



POLICY MANUAL

Policy title:	HERITAGE POLICY
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Objective:	To maintain and enhance the natural and cultural heritage values of Lismore LGA.
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This policy applies to all sections within Council having an impact on cultural and natural heritage. Heritage consists of those places and objects that we as a community have inherited from the past and want to hand on to future generations. LCC currently has 109 heritage items listed in Schedule 1 of the LEP, 6 heritage conservation areas, and 45 known aboriginal heritage sites as described by DEC. This policy has 3 objectives. These are:

1. To improve Council's awareness and management of local Aboriginal heritage

The management of Aboriginal heritage is a complex issue, as information regarding culturally important landscapes, sites and items is held by a variety of stakeholders and this information is often sensitive. Aboriginal heritage requires consideration in day-to-day Council activities, however it appears that information pathways are not well used or understood.

Strategies for implementation

- a) Develop protocols and establish contacts for consultation with Aboriginal groups.
- b) Train relevant staff in protocols and relevant information pathways for example the NSW NPWS (DEC) register of Aboriginal sites and artefacts.
- c) Develop a Wilsons River Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan in consultation with local Aboriginal community.
- d) Support the Bundjalung Mapping Project.

2. To conserve and protect local heritage

Council's 1994/95 heritage study used a 'windscreen survey' approach to develop an inventory of local, regional and state significant heritage items for the Lismore LGA. The inventory exists in 6 paperback volumes and is difficult to access. Providing information on locally significant heritage in a digital format will increase access for council staff, industry and the community.

Strategies for implementation

- a) Link heritage study information with councils GIS database to increase staff, industry and community access;
- b) Develop a process for identifying and documenting significant trees and
- c) Include details of heritage items as indicators in State of the Environment reports.

3. To promote and educate the community of the benefits of heritage management

Lismore has a wealth of heritage values which need to be included in the suite of attractions to the Lismore area, and considered for commercial ventures. The Lismore community itself should be aware of this heritage, and have a capacity to manage it.

Strategies for implementation

- a) Improve links between EDU, Tourism and Council to promote Lismore's natural and cultural heritage values, including the heritage trail, heritage week and other commercial ventures.
- b) Develop guidelines for the better management of heritage items, and a contacts list of qualified tradespeople.