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## THE MUNICIPAL INVENTORY OF HERITAGE PLACES

### What is the Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places?

A Municipal Inventory of Heritage Places (MI) is a list of buildings and places that, in the opinion of the City, are, or may become, of 'cultural heritage significance'. All Local Authorities are required under section 45 of the *'Heritage of Western Australia Act 1990'* to prepare such a list.

The City of Albany has previously prepared and adopted its Municipal Inventory in June 2001, and is available for purchase.

### What Does This Listing Mean for my Property?

Having your property registered on our Municipal Inventory means that Council has recognised the property's heritage importance to the City of Albany. The Heritage Council of WA has a pamphlet (attached) which explains this in detail.

This information pack will expand on what are the benefits of having your property identified in Council's Municipal Inventory.

### How was my Property Identified as Having Heritage Significance?

Cultural heritage significance of a place is determined on the basis of values identified in the Heritage Act. Values can include aesthetic, historic, social and economic importance to the community.

Places identified on the City of Albany's Municipal Inventory were included following a historical report and a street survey of the City. The places identified on the basis of their contribution to the historic, aesthetic and social significance of Albany as a whole. Over 200 places have been identified because they collectively represent the historical evaluation of Albany and its surrounds.

Each property identified has been assigned into a particular Management Category to recognise their overall importance to the community.

### Can I Make Changes to my Property or Building?

Inclusion on the Inventory does not prevent further development of a property, nor modifications or extensions to an existing building. However, it is recommended that any changes or new development respect the significant details of the place and be sympathetic to its heritage values.

Further development of a property or modifications/extensions to an existing building, may require a Heritage Assessment/Impact Statement to be prepared prior to any approvals being issued by Council.

It is recommended that when considering any development to a Municipal Inventory listed property or building, that Council's Planning Team be contacted prior to any formal applications being lodged. Council employs the services of a Regional Heritage Advisor who will provide, free of charge, comment on any proposal you may have. Together, we can work to achieve the best possible outcome for all parties concerned.

## **What are the Management Categories and What do They Mean?**

Places are allocated to a Management Category in order to assist the Council, should a development application be received for that property. The following headings are the Management Categories:

### **Category A+**

- Already recognised at the highest level – the WA State Register of Heritage Places. Redevelopment requires consultation with the Heritage Council of WA and the City of Albany.
- Provide maximum encouragement to the owner under the City of Albany Town Planning Scheme to conserve the significance of the place.
- Incentives to promote heritage conservation should be considered.

### **Category A**

- Worthy of the highest level of protection. Recommended for entry into the State Register of Heritage Places which gives legal protection.
- Provide maximum encouragement to the owner under the City of Albany Town Planning Scheme to conserve the significance of the place.
- Development requires consultation with the City of Albany and the Albany Heritage Advisor.
- A more detailed Heritage Assessment/Impact Statement to be undertaken before approval given for any additional or redevelopment
- Incentives to promote heritage conservation should be considered.

### **Category B**

- Requires a high level of protection.
- Provide maximum encouragement to the owner under the City of Albany Town Planning Scheme to conserve the significance of the place.
- A more detailed Heritage Assessment/Impact Statement to be undertaken before approval given for any major redevelopment.
- Incentives to promote heritage conservation should be considered.

### **Category C**

- Retain and conserve if possible.
- Make every endeavour to conserve the significance of the place through the provisions of the City of Albany Town Planning Scheme.
- A more detailed Heritage Assessment/Impact Statement to be undertaken before approval given for any development.
- Photographically record the place prior to any development.

### **Category D**

- Significant but not essential to an understanding of the history of the district.
- Photographically record the place prior to any major redevelopment or demolition.

## **Category E**

- Historic site with few or no built features.
- Recognise for example with a plaque, place name, or reflection in urban or architectural design.

## **What is a Heritage Assessment/Impact Statement?**

This is a brief, independent evaluation by an architect or other professional experienced in heritage conservation. It is not to be confused with a Conservation Plan, which is a more extensive, detailed and costly document.

## **Is Demolition Prohibited?**

Generally, Council will not support the demolition of places or buildings listed on the Municipal Inventory where the Management Category is either an A+, A, B or C.

Those places or buildings with a Management Category of D may be demolished where a satisfactory photographic record has been prepared.

## **Will the City of Albany Contribute to the Upkeep of My Property?**

The City of Albany does not contribute to the normal maintenance of properties listed on the Municipal Inventory. However, funding may be available through the Heritage Council of WA or Lotteries Commission Grant Programs.

## **Does This Affect the Subdivision Potential of My Property?**

Inclusion on the Municipal Inventory does not normally affect subdivision potential. However, if a place is included in the Municipal Inventory, then special consideration may be given to protecting the heritage setting value of the place as part of the subdivision process.

***This information pack has been prepared with the assistance of the City of Subiaco and the Heritage Council of WA.***

## **More Information ....**

Should you have any questions or require any further information, please contact a member of the Development Services Team by either phoning on 9841 9383, by email [planning@albany.wa.gov.au](mailto:planning@albany.wa.gov.au) or in person at the City Offices.

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