

The National Trust and City of Ballarat Heritage Awards recognise those in our community who have demonstrated excellence in retention, restoration and reuse of our heritage places.

Our heritage includes Indigenous, natural and historic places such as cultural landscapes, buildings, gardens, waterways, trees and objects, public and private places. Looking to future precincts and areas, the Awards also engage with development and the successful relationship between old and new. Heritage is of critical importance to the Ballarat community and is part of the National Trust's and City of Ballarat's commitment to celebrate and promote our heritage.

The Awards are open to individuals, businesses and community groups. Award nominations are sought in categories for any place with demonstrable heritage significance. e.g. included in heritage overlay, Victorian Heritage Register, included in a local or thematic heritage study or classified by the National Trust. Projects include miners' cottages to skyscrapers, all are considered on their heritage merits and we encourage everyone to get involved.

Award Categories

Creative Reuse of a Heritage Place

The objective of the award is to encourage adaptive reuse of a heritage place. Adaptive reuse is a process that changes a disused or redundant place to a different purpose. Nominations will be considered that demonstrate adaptive reuse of a heritage place, the exhibits consideration and/or restoration of significant heritage values.

New Work/Development within a Heritage Area

The objective of the award is to encourage innovative and/or sympathetic design of new buildings, structures or additions to heritage buildings within heritage precincts or within a cultural heritage landscape. Nominations will be considered that demonstrate fulfilment of Planning Scheme, local guidelines, and the Burra Charter.

Conservation of a Heritage Place

The objective of the award is to recognise a best practice conservation project. Nominations will be considered that demonstrate application of the Burra Charter principles at a heritage place, and holistic understanding of a place.

Sustainability and/or Greening of a Heritage Place

The objective of the award is to increase awareness of the contribution of heritage conservation to sustainability, in both built and natural contexts. Nominations will be considered for works that demonstrate support and enhancement for the environmental performance of heritage buildings (i.e. improved insulation through double glazing existing windows, rather than complete replacement to increase energy efficiency), and/or cultural landscapes or natural features (i.e. re-vegetating indigenous plant species or considered landscape design that retains and enhances the setting of established trees rather than removing them).

Community Heritage Advocacy

The objective of the award is to recognise outstanding achievement in campaigning to raise awareness for a particular heritage issue or heritage place. Nominations will be considered for advocacy work that demonstrates a strong commitment to supporting and celebrating community engagement, encouraging protecting and enhancing cultural heritage.

Interpretation

The objective of the award is to recognise interpretation that communicates meaning and relationships of cultural and/or natural heritage about a specific place or wider area. Nominations will be considered for interpretation projects that demonstrate excellent communication and generate curiosity and connection to place.

Nomination Submission

Nomination forms can be downloaded from the website and emailed to heritageteam@ballarat.vic.gov.au

The closing date for nomination submission is **Monday 24 March**.

Enquiries about the awards can be directed to Ballarat Heritage team email heritageteam@ballarat.vic.gov.au

Hard copy nomination forms are also available at:
The Phoenix Building
25 Armstrong Street
South Ballarat

Complete the form and return to:
City of Ballarat - Heritage
PO Box 655
Ballarat VIC 3353

Conditions

The nominated place or project must be located within the boundaries of the City of Ballarat and must possess demonstrable heritage significance. e.g. included in heritage overlay, Victorian Heritage Register, included in a local or thematic heritage study or classified by the National Trust. Anyone may nominate a place or project. However, all details of the below nomination form must be completed.

All nominations will be reviewed and inspected by City of Ballarat's Heritage Advisor to ensure compliance with local planning policies before progressing to review by the Awards Assessment Committee. This will include a site visit undertaken by a representative of the City of Ballarat.

A nomination form must be submitted with every nomination. A project may be entered in more than one category but a separate form must be completed for each nomination in each category.

Each nomination and images provided remains the property of the City of Ballarat and National Trust of Australia (Victoria). The National Trust of Australia (Victoria) and City of Ballarat reserve the right to exhibit the nominations and images provided to include winners' details on websites and via social media. Please note nominations without photographic evidence will not be accepted.

The judges reserve the right not to present an award in any particular category.

The City of Ballarat and National Trust of Australia (Victoria) shall take no responsibility for the content of the nomination submissions. It is the responsibility of those nominating projects to ensure that all care has been taken to identify and acknowledge the contribution and work of all relevant parties.

Ballarat Heritage Awards 2025 Nomination Form

This is a digital form, please type in the boxes.

Nominator Contact Information

Name	
Address	
Phone	
Email	

Nominee Information

Award category	
Project title	
Property address	
Demonstrable heritage significance (Heritage Overlay number or VHR listing)	

Description of project/works	
Permit number (if applicable)	
Individual/organisation name	
Date project completed	
Owner's contact (if different from above)	
Architect/Designer (if different from above)	
Builder/Tradesperson (if different from above)	

Demonstration of Heritage Awards Criteria

- In relation to the nominated award category please provide a brief explanation of how this project, place or individual, or organisation has promoted excellence in heritage conservation and design in and around heritage places.
- In relation to the nominated award category please provide a brief explanation of how this project, place or individual, or organisation has promoted community awareness of heritage in the City of Ballarat.

Supporting Evidence

For works categories please provide before and after photographs as supporting evidence for your answers above, specific to the nominating category.

For Community Heritage Advocacy and Interpretation categories, you may provide evidence in the form of brochures, websites, event advertisements and research papers etc.

Please note nominations without supporting evidence will not be accepted.

Please provide captions for all images you supply, if any are not your own, credits can also be provided in the following format; *Charlotte Brett, needlework sampler, 1800. Courtesy of State Library Victoria.jpg*

Please note that all photography included as part of the Heritage Awards nomination will become the property of the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) and City of Ballarat. Photographs may be used (in whole or cropped) in print, electronic and digital publications as well as on National Trust of Australia (Victoria) and City of Ballarat websites and social media platforms. The images may be passed on to third party media to use only in conjunction with articles and advertising which directly promotes the Heritage Awards.