

 <p>WHANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL Te Kaunihera a Rohe o Whanganui</p>	<p>Community Heritage Inventory Item Nominations</p>
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Nominations close 5.00pm Sunday 27 August 2023

Summary

Council is currently seeking nominations for specific buildings, sites and structures that the community values for heritage significance. This nomination process will help direct our work reviewing the historic heritage chapter of the District Plan which is currently undergoing a ten yearly-review.

The heritage chapter and accompanying Heritage Inventory is one aspect of how Whanganui District Council supports and protects heritage in the district. Heritage sites may hold significance for one, some, or many of these values: archaeological, architectural, cultural, historic, scientific, or technological (as outlined through the definition of historic heritage in the Resource Management Act 1991). Any person or group may nominate a site, if they consider it holds significant heritage value.

Nominations do not result in automatic site protection, or guarantee a full evaluation of significance, but they serve as a first step in the assessment process, and helps highlight community perspectives and priorities for how Whanganui heritage can be better protected and supported. If a nomination clearly identifies heritage values at a place, and the community to which it is valued, then an evaluation and recommendations around scheduling will proceed.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Whanganui Heritage Inventory?

Appendix A to the District Plan – the Heritage Inventory – lists significant heritage sites in Whanganui district. Sites scheduled in the Heritage Inventory means they have been formally recognised as holding heritage value to Whanganui. Sites listed in the Heritage Inventory have varying levels of assistance – and regulations - to protect their heritage values. Being in the Heritage Inventory provides easier access to grants such as the Whanganui Heritage Grant Fund, and other benefits like rates remissions and waived resource consent fees when efforts are made to preserve or enhance heritage values at the site.

What heritage sites can be nominated?

Because this project relates to the District Plan, and is site-based, it is primarily guided by the definitions outlined by the Resource Management Act (RMA). The RMA's definition of historic heritage encompasses places that have any of the following qualities: archaeological, architectural, cultural, historic, scientific, and technological. Before completing a nomination form, you should check the Whanganui District ePlan at <https://eplan.whanganui.govt.nz/eplan/#Rules/0/225/1/0/0> first to confirm that the site is not already scheduled. Site nominations need to include an address or description sufficient to identify the location in question.

You can help us by outlining what makes your nominated place significant, and we will be looking for sites that hold the qualities mentioned above when we work through the appraisal of nominations. We will accept nominations for the following:

- Any building, structure or other place over 30 years old, unless in exceptional circumstances.
- Buildings, structures, and sites. Nominations for non-mobile, fixed objects which form part of a wider heritage context at a place can be included in the nomination for that site.

Can I provide information in confidence?

By default, the evaluation of Whanganui’s heritage is a public process. All members of the community, including the owner of a heritage site, are entitled to access all information held by the council relating to a property. There are circumstances when councils are required to restrict access to sensitive information such as certain places of significance to tangata whenua. Other than contact details submitted through this nomination form, most other information relating to a property is public information, and therefore available to members of the public if they request it. If you have concerns about providing information which may be sensitive or subject to copyright, please discuss this with council officers before providing it.

Why can’t the Council evaluate every nominated place?

Procedurally, the evaluation of heritage places requires specialised skillsets and resources. In addition to public nominations, the council identifies potentially significant places through targeted research. All nominations will receive an initial appraisal, and those which are unlikely to meet the significance thresholds, or are lacking information, will be assigned lower priority or not proceeded with. You will be updated through the nomination process whether your nomination has been proceeded with or not. If a site has previously been assessed, unless new information is provided, these sites will not be re-evaluated through the community nomination process.

Can I discuss making a nomination with staff?

Yes, you can contact the Council’s Heritage Advisor, Scott Flutey and schedule an appointment, by emailing Scott.Flutey@whanganui.govt.nz or calling 06 349 3168. He will be available for drop in discussions through the community nomination period at the following times and locations:

- Friday 30 June from 1:00pm-3:00pm at Whanganui District Council
- Friday 14 July from 1:00pm-3:00pm at Alexander Heritage and Research Library | Te Rerenga Mai o Te Kāuru
- Monday 24 July from 10:30am-12pm at Gonville Library
- Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 August at the Whanganui Home & Lifestyle Show, Jubilee Stadium.

Online: You can complete this submission online at www.whanganui.govt.nz/haveyoursay

Alternatively, please return this form, or send your written submission to:

Heritage Item Nominations
Whanganui District Council
101 Guyton Street
Whanganui 4500

Privacy statement: The following personal information (contact details) will be used for contacting you and administering the heritage item nomination process and will not be made publically available. Demographic information may be reported in combination with other submitters without identifying you individually. All information will be held by the Whanganui District Council, 101 Guyton Street, and submitters have the right to access and correct personal information.

Contact Details (please print your details clearly)

Name:

E-mail:

Postal Address: Post code

Best daytime contact number:

