



## **Local Heritage Grants Program 2009-2010 Guidelines**

### **What is the Local Heritage Grants Program?**

In association with the Heritage Branch of the NSW Department of Planning, Yass Valley Council is pleased to provide a Local Heritage Grants Program to assist owners to undertake conservation works to heritage buildings or places within the local government area.

### **Who is eligible for funding?**

Funding is available for conservation works on heritage properties and places in the Yass Valley Council local government area by individuals or community groups. Previous successful applicants are also eligible to apply for ongoing funding.

### **What types of projects may be funded?**

The program will fund physical conservation works that enhance the heritage values of private, public and commercial buildings, properties or places in the Yass Valley. Conservation work can involve both restoration and maintenance works, and could include:

- Structural works that will extend the life of a building;
- Reconstruction or restoration of the original details such as windows, verandahs and fences;
- Painting in sympathetic colours;
- Repair or replacement of roofing, guttering and drainage; or
- Removal of inappropriate alterations or additions (eg verandah infill, aluminium windows etc).

**What types of projects will not be funded?**

Funding will generally not be provided for the following projects: where assistance is available from another source; where substantial assistance has been previously provided, or where the applicant has yet to complete other assisted projects; the purchase of a building, site or movable item; a new addition to a heritage building; work on a relocated building; work on a government-owned building still used for a government purpose.

**Level of funding available:**

Each year Yass Valley Council receives dollar for dollar funding from the NSW Heritage Office. In 2009-2010, \$17,000 is available in the Local Heritage Grants Fund.

Generally, grants to individuals are in the \$500 to \$2,000 range up to a maximum of 50% of the proposed cost of works.

Due to the competitive nature of the program, Yass Valley Council may not be able fully fund the requested amount and may offer a smaller grant instead.

**Assessment criteria:**

In assessing applications, Yass Valley Council will consider:

- Heritage significance of the place for which the grant is being sought
- Ability to undertake the work to a suitable conservation standard
- Whether the project will encourage other conservation work
- Degree of visibility to the public
- Extent of previous funding
- Ability to complete the project within an appropriate timeframe
- Evidence of tradesmen's or supplier's quotes

Payment of the grant is upon satisfactory completion of the work.

## **How does the Local Heritage Grants Fund operate?**

### **1. Make an application for a local heritage grant**

- Complete and lodge the application form with the requested information by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009.
- You may wish to contact the Council's Heritage Adviser to discuss the details of your proposal. This is a free service. To make an appointment, please contact Yass Valley Council on 6226 1477.

### **2. Application assessment by Yass Valley Council**

- The applications will be assessed by Council officers and Council's Heritage Advisor in August 2009.
- Successful applicants will be advised in late August 2009.

### **3. Applicants to undertake proposed conservation works**

- Applicants have until the end of April 2010 to complete proposed works. Funding cannot be carried into the 2010-2011 financial year.
- Should you be unable to undertake the proposed works, you are required to advise Yass Valley Council.

### **4. Completion of proposed conservation works**

- Following completion of the proposed conservation works, applicants are required to submit a Local Heritage Grants Fund Completion Report to Yass Valley Council to enable payment of the grant.

## **Further information**

For further information about the Yass Valley Council Local Heritage Grants program please contact Eloise Lobsey, Trainee Strategic Planner on 6226 1477 or [Eloise.Lobsey@yass.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Eloise.Lobsey@yass.nsw.gov.au).