. The church was built in 1958 and is a strikingly modern building in contrast to the older timber church on the same site. As well as providing a place of worship and a community venue, the church hosts a weekly free meal for those in need.



### **Box Hill Cemetery Columbarium**

*Box Hill Cemetery  
Trust*

Box Hill

A grant of \$200,000 has been awarded to the Box Hill Cemetery Trust to undertake urgent structural and internal repairs to the Box Hill Cemetery Columbarium. The columbarium is currently at risk structurally and has been closed to the public owing to safety concerns. Built in 1929, it is a prominent building in the cemetery landscape. As a final resting place and a place of peaceful reflection, it is an important representation of the cultural practice of honouring and remembering the dead. The cemetery is open daily, and the grant will allow the columbarium to re-open to the public.



### **Christ Church Complex**

*Christ Church St  
Kilda*

St Kilda

A grant of \$40,000 has been awarded to Christ Church St Kilda on a matched-funds basis to remediate the roof plumbing and the slate roof of the 160-year old building. The church is known as one of Melbourne's oldest public buildings south of the Yarra River (Birrarung). The building is used as a place of worship by the local community, a meeting place for support groups, and is a venue for regular concerts and exhibitions. The building is suffering from extensive water ingress. The grant will fund the most urgent repairs and will be a first step to ensure the church can continue to be appreciated by the local community and visitors alike.



### **La Mama Theatre**

*La Mama Theatre*  
Carlton

A grant of \$50,000 will assist La Mama Theatre in developing a recovery strategy after a recent devastating fire. Built as a printing works in 1883, it has served as a theatre since 1967. The theatre is important for its significant role in the development of Australian drama and has nurtured a host of internationally award winning Australian playwrights, directors and actors. The grant will contribute towards assessing the impacts of the fire and provide options for restoration or rebuilding of this much-loved theatre.

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## **St Mark's Anglican Church**

*St Mark's Anglican Church  
Camberwell*

A grant of \$75,000 has been awarded on a matched-funds basis to replace the concrete louvres of the spire at St Mark's Anglican Church in Camberwell. Built in 1927-28 to the design of Rodney Alsop, the building is used as a place of worship for the local community. The Church also runs an active outreach program, providing English Language classes for migrant groups, as well as music and play groups for children. The spalling concrete louvres are creating a significant safety concern and potential damage to the stained-glass windows. The grant will prevent further damage and enable the church to be appreciated by generations to come.

## **Grampians**



## **Former St Pauls Church of England (St Paul's Community Hall)**

*St Paul's Anglican Church  
Clunes*

A grant of \$145,000 has been awarded to support the structural repairs and urgent conservation works of St Pauls Community Hall, former St Pauls Church of England in Clunes. The building dates from 1859-60 and is a rare example of a timber church. Today, it is used as a community hall, providing a venue for a wide range of community groups. It is also a feature during the annual Book Town event in Clunes, and annual music festivals. The grant will support the local community in caring for this historic building and ensure it can continue to host the many visitors that pass-through Clunes for their annual festivals and events.



## **Murtoa Grain Store**

*Murtoa Stick Shed  
Committee of Management  
Murtoa*

A grant of \$70,000 has been awarded to fund urgent repairs to the windows and doors of Murtoa Grain Store (known as the Stick Shed). Murtoa Grain Store was built in 1941 as a war-time emergency grain storage. Similar structures were erected around Southern and Western Australia during World War 2 for the temporary storage of wheat. Murtoa Grain Store is the only one of its kind still standing. Due to the poor condition of the building, it has only had limited public access. The grant will enable this nationally significant site to be opened to the public, as a witness of an important part of Australian history.



## **Ebenezer Mission**

*Barengi Gadjin Land Council  
Aboriginal Corporation  
Dimboola/Antwerp*

A grant of \$200,000 has been awarded to the Barengi Gadjin Land Council to fund urgent conservation works to all registered buildings at Ebenezer Mission, including structural repair and roof works. Established in 1858-59, Ebenezer Mission has historical and pre-historical associations with Aboriginal communities and a long history of shared values. The land on which Ebenezer is located is of great significance to the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadwadjali, Wergaia and Jupagulk peoples and the former mission is the oldest of its type in Victoria. Due to the current poor condition of the buildings, community use is limited. The grant will allow the site to be used for community events, functions and education.



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## **Warracknabeal Town Hall**

*Yarriambiack  
Shire Council*  
Warracknabeal

A grant of \$130,000 has been awarded to Yarriambiack Shire Council to fund structural repairs to Warracknabeal Town Hall. The Town Hall was erected in 1939-40 on a prominent site in the centre of town, as one of the first Modernist Town Halls in Australia. The building also includes a cinema with 1930s projection and sound equipment. Today, it is used by a wide range of community groups and provides an accessible venue for community events and functions. Due to the structural issues, the Town Hall has been at risk of closure due to public safety. The grant will enable an increased use of the building as a community space.

## **Loddon Mallee**



## **Tyntyndyer Homestead**

*Tyntyndear  
Homestead Inc.*  
Beverford

A grant of \$200,000 has been awarded to Tyntyndyer Homestead to undertake urgent conservation works and the structural stabilisation of the Homestead and Store. The site is one of Victoria's earliest homesteads dating from 1845. The homestead has a shared indigenous and pastoral history, through its long association with local Aboriginal communities. The grant will support the Wattti Wattti people in their continued use of the site for educational and cultural purposes and provide a venue for the local community for functions and events.



## **Theatre Royal** *Privately owned* Castlemaine

A grant of \$75,000 has been awarded on a matched-funds basis to fund urgent structural repairs and conservation works to Theatre Royal in Castlemaine. A theatre was built on the site in 1858, replacing a timber and canvas theatre which had burned down. After many moderations, the theatre was extensively adapted to a Moderne-style cinema in the 1930s. The building continues to operate as a cinema, with a café and bar, and now provides a venue for live music and other events. The grant will contribute towards the safe-guarding of this much-loved community space.



## **Buda House & Garden**

*Buda Historic  
Home and  
Garden Inc.*  
Castlemaine

A grant of \$50,000 has been awarded to Buda House & Garden to undertake much needed conservation works to the garden including replacement of the irrigation system, urgent tree removal and tree surgery, and resurfacing of the historic paths. The extensive garden is open to the public four days a week and is available for community functions and events. The grant will ensure the early twentieth century garden can continue to be accessed by the local community and visitors alike and reduce public safety concerns.



## **Bendigo Trades Hall**

*Bendigo Trades  
Hall and Literary  
Institute*  
Bendigo

A grant of \$42,000 has been awarded to undertake the urgent roof replacement of the front section of Bendigo Trades Hall. The hall dates from 1896 and is one of the only surviving purpose-built trades halls in Victoria. Today, it is a well-used community space, providing a venue and meeting spaces for over 50 community groups annually. The building also houses an extensive collection of historical artefacts and archival records relating to the history of Bendigo and the Trades Hall.

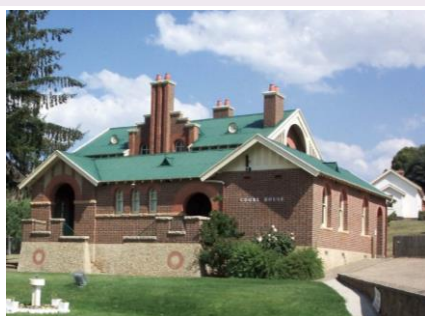
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**Windmill Farm**  
*Kyneton Historical Society Inc.*  
Kyneton

A grant of \$20,000 has been awarded on a matched-funds basis for the urgent repair and stabilisation of the Mill roof and column, which is currently at risk of collapsing. The mill site dates from the mid nineteenth century and is the only surviving wind driven flour mill in Victoria. The emergency works is the first step in enabling this historic site to be re-opened to the community for guided tours and community days, and as a venue for public events.

## Gippsland



**Omeo Justice Precinct**  
*East Gippsland Shire Council*  
Omeo

A grant of \$200,000 has been awarded to fund urgent structural repairs to the Old Court House dating from 1859 and conservation works to the New Court House dating from 1893 at the Omeo Justice Precinct. The precinct is one of the most intact example of a nineteenth century police and court complex known to survive in Victoria. The precinct is open to the public 7 days a week, from 10am-2pm. The Old Court House houses a museum, and the New Court House is used as a regular Magistrate's court. Due to the poor state of both buildings, use for community events are currently limited. The grant will enable increased public use of these important heritage assets.

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

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