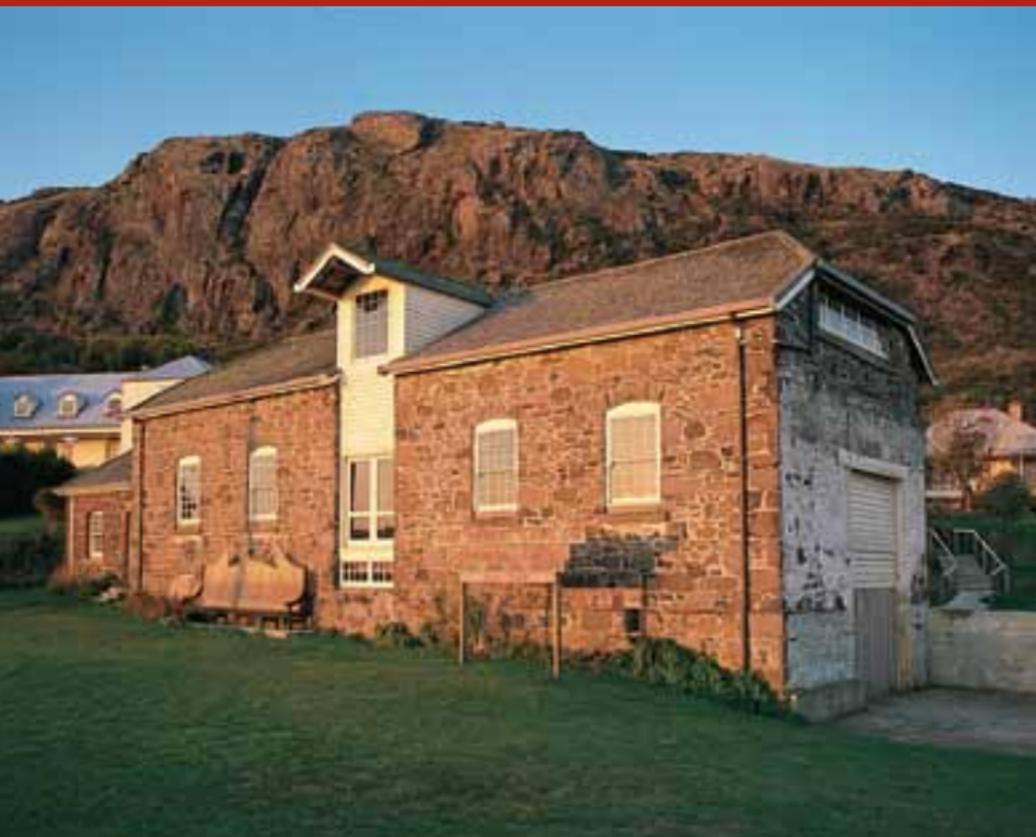


Understanding historic heritage



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Historic heritage places represent different things to different people.



Grand buildings, quaint streetscapes, cultural landscapes, ordinary cottages inhabited by extraordinary people, all are part of our historic heritage.

Ruins, gardens, churches, cemeteries, meeting halls, schools, industries and shipwrecks also add to the unique and rich mix of places.

They are the strong visual signs of our history which with moveable heritage artefacts and oral histories build a complete picture of our past.

Together they tell the story of who we are and how we have grown. They tell a story of changing ideas and values, tastes and interests. They highlight the economic booms and busts, and remind us of important people, social events and times.

They help to define our state's identity and our community's sense of place.



Conserving heritage

By conserving significant examples of our historic heritage we protect those places which are important to us.



For local communities, heritage places provide a link to the past, provide a strong social base, establish identity and differentiate one suburb or town from another.

They can also contribute to our state and local economy, particularly in supporting tourism activities.

Each generation has a responsibility to protect and conserve our heritage. Our actions today will shape our heritage for future generations to enjoy.

When conserving and managing heritage places our actions must follow the Burra Charter (www.icomos.org/australia).



Protecting heritage

Heritage owners and community members want to protect historic heritage places.



People seek to protect a place because of its look, feel and charm, and for the place's values.

Formal protection measures can be achieved by nominating a heritage place for listing on a heritage register. Listing may result from a nomination from the owner, a member of the public, or a professional heritage survey.

Heritage registers list those places recognised as being of great value to current and future generations. There are many registers that help to distinguish the level of significance of a place, and a place may be on more than one list:

- World Heritage – www.unesco.org – for places with special universal values above and beyond the values they hold for a particular nation
- National Heritage – www.environment.gov.au – for natural, Aboriginal and historic places of value to our nation as a whole
- Tasmanian Heritage – www.heritage.tas.gov.au – for heritage places that are significant to Tasmania
- Local Heritage – contact your local council – who may hold a list of locally significant heritage places.



Finding out more

There are many players involved in supporting Tasmania's historic heritage



At the state level there are two main bodies.

The **Tasmanian Heritage Council** is the State's independent decision making body on historic heritage. It is responsible for administering the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995*, including the Tasmanian Heritage Register.

Heritage Tasmania is a business unit of the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment. It is responsible for coordinating historic heritage activity for the State Government, and supporting the work of the Heritage Council and the heritage sector.

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