

What is your role in heritage protection?

We can all play a part in protecting our precious heritage.

Not everything we value can be protected by government legislation, but this does not mean it is not significant to us. Protection of our heritage can be enabled by individual and community involvement. It all starts with you!

What to do to help protect our heritage

- Walk around your local area and take note of what makes your neighbourhood special.
- Learn about Victorian heritage through the Victorian Heritage Database.
- Talk to others and fact check the common misconceptions about heritage. Heritage protection starts with spreading the right information.
- Respect your community spaces – often shared places such as schools, halls and markets are of heritage value.
- Participate in council consultation on heritage matters when the opportunity arises.
- Visit heritage sites throughout Victoria and learn more about the history of your state.
- Contact your local council if you see a problem with a heritage place, or to ask questions about your own property.
- Report any discoveries of historical archaeological sites or shipwrecks to Heritage Victoria.
- Read local heritage studies which can be found in local libraries or from your local council.
- Become a member of, or volunteer your time with, organisations such as the National Trust or join a local history society or group.
- Own, adapt, renovate, or restore a heritage property with the guidance of heritage specialists to maintain its heritage values.
- Nominate a place or object to be included in the Victorian Heritage Register if you think it meets one or more criteria for state-level significance.
- Donate to not-for-profit heritage protection organisations.

Heritage belongs to all of us. We need to protect it, because if we don't, it's lost forever.



For more information about Victorian heritage and how it is protected, see all the resources from the Heritage Information Pack, at heritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/heritage-protection/heritage_info_pack/

