21.11 HERITAGE

21.11-1 Overview

Council is committed to promoting the preservation and enhancement of cultural heritage assets in the municipality. A high priority will be placed on initiatives that seek the retention and effective management of buildings, places, precincts, trees and landscapes of cultural heritage significance. Council will continue to identify cultural heritage assets and broaden the community's understanding and involvement in the protection, promotion and future conservation of these assets. The challenge will be to effectively manage pressures to develop sites of cultural heritage significance and encourage the retention of heritage fabric in development proposals.

21.11-2 Key issues, objectives, strategies and implementation

The key issues relating to heritage together with the objectives, strategies and implementation measures are set out below.

Key issue 1

- Adequate recognition of the cultural heritage assets of the municipality.

Objectives

- To recognise and protect the cultural heritage of the municipality.
- To increase community awareness of and knowledge about the municipality's history and heritage.

Strategies

Strategies to achieve these objectives include:

- Identify and assess the cultural significance of heritage places.
- Encourage and initiate further studies and research into aspects of the municipality's history and heritage.
- Disseminate information to the public about local heritage.

Implementation

These strategies will be implemented by:

Policy and exercise of discretion

- Having regard to the Warrandyte Township Heritage Guidelines (1993) which assess the heritage contribution, identify relevant guidelines and offer recommendations for every building in the heritage area of Warrandyte.
- Referring applications to the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) where properties are recorded or classified by the National Trust.
- Referring applications to a heritage adviser as required.

- Using local policy to recognise and protect local cultural heritage assets *(Cultural heritage policy, Clause 22.03).*
- Ensuring that proposals for the use and development of land do not jeopardise the integrity of cultural heritage assets.

Zones and overlays

- Applying the Heritage Overlay to give effect to findings of heritage studies where heritage places are of local significance or above.
- Applying the Vegetation Protection Overlay where appropriate.
- Applying the Heritage Overlay as an interim measure to protect identified heritage assets while sites are being assessed through the planning scheme amendment process.

Further strategic work

- Conducting new studies aimed at identifying, assessing and protecting heritage fabric.
- Completing Manningham Heritage Guidelines.

Other actions

- Supporting preparation of new conservation plans through the Heritage Restoration Fund.
- Implementing the City of Doncaster and Templestowe Heritage Study (1991), Doncaster and Templestowe Heritage Study – Additional Heritage Research (1994) and the Wonga Park Heritage Study – Report on Stages 1 and 2 (1996), and the City of Doncaster and Templestowe the Archaeological Survey of Aboriginal Sites (1991) to ensure that there is adequate recognition of the cultural heritage assests of the municipality.
- Publishing and distributing information on the municipality's history and heritage, including interpretative material.
- Investigating further opportunities to promote heritage assets of the municipality.
- Implementing individual property Conservation Management Plans and Heritage Management Plans.
- Having regard for the Commitment to Indigenous People by the Cities of Banyule, Manningham and Whitehorse (1998) to recognise and support the indigenous members of our community, their habitation of the land, history, diversity and strength of their cultures and spiritual relationship with land and water.
- Having regard for the Report on the Significance of the Layout of the Front Garden and of the Box Hedges at 131 High Street Doncaster (1991).

Key issue 2

- Pressure to develop or demolish places of cultural and heritage value.

Objectives

- To protect and enhance the cultural heritage of the community by the retention of culturally significant buildings, places, precincts, trees and landscapes.

Strategies

Strategies to achieve this objective include:

- Encourage the retention of heritage fabric in development proposals.
- Encourage appropriate use of heritage assets in keeping with its heritage value.
- Co-ordinate public and private efforts towards conservation.
- Consider the use of incentives to encourage retention of heritage fabric.

Implementation

These strategies will be implemented by:

Policy and exercise of discretion

- Having regard to the Warrandyte Township Heritage Guidelines (1993) which assess the heritage contribution, identify relevant guidelines and offer recommendations for every building in the heritage area of Warrandyte.
- Using local policy to recognise and protect local cultural heritage assets *(Cultural heritage policy, Clause 22.03).*
- Seeking advice from National Trust of Australia (Victoria) where properties are recorded or classified by the National Trust.
- Seeking advice from a heritage adviser, as required.

Zones and overlays

- Applying the Heritage Overlay to protect heritage fabric of local significance or above.

Further strategic work

- Developing guidelines to encourage appropriate forms of development.
- Assessing the incremental impact of development proposals on the integrity of places having cultural and heritage value.
- Investigating use of further incentives including rate relief and a planning scheme amendment, where appropriate, that may allow land uses taking into account:
  - Affect on amenity of adjacent properties.
  - Compatibility with heritage principles.
  - Effect on long term viability of heritage property.
  - Need for a heritage management plan.
- Seeking interim controls to protect additional heritage assets identified where appropriate.
- Completing the Manningham heritage guidelines.

Other actions

- Implementing individual property Conservation Management Plans and Heritage Management Plans.
- Continuing the use of incentives including Heritage Advisory Service and Heritage Restoration Fund.

- Implementing the City of Doncaster and Templestowe Heritage Study (1991), Doncaster and Templestowe Heritage Study – Additional Heritage Research (1994) and the Wonga Park Heritage Study – Report on Stages 1 and 2 (1996), the City of Doncaster and Templestowe the Archaeological Survey of Aboriginal Sites (1991) to ensure adequate recognition and protection is given to cultural heritage assets of Manningham.

Key issue 3

- Development pressures which change the character of an area and impact on the significance of heritage assets and precincts.

Objectives

- To recognise the value of identified heritage precincts.
- To minimise impacts on heritage assets as a result of changes to adjoining land uses.

Strategies

Strategies to achieve these objectives include:

- Maintain and enhance the special character of the Warrandyte Township.
- Maintain and enhance other heritage precincts.

Implementation

These strategies will be implemented by:

Policy and exercise of discretion

- Having regard to the Warrandyte Township Heritage Guidelines (1993) which assess the heritage contribution, identify relevant guidelines and offer recommendations for every building in the heritage area of Warrandyte.
- Using local policy to recognise and protect local cultural heritage assets *(Cultural heritage policy, Clause 22.03).*
- Seeking advice from National Trust of Australia (Victoria) where properties are recorded or classified by the National Trust.
- Seeking advice from a heritage adviser as required.
- Ensuring that proposals for the use and development of land do not jeopardise the integrity of cultural heritage assets and precincts.

Zones and overlays

- Applying the Heritage Overlay to protect heritage fabric of local significance or above.

Further strategic work

- Seeking interim controls to protect additional heritage assets identified where appropriate.
- Completing Manningham heritage guidelines.

Other actions

- Continuing the use of incentives including Heritage Advisory Service and Heritage Restoration Fund.
- Implementing individual property Conservation Management Plans and Heritage Management Plans.
- Implementing the City of Doncaster and Templestowe Heritage Study (1991), Doncaster and Templestowe Heritage Study – Additional Heritage Research (1994) and the Wonga Park Heritage Study – Report on Stages 1 and 2 (1996), the City of Doncaster and Templestowe the Archaeological Survey of Aboriginal Sites (1991) to ensure adequate recognition and protection is given to cultural heritage assets of Manningham.

Key issue 4

- Cost to maintain and enhance historical assets versus the opportunity to obtain the highest return on the land value.

Objectives

- To protect, manage and enhance cultural heritage assets, including buildings, places, precincts, trees and landscapes.

Strategies

Strategies to achieve this objective include:

- Encourage initiatives that preserve and enhance Manningham's cultural heritage assets.
- Encourage the retention and use of heritage fabric in development proposals.
- Encourage ongoing maintenance and preservation of heritage assets.
- Protect and enhance the unique pine tree character of the Old Warrandyte Road Heritage Precinct.
- Protect and enhance the unique heritage values of the Warrandyte Township Heritage Precinct and Warrandyte Township Heritage Area Extension Precinct.

Implementation

These strategies will be implemented by:

Policy and exercise of discretion

- Having regard to the Warrandyte Township Heritage Guidelines (1993) which assess the heritage contribution, identify relevant guidelines and offer recommendations for every building in the heritage area of Warrandyte.
- Using local policy to recognise and protect local cultural heritage assets *(Cultural heritage policy, Clause 22.03).*
- Seeking advice from National Trust of Australia (Victoria) where properties are recorded or classified by the National Trust.
- Seeking advice from a heritage adviser as required.

Zones and overlays

- Applying the Heritage Overlay to protect heritage fabric of local significance or above.

Further strategic work

- Providing access to heritage advice, planning and other positive forms of assistance and incentives.
- Investigating methods by which Council can enforce maintenance of heritage places.
- Assessing the incremental impact of development proposals on the integrity of heritage assets.
- Seeking interim controls to protect additional heritage assets identified where appropriate.
- Completing Manningham heritage guidelines.

Other actions

- Implementing individual property Conservation Management Plans and Heritage Management Plans.
- Continuing the use of incentives including Heritage Advisory Service and Heritage Restoration Fund.
- Continuing implementation of the Heritage Restoration Fund.
- Implementing the City of Doncaster and Templestowe Heritage Study (1991), Doncaster and Templestowe Heritage Study – Additional Heritage Research (1994) and the Wonga Park Heritage Study – Report on Stages 1 and 2 (1996), the City of Doncaster and Templestowe the Archaeological Survey of Aboriginal Sites (1991) to ensure adequate recognition and protection is given to cultural heritage assets of Manningham.
- Implementing the Review of the Pine Ridge and Surrounding Area and The Future Management of Pines and Cypress Trees in the City of Manningham (1996) which establishes the condition, level of visual and heritage significance for these plantings and makes recommendations for maintenance and management practices.
- Implementing the City of Manningham Pine and Cypress Tree Information Kit (1998) which provides guidelines for the maintenance and management practices for pine and cypress trees.