



Local Government Elections

Our priorities for Qld's local heritage issues

Queensland's heritage makes a difference!

Environmental, built and cultural heritage makes a vital contribution to our community and economy. It helps develop cohesive communities through a deep understanding of identity and place. Queensland's unique identity is formed by our environmental, built and cultural heritage.

The National Trust makes a difference!

The National Trust of Australia (Queensland) is Queensland's leading community heritage organisation - we are a not-for-profit organisation and member-based charity which offers people the opportunity to feel connected to significant places, collections and stories. We advocate for the recognition and care of Queensland's heritage and have more than 1,000 volunteers and employees state-wide who manage our properties from Currumbin to Cooktown.

With \$54M of heritage assets, nearly 18,000 members and 1,000 staff and volunteers across the State, over 542,000 visitors to its properties - National Trust Queensland makes a unique contribution to local cultural tourism and offers unique partnership opportunities.

Our programs across the State include strong community engagement activities that support and promote heritage achievements such as the Australian Heritage Festival, Q10 (Great Walks of Queensland), the Queensland Heritage Awards and Ipswich Great Houses.

Your strong support for your local area's environmental, built and cultural heritage and its heritage organisations is a strategic investment in your local area's future.

National Trust Queensland invites you to share with us what YOU will do to protect and celebrate your local area's environmental, built and cultural heritage.





OUR SHARED HERITAGE

Environmental, built and cultural heritage is a critical element in the development of a unique Queensland tourism experience:

- Environmental heritage tourism generates tens of millions of dollars every year.
- National Trust Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary alone generates annual visitation of over half a million people.
- Queensland has five places on the World Heritage List. The management of these places creates jobs and their beauty attracts National and International visitors.

Environmental, built and cultural heritage makes a significant contribution to community well-being:

- It increases awareness of the need to care for our environment.
- It encourages owners of heritage properties to proudly maintain and develop the built environment to provide a sense of place and belonging, for the joy of all.
- It retains and shares our history for everyone to understand and appreciate.
- It creates training, volunteer and regional job opportunities.

Partnering with National Trust for Collaborative Projects bring tangible benefits, such as:

- Developing a unique regional identity and increasing visitation to regional places via successful programs such as the National Trust Great Houses (15,000 visitors per year over 2 days of programming).
- Generating visitation to local area's natural heritage places with a focus on connecting people to nature, such as with the Queensland 10 Great Walks program.

Environmental Heritage

We encourage local government Councillors to ensure that:

- Their LGA has protections for Significant Trees, recognising them as valuable aspects of their local area's natural heritage.
- Their LGA has adequate protection of native vegetation on private land, with the goal of preserving remnant habitats to conserve biodiversity.
- Their LGA is actively creating green corridors to encourage the growth of green belts and protect native fauna.



Did you know?

National Trust Currumbin Wildlife Hospital is Australia's busiest wildlife hospital with more than 11,000 native animal admissions in 2019 alone. We have responded rapidly to the effects of sustained drought followed by catastrophic bushfire to provide emergency animal rehabilitation and treatment, and deploying the knowledge of our uniquely skilled and experienced wildlife veterinarian to government think tanks and roundtables.

Post-bushfires we are working closely with different levels of government and private organisations to research native wildlife conservation issues and provided practical responses and solutions.



Built Heritage

We encourage local government Councillors to ensure that:

- Their LGA has a heritage register that is up-to-date and truly represents the different types of heritage places that local region has to offer.
- Their LGA has a Heritage Advisory Committee to guide Council and contribute to discussions around heritage in the local area.
- Their Council understands the need for a heritage levy as part of the local rates. LGA's such as Noosa and Sunshine Coast are fantastic examples of Councils that have implemented a heritage levy and their local heritage has since flourished!
- They have local tourism strategies that incorporate their local heritage places and precincts.

Did you know?

The National Trust assists with developing heritage programs in local areas. We currently have eight active Branches in local areas from Charters Towers to Logan running successful programs including:

- Ipswich Great Houses - attracts 15,000 people to the region over two weekends per year.
- Wolston Farmhouse and Royal Bulls Head Inn school education programs - connecting students with their local history.
- The Trust Talks - a series of speaker events with expert guest speakers exploring a range of contemporary heritage issues and topics.

Cultural Heritage

We encourage local government Councillors to ensure that:

- Their LGA Reconciliation Action Plan includes acknowledgements of the local area's Indigenous heritage resources.
- Their LGA has good relationships with the local Traditional Owners and consult with them about places of indigenous heritage and the local area's indigenous stories.
- Their staff is trained in Cultural Awareness and understand the types of indigenous heritage places, sites, objects and traditions that are in the local area.
- Their LGA's local museums and historical society's include indigenous and non-indigenous stories and history in their displays.
- Their LGA's recognised history reflects the diversity of Queensland's cultural stories, including (but not limited to) Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, South Sea Islanders, Chinese, Sikh, and European.



Did you know?

The National Trust of Australia (Queensland) has a long-standing commitment to Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, peoples, cultures and histories, and is committed to building on existing relationships and creating further opportunities. We play an important role in creating a future where communities can work together to celebrate their similarities and differences and we proudly launched our Reconciliation Action Plan in 2018.

In 2020, we nominated 'Reconciliation Rocks - the blueprint for Australia's Reconciliation' to Australia's National Heritage List as the place of Australia's first recorded act of reconciliation.



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