



INFORMATION FOR PEOPLE CONSIDERING JOINING THE HERITAGE COUNCIL

The Tasmanian Heritage Council is a 15 member statutory body appointed by the Government to implement the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995 (the Act)*.

Membership of the Heritage Council consists of a number of technical experts and representatives of specific community organisations named in the Act.

State Cabinet makes all decisions on appointments to the Heritage Council on the advice of Peter Gutwein MP, Minister for the Environment, Parks and Heritage.

Membership of the Heritage Council is usually for a term of up to three-years.

The Heritage Council's role is to promote the identification, assessment, protection and conservation of places of historic cultural heritage significance to Tasmania.

It does this by entering places of State significance to the Tasmanian Heritage Register and applying a development control process to protect their historic heritage values.

The Heritage Council has broad functions and powers, outlined in Section 7 of the Act, and uses a Strategic Plan (2018-2023) to prioritise and guide its work in these areas.

It meets for half a day on the third Wednesday of every second month, and according to need. When required, it may conduct some business out-of-session, via email.

Most of its meetings are held in Hobart, with regional visits and meetings also usually conducted in May and September. Travel allowances are payable, where due.

Members receive an annual sitting (paid fortnightly) in accordance with a Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPAC) Sizing Statement for the Heritage Council.

The Heritage Council has two committees that enable it to consider strategic and policy development matters in more detail. Sitting fees are payable for these meetings.

Vacancies that arise periodically on the Heritage Council are usually filled in one of two ways: i) representative bodies are asked to nominate up to three candidates who are interested and they consider are suitable to fill the vacancy; and ii) vacancies for all other positions are usually advertised in Tasmania's three regional newspapers.

Those interested are asked to provide a curriculum vitae that provides two referees and a statement that outlines knowledge, skills or experience of relevance to the position, including previous experience in contemporary governance and statutory decision-making.

For further information you can go to www.heritage.tas.gov.au or contact Felicity Britten (Executive Officer) or Pete Smith (Director) at Heritage Tasmania on 616 53700.
