

the state Heritage Register

IDENTIFYING OUR SPECIAL
HERITAGE PLACES

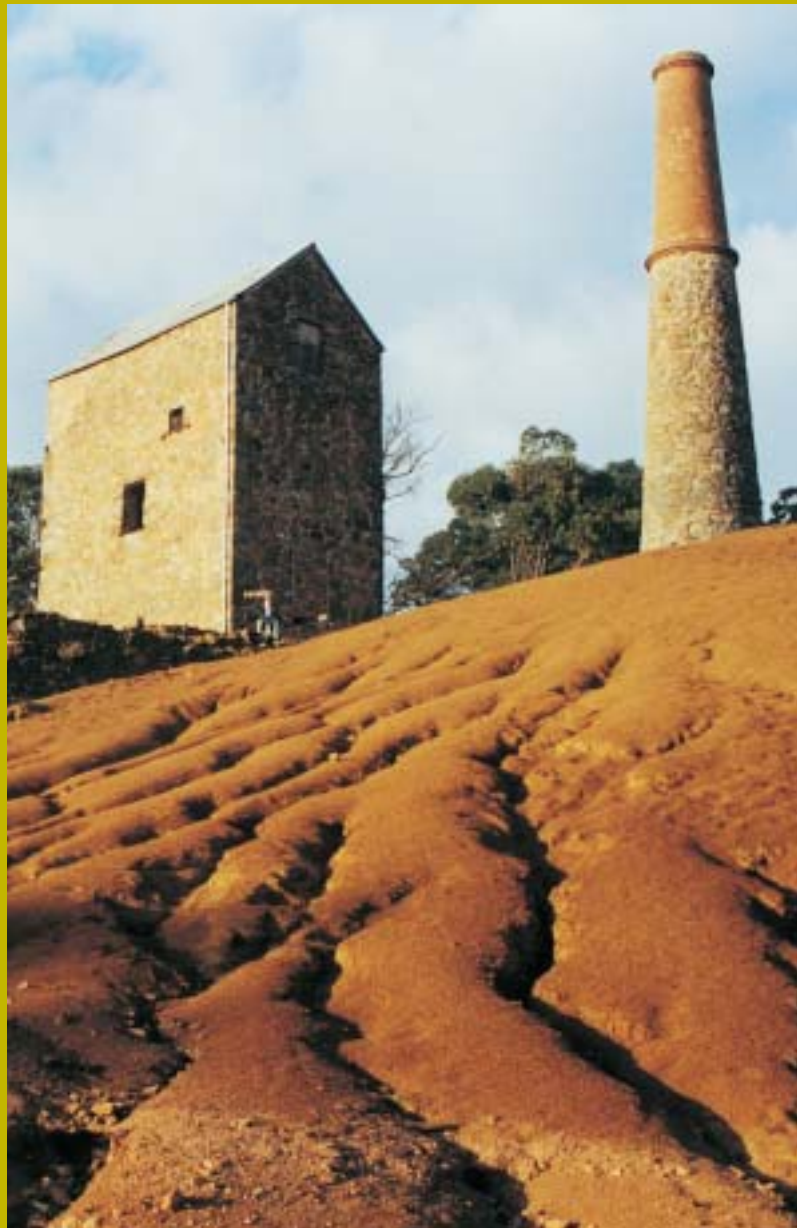
WHAT DOES LISTING MEAN?

HOW ARE ITEMS LISTED?

VIEW INFORMATION ON
PROPOSED ITEMS

SEARCH THE STATE HERITAGE
REGISTER

CRITERIA FOR LISTING



THE STATE HERITAGE REGISTER IS A LIST OF HERITAGE ITEMS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF NSW. THERE ARE OVER 1,500 PLACES AND OBJECTS LISTED ON THE STATE HERITAGE REGISTER, IN BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.



Members of the Heritage Council of NSW.
Photograph by Paramount Studios

The Heritage Council is appointed by the NSW Government to:

- provide advice on heritage matters to the Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning;
- recommend items of State significance for listing on the State Heritage Register;
- recommend the interim protection of potential heritage items so that an assessment of their significance can be made;
- determine proposed changes to items on the State Heritage Register to retain the items' heritage significance; and
- advise the community on heritage.

The State Heritage Register includes items as diverse as houses, shops, factories, gardens, bridges, monuments, Aboriginal sites, trains, collections, ruins, archaeological relics, shipwrecks and even entire suburbs.

All these different kinds of historical evidence and remains provide information to help us understand our past. It is not only grand mansions or well-known public buildings that need to be conserved for future generations.

IDENTIFYING OUR SPECIAL HERITAGE PLACES

The Heritage Council works with the community, as well as local councils and government agencies, to identify NSW's most significant heritage places and objects.

To be eligible for listing on the State Heritage Register, a place or object must be **important for the whole of NSW**.

Heritage items may be valued by particular groups in the community, such as Aboriginal communities, religious groups or people with a common ethnic background.

Items are added to the register by the Minister responsible for heritage, following a recommendation from the Heritage Council of NSW.

The Heritage Council has developed *Criteria for Listing on the State Heritage Register* to help guide decisions about whether an item is of State heritage significance. (See back page for a list of the criteria.)

Heritage items can also be of local heritage significance. Local heritage items are listed in heritage schedules to local councils' local environmental plans (LEPs). For more information on a local heritage item, contact your local council.



The State Heritage Register includes items of particular importance to specific groups. For over 100 years the Yiu Ming Temple in Alexandria has been central to the lives of some of Sydney's Chinese community.

Photograph by Karl Zhao

WHAT DOES LISTING MEAN?

Listing on the State Heritage Register means that a place or object:

- is of particular importance to the people of NSW and enriches our understanding of our history and identity;
- is legally protected as a heritage item under the *NSW Heritage Act 1977*;
- requires approval from the Heritage Council of NSW for major changes;
- is eligible for financial incentives.

HOW ARE ITEMS LISTED?

The listing process has been designed to allow for a high level of community involvement. Any person, owner, community or organisation can nominate a place to be considered for listing on the State Heritage Register.

When a place or item is suggested for listing, the following steps are taken:

1. The nominated item is considered by the Heritage Council;
2. If there is enough evidence for the item to be proposed for listing, the Heritage Council immediately informs the owner and lessees and any other affected parties;
3. Everyone then has the opportunity to comment on whether the item should be listed on the register. The Heritage Council advertises in local newspapers that it is going to consider the item for listing and the community has at least 14 days, and often longer, in which to provide comments;
4. The Heritage Council decides whether or not to recommend the listing of the item on the State Heritage Register to the Minister, based on an assessment of its heritage significance and taking into account the submissions received from the public;
5. If the Minister agrees with the Heritage Council's recommendation, the item is listed on the State Heritage Register;
6. The new listing is published in the next available *NSW Government Gazette*, which is published weekly. The listing takes effect from the date of the gazettal.



Brownlow Hill, near Camden, was recently added to the State Heritage Register as a rare surviving example of a colonial farming estate.

Photograph by Colleen Morris

VIEW INFORMATION ON PROPOSED ITEMS

When an item is being considered for heritage listing, a careful assessment is made of its integrity, history and significance. This information is available to everyone via the Heritage Office website.

Owners of properties which are being considered are also welcome to view the report that the Heritage Office prepares for the consideration of the Heritage Council. Owners can use this opportunity to check the factual information in the report and submit any corrections.

SEARCH THE STATE HERITAGE REGISTER

Access the State Heritage Register through the Heritage Office website at www.heritage.nsw.gov.au.

You can use the website to:

- search for an item on the online State Heritage Register. You can search by the name of the item or by the name of a street or suburb anywhere in NSW;
- view heritage items mapped across regions or towns, or zoom in close to view the boundary of an individual item;
- download a nomination form for a new heritage item;
- have your say on a proposal to list an item by making a submission;
- find out which items have been recently listed on the register.

Alternatively, you can contact the Heritage Office on (02) 9873 8500 for further information.

All kinds of historical evidence and remains provide information to help us understand our past ... not only grand mansions or well-known public buildings need to be conserved.



CRITERIA FOR LISTING

Items listed on the State Heritage Register must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- (a) an item is important in the course, or pattern, of NSW's cultural or natural history;
- (b) an item has strong or special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in NSW's cultural or natural history;
- (c) an item is important in demonstrating aesthetic characteristics and/or a high degree of creative or technical achievement in NSW;
- (d) an item has strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group in NSW for social, cultural or spiritual reasons;
- (e) an item has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of NSW's cultural or natural history;
- (f) an item possesses uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of NSW's cultural or natural history;
- (g) an item is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of NSW's:
 - cultural or natural places; or
 - cultural or natural environments.

An item is not to be excluded from the register on the ground that items with similar characteristics have already been listed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION SEE THE OTHER GUIDELINES IN THIS SERIES:

- 1 The Role of the Heritage Council
- 3 The Approvals Process
- 4 Presentations to the Heritage Council

NSW HERITAGE OFFICE

3 Marist Place, Parramatta, NSW
Locked Bag 5020, Parramatta, NSW 2124

Tel: (02) 9873 8500

Fax: (02) 9873 8599

www.heritage.nsw.gov.au

Email: heritageoffice@heritage.nsw.gov.au

Cover: Cadia Hill Engine House, with its striking evidence of 19th gold mining operations near Orange, is one of the most important industrial heritage sites in NSW and is listed on the State Heritage Register.

Photograph by Alf Mancigli, Gecko Photographics