

Media Release

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LIVING HERITAGE GRANT APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

The Andrews Labor Government is continuing to protect Victoria's precious heritage landmarks and buildings with another round of grants now open under the \$60 million *Living Heritage Program*.

The 2021 grants range from \$20,000 to \$200,000 for projects that restore at risk heritage places and objects on the Victorian Heritage Register.

The *Living Heritage Program* is now in its sixth year and delivers critical repair and restoration works to safeguard the state's rich and diverse heritage while supporting traditional trades and increasing tourism opportunities.

Since its inception, the program has funded more than 145 projects across the state, including Blunt's Boatyard in Williamstown, the Ballarat Mechanics Institute, the Yurunga historic homestead in Rainbow, the former Bendigo Gas Works, All Saints Church, Hall and former Vicarage in St Kilda and Napier Waller House in Ivanhoe.

The *Living Heritage Program* is the largest State Government investment in heritage in Victoria's history.

Applications are open to local councils, community and not-for-profit organisation and Committees of Management.

Matched funding is also available for places of worship and, in some instances, heritage places and objects in private ownership where a broader community benefit can be demonstrated.

Application for the round five of the *Living Heritage Program* open on Monday 17 February, with \$7 million available over the next three years for at risk places on the Victorian Heritage Register.

Applications for round six of the *Living Heritage Program* are now open until Friday 26 March and Round 7 will open early next year.

For more information or to apply for the grant program visit heritage.vic.gov.au/grants/living-heritage-program.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Planning Richard Wynne

"This program acknowledges our state's rich and diverse history, enriching local communities and providing a range of social, economic and cultural benefits."

"We're safeguarding our precious and valuable heritage – investing in our rich past and ensuring it's protected for current and future generations to enjoy."