

Caring for Cultural Heritage in Wellington Park



Throughout Wellington Park there is an extremely rich and diverse cultural heritage. The range of cultural heritage places that are known or might be expected within and adjacent to Wellington Park include –Aboriginal campsites, stone quarries and art sites; and historic tracks, roads, bridges, tramways, camps, convict places, huts, mines & quarries, sawmills, limekilns, dams, pipelines, wells, cairns, ski fields, hotels, schools, churches, farms, orchards, tree rows, isolated plantings, gardens and homes. Many heritage places occur close together, forming distinctive and important historic cultural landscapes.

These places are part of Tasmania's history and they are an important part of Tasmania's cultural heritage. They are a finite and non-renewable resource and many are important for historic and cultural reasons. This heritage therefore requires care and responsible management.

You can help protect and keep these places for future generations through your work by following the guidelines in this pamphlet.

Wellington Park's Heritage is in Your Hands!

Why Consider Cultural Heritage

The Wellington Park Management Trust, Hobart City Council, Glenorchy City Council and the Parks & Wildlife Service have an obligation to protect and manage cultural heritage under various legislation, planning schemes and statutory plans, including the Wellington Park Management Plan. In Tasmania the Aboriginal Relics Act 1975 protects all Aboriginal archaeological sites and objects that were made prior to 1876 from all disturbance unless a permit has been issued through the Aboriginal Heritage Office. Also, the Tasmanian Historical Cultural Heritage Act 1995, administered by Heritage Tasmania, protects historic cultural heritage – primarily those heritage places registered on the Tasmanian Heritage Register.

Generally not all remains from the past are kept, nor is there a need or desire to preserve everything, but it is essential that all cultural heritage is assessed by someone with cultural heritage expertise before the heritage is modified in any way. This enables those places that are important to be identified, protected and properly managed.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO HELP PROTECT CULTURAL HERITAGE

- ▶ **At all times do only as much as is necessary and create as little impact as possible.**
- ▶ **At all times while working in Wellington Park or around its fringe –**
 - ✔ Be aware of what types of heritage you may encounter in your work and make sure you know what heritage places are already known to occur in the area that you will be working in before starting to carry out tasks in the area. Do this by checking the WPMT Historic Heritage Database or asking the relevant manager to check for you.
 - ✔ Make sure you know the management policy for all heritage you will be working near.
 - ✔ Avoid damaging or disturbing cultural heritage in and near where you are working – this includes walking on it, driving on it, taking parts of it away, digging holes in it or lighting fires unless you have valid authorisation to do so.
 - ✔ Do not leave rubbish or mark the place in any way.
- ▶ **If you find a new heritage place/site/item –**
 - ✔ Avoid working in the place/site area or otherwise disturbing it until you get advice from the relevant manager.
 - ✔ Advise your supervisor, the Project Manager, or the Wellington Park Management Trust Manager.
- ▶ **If you are carrying out maintenance or repair on a cultural heritage place –**
 - ✔ Make sure you understand what work you are required to do – check relevant policy, management plans, maintenance plans, &/or other specific heritage maintenance advice.
 - ✔ Do only what you are required to do.
 - ✔ Avoid undue damage to the heritage place – eg, avoid walking or driving on it unnecessarily, avoid leaving rubbish, avoid careless grass cutting and removal of plants, and avoid digging in the area (except where you have been directed to).
 - ✔ Report any problems or noticeable changes to the place to your supervisor (who will report it to the relevant manager).
- ▶ **If you encounter damage to a cultural heritage place or item –**
 - ✔ Report any problems or noticeable changes to heritage places or items to your supervisor and relevant area manager – provide as much detail as possible (eg, when the damage occurred or was noted, who did it (if you know this), nature of damage, risk to heritage, and risk to visitors).

A FEW BASIC RULES

- *Respect cultural heritage places – even if they are not important to you they may be important to someone else.*
- *Check the WPMT heritage database before starting work to find out if you will be working in or near an historic site or area.*
- *Avoid disturbing heritage places in any way – unless you have permission from the appropriate source(s).*
- *A heritage place should be recorded before it is disturbed in any way.*
- *At a heritage place do only what you are authorised to do, and no more.*
- *If you have any questions or concerns about cultural heritage – contact your cultural heritage officer, or other appropriate manager.*

WHO TO CONTACT FOR MORE ADVICE

In the first instance contact –

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