



National Heritage Assessment of the Queen Victoria Market, Melbourne

The National Heritage List

The National Heritage List recognises Australia's most significant heritage sites. It tells the story of the long history of Indigenous settlement of this continent, and is a record of Australia from its earliest fossil records, through to the places and events that have made Australia what it is today.

There are more than 100 places in the National Heritage List.

Melbourne has many National Heritage places, including the Royal Exhibition Building, Sidney Myer Music Bowl, Rippon Lea House and Gardens, and Flemington Racecourse.

Queen Victoria Market National Heritage nomination

The Queen Victoria Market has been nominated for the National Heritage List.

The Australian Heritage Council assesses National Heritage nominations and whether places meet one or more criteria for listing.

The Council is considering whether the Market has outstanding National Heritage value for what it tells us about how most Australians in cities accessed fresh food before supermarkets and other technological changes.

The Market provided Melbourne with wholesale food trade, as well as opportunities for recently arrived migrants.

The assessment also considers the research importance of the Old Melbourne Cemetery, which was located at the market site. It offers potential for study into matters such as the diet, lifestyle, wealth, and burial customs of early Melbourne society.



Fruit and vegetables. © City of Melbourne



Facade, Queen Victoria Market. © City of Melbourne



Dairy Hall. © City of Melbourne

What would National Heritage listing mean?

Listing does not change land ownership or management of a place or restrict its normal day to day operations.

Listing recognises a place's outstanding National Heritage values—the reasons it is important.

A place's heritage values can include the physical elements of a site as well as the stories, people or events connected to a place.

The values are recognised, celebrated and protected under national environment law.

How can I make a submission?

We want to hear from owners, occupiers and Indigenous people with rights and/or interests in the QVM about whether it should be included in the National Heritage List.

Comments can be provided to the Australian Heritage Council in writing by 5:00pm AEST, Friday 14 July 2017.

Comments can be sent by email to heritage@environment.gov.au or by post to:

Australian Heritage Council
GPO Box 787
CANBERRA ACT 2601

What is the next step?

After the submission period the Australian Heritage Council gives its assessment to the Australian Government Minister for the Environment and Energy.

The Minister decides if it will be added to the National Heritage List, based on the Australian Heritage Council's report and submissions received through the consultation process.

The Minister may also seek additional information or advice.

Where can I get more information on the National Heritage List?

Information about the National Heritage List, the assessment criteria and other places on the list is at: www.environment.gov.au/topics/heritage/heritage-places

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