

HERITAGE



The Otago Community Trust believes that the preservation and conservation of Otago's unique heritage has multiple benefits for our community. Our diverse heritage, both tangible and intangible, should be celebrated and protected for future generations. It tells our community's stories, not only the important influences that shaped today but also a window into future possibilities. Our Heritage is valuable, but vulnerable, and we recognise the immense contribution volunteers make to its preservation and conservation.

Our Priorities

Projects that celebrate and protect Otago's unique physical and cultural heritage for the enjoyment and education of today's and future generations. Projects should be well supported by their communities, promote public access and be underpinned by good planning. The Trust has a specific interest in the adaptive re-use of unique and listed heritage buildings.

Our Support

The Trust supports community based organisations, societies and groups that are leading the preservation, restoration, conservation and celebration of items and places highly valued by communities in Otago.

Background

The Trust recognises that protecting our heritage for future generations involves a number of important stakeholders guided by legislation including the Resource Management Act 2003. Heritage is not only found in buildings and archaeological sites but is also captured in publications, collections, customs and stories that each tell a unique part of the Otago community's story. We also recognise the importance of planning for the ongoing maintenance of these items and ensuring public access to them.

Who we provide donations to

Organisations should be not for profit community based groups. Applicants are likely to be:

- historical societies;
- community organisations;
- historical trusts;
- museums.

Categories

The Trust provides donations to assist in the conservation, preservation, restoration and promotion of Otago's unique heritage. This includes our places (buildings and archaeological projects), cultural heritage and natural heritage.

It may be for an event to celebrate our history, the restoration of a monument or the publication of a significant regional book. The Trust also supports the development of museums to manage their collections, engage the community and celebrate our heritage.

What we provide donations for

Conservation, restoration and preservation of:

- public buildings, structures or places;
- important cultural monuments;
- natural heritage areas;
- exceptional purchases for collections that are of high relevance and value to the region;
- unique exhibitions about Otago's heritage;
- enhancement of facilities which house collections, for example environmental control, archive and storage areas;
- increase awareness and appreciation of Maori heritage places and their value to Maori and NZ;
- researching and recording oral and published histories in regards to district development, cultural and ethnic groups, aspects of provincial life and biographies of major figures;
- strategies to train, support and increase the participation of volunteers.

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What we support.....



What you will need to apply

Application Form

When completing your application form for a heritage item or place please ensure you include a clear description of the value of the item, plans for its ongoing maintenance in the project description as well as how public access and community engagement will be promoted as one of the outcomes of the project.

Plus for larger projects

- Feasibility Studies will be required for significant and very large capital projects.
- Conservation plans for significant restorations of Category I and II listed buildings. A conservation report, architectural review or maintenance plan are adequate for smaller projects.
- Archaeological authority for significant alterations to a site or buildings with evidence of pre-1900 habitation.
- For written research and publishing, an outline of book chapters, a timetable and CV of researcher and writer. There should also be a clear description of how the publication will be published and distributed.
- For Oral history a list of interviewees and proof of discussion with the Oral History Centre, at the National Library Wellington.

Restrictions

The Trust is not a principal funder and considers supplementing the funding that others have contributed.

The Trust does generally not provide a donation for:

- projects considered to be the responsibility of another agency, for example local authorities or National Government;
- privately owned residential or commercial premises;

- work that does not promote, or have limited public access;
- projects that do not include planning for ongoing maintenance;
- purchase of land or buildings except where exceptional historic merit and long term sustainable maintenance plans are demonstrated;
- historic replicas, visitor centres or tourism gateways;
- the Trust would not generally support work on a building or site that was not recognised by The Historic Places Trust or listed under the local council's District Plan;
- grounds maintenance for cemeteries under control of local authorities, the Trust does however consider the costs of significant grave and headstone restoration in these cemeteries.

Glossary

Preservation – protect from loss or damage

Restoration – repair to original condition

Conservation – active ongoing management



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