

Fraser Coast Local Heritage Register

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1. What is the Fraser Coast Local Heritage Register?

The Queensland Heritage Act 1992 (QHA) was amended on 25 October 2007 to make it compulsory for local governments to prepare and keep a register of places of local cultural heritage significance in its area. With this in mind, Council has engaged Converge Heritage + Community (Converge) to identify, assess and document places of local and regional cultural heritage significance within the Fraser Coast Regional Council local government area and prepare a Local Heritage Register.

2. What sections of the QHA are particularly applicable to Local Heritage Places?

Part 11 of the QHA contains provisions about places of cultural heritage significance in local government areas. Section 8 and Schedule 2 of the Queensland Heritage Regulation 2003 (QHR) are also applicable to Local Heritage Places.

The QHA can be viewed at:

www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/CURRENT/Q/QldHeritageA92.pdf

The QHR can be viewed at:

www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/CURRENT/Q/QldHeritageR03.pdf

3. Why identify places of heritage significance?

Heritage places are important for a number of reasons; they can provide a tangible connection to the past, form an important part of a community's identity and act as records that reflect traditions, history and values. Some places that are valued by a community are appreciated by others in the wider community as well - there are heritage places that are deemed to be of international, national or State importance, with others being of special value at a regional or local level.

4. How is the register compiled?

The places on the Local Heritage Register have, to date, been drawn from existing planning scheme provisions, heritage studies, inventories and data held by Council. However, regard has and will be had to the input of Council's Heritage Advisory Committee and consultation with local historians and interest groups, in addition to submissions lodged by members of the public or other entities.

5. Criteria for entry into the Local Heritage Register

In Queensland, the QHA criteria are accepted as best practice and reflect the values used by all heritage bodies and professionals throughout Australia. As the criteria also reflect the key values expressed in the Burra Charter, they are applicable to a range of heritage contexts, including at



a local or regional level. The QHA criteria were adapted for use to determine the significance of places recommended for entry on the Local Heritage Register. The criteria are as follows:

- A** - The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of the region's history
- B** - The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of the region's cultural heritage
- C** - The place has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the region's history
- D** - The place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of cultural places important to the region
- E** - The place is important to the region because of its aesthetic significance
- F** - The place is important in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period for the region
- G** - The place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons important to the region
- H** - The place has a special association with the life or work of a particular person, group or organisation of importance in the region's history

6. What does the Local Heritage Register mean?

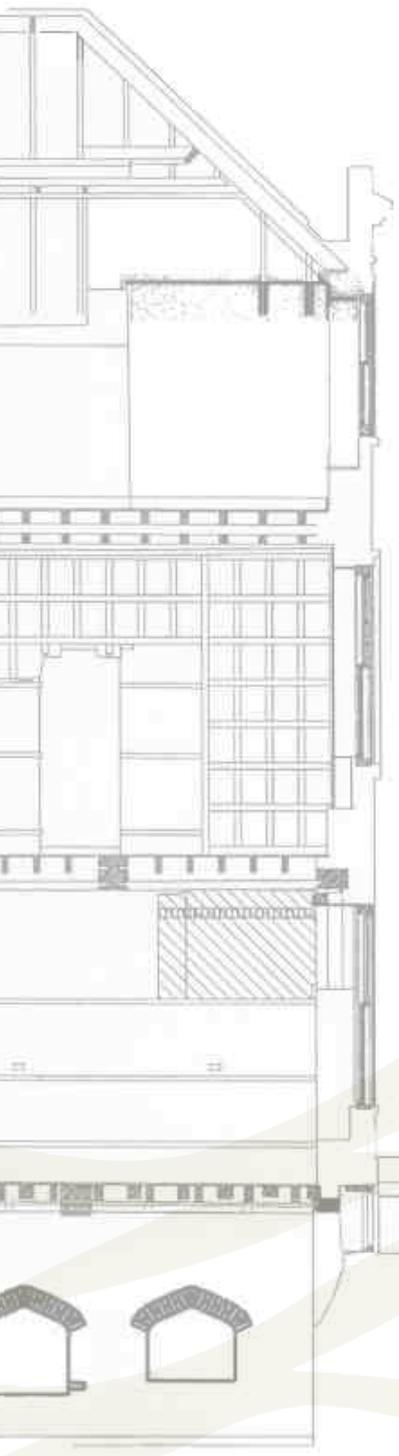
The Local Heritage Register will provide a level of protection for heritage places within the Fraser Coast Regional Council area, whilst recognising the changing times and the need to provide flexibility and adaptability with regard to their ongoing use.

Applications may be required to be lodged with Council for development to occur at a heritage place. Property owners/developers of a heritage place should contact Council as part of their initial planning process. In the vast majority of instances solutions can be arrived at which facilitate or enable development at a heritage place while retaining the heritage significance of that place.

7. Where do I obtain further information?

An electronic copy of the Local Heritage Register (including places proposed to be entered), place cards and additional fact sheets (frequently asked questions and processes for lodging a submission to the Fraser Coast Local Heritage Register) can be viewed or downloaded from Council's website at www.frasercoast.qld.gov.au by following the links Your Community/Local Heritage Register.

Hard copies of the documentation are available for viewing at Council's Customer Service Centres located at Hervey Bay (77 Tavistock Street, Torquay), Maryborough (431-433 Kent Street, Maryborough) and Tiaro (Tiaro Library, Forgan Terrace).



If you would like more information on the Fraser Coast Regional Council Local Heritage Register, phone Council's Planning Technical Officer on 1300 794 929.