

Burnie Heritage Project

Background

- Joint funding by Tasmanian Heritage Council and Burnie City Council
- GHD engaged to undertake investigation and to prepare recommendations
- Draft report presented April 2010

Purpose

- identify historical themes and context
- examine position of local community on heritage management
- establish the philosophical and legislative foundation for heritage management;
- identify and assess places and locations of potential heritage significance within the Burnie municipal area; and
- make recommendations for management of heritage items in accordance with significance at a State or local level.

Outputs

- Volume 1 – *Thematic History of Burnie*

Present the story of Burnie as a context for identifying and attributing heritage significance.

Use a number of discrete themes to reference the key events, associations and activities that have shaped physical, economic and cultural development.

- Volume 2 – *Managing Burnie's Heritage*

Detail the principles, scope and legislative framework for assessing heritage significance; describes the study methodology; examines the current community response to Burnie's history and heritage identity; defines the nature of Burnie's heritage landscape; discusses the regulatory mechanisms for heritage control; and makes recommendations for the identification and management of places and areas in accordance with State or local significance.

Report notes heritage management is not concerned only with physical places or the grand and spectacular. It is equally concerned with recognising thoughts, feelings and opinions, and with managing the ordinary and common place. Management is relevant for both individual places or with areas containing a collection of places.

Report also notes heritage management is not always directed at strict retention of existing built form and fabric, but with recognising significance and context. Recommendations are contained regarding an approach to development and design for buildings and locations having heritage values.

- Volume 3 – *Burnie Heritage Inventory*

Identifies individual places and areas which are representative of places having possible State and local significance.

Also includes places of heritage interest below the threshold for regulatory management, and places of potential interest for which there is currently inadequate information.

The significance list is tentative and is based on best available information. It is not all inclusive; and it is open for the list to be constructively reviewed.

Future Actions

- Release draft report for community comment during April and May 2010.
- Burnie city Council and Tasmanian Heritage Council to review and consider response on draft report and provide feedback to GHD.
- draft possible planning regulations for inclusion in Burnie planning scheme – this is a separate process that will include further opportunity for community comment.