

# PLANNING OUR FUTURE

## The Gympie Region Planning Scheme

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### Heritage Fact Sheet

Heritage buildings and places contribute significantly to the local identity and sense of place within the Gympie region. There is a high concentration of places of both local and state significance to the European settlement of Queensland.

The planning scheme guides how places and buildings of European heritage significance are managed in the Gympie region.

It is important to note that places of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage are administered separately under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003* and the *Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage Act 2003* by the State Government.

This fact sheet outlines the intended approach to heritage provisions, as part of the Planning Scheme Review.

#### 1. Character and Amenity

- Heritage sites continue to play an important role in defining the local identity, history, and sense of place of the Gympie region.

#### 2. Statutory Framework

- Our approach to heritage conservation will remain consistent with current legislation and best practice.
- Recognise and value Gympie's historical significance.
- Identify places and sites of heritage significance within the region.

#### 3. Threats and heritage conservation

- Threats, such as natural hazards, development pressure, inappropriate alterations, disuse, maintenance cost, and lack of knowledge, are recognised in drafting the planning scheme.
- Demolition is seen as a last resort option, only when all other possibilities have been explored.
- Encourage reuse and incorporation of heritage places into new development.

## 4. Opportunities

- Continue expanding knowledge of places of heritage significance.
- Include properties identified by the Heritage Place Strategy 2021 in the Schedule of Heritage Places within the planning scheme.
- Heritage overlay code to be applied in support of the scheme's strategic vision to manage and value heritage assets.

## 5. Adaptive reuse

- Adaptive reuse is supported as an approach to retain and continue using heritage places.
- This approach will help to balance financial and economic realities with conservation and heritage values.

## 6. Modern building standards

- Heritage places will evolve to meet contemporary building codes, making spaces safe and accessible to people of all abilities where possible, and without compromising heritage values.
- The planning scheme will be responsive to design solutions that see heritage buildings evolve to meet current standards without compromising heritage values.

## 7. Incentives

- The owners of heritage places should be recognised and supported in the preservation of our region's heritage.
- Opportunities to recognise an incentivise heritage conservation will be considered.

## Have your say

Council is currently seeking feedback on the intended approach to heritage provisions, along with a range of other issues, to inform the Planning Scheme Review.

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