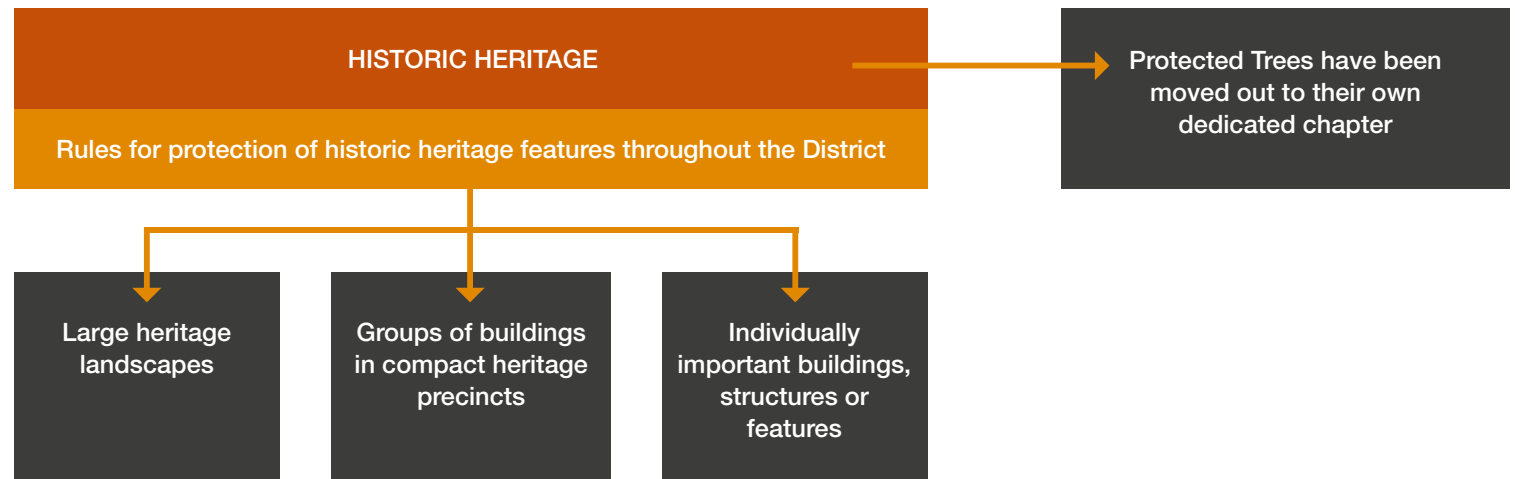


Historic Heritage

The Historic Heritage chapter of the Proposed District Plan includes rules for the protection of historic heritage features throughout the District.

This covers a wide range of items from large heritage landscapes, groups of buildings in compact heritage precincts and a few hundred individually important buildings, structures or features.

Protected Trees have been moved out to their own dedicated chapter.



What are we trying to achieve?

IDENTIFICATION

In order to know what level of protection to give to our heritage features, we need to know what is important about them.

Heritage landscapes and precincts now have a “statement of significance” attached to each and all new additions or upgrades to the existing list will be accompanied by a detailed expert report.

Buildings, structures and features are also split into three levels of importance. Generally speaking, Category 1 items are nationally or internationally important, Category 2 regionally important and Category 3, locally important. Rarity, levels of authenticity or technical importance may boost an item’s Category.

PROTECTION

Looking after a heritage building or structure is welcomed and so minor repairs and general maintenance tasks do not need a consent. When you need to do more significant repair works, or alterations, then the rules become stricter.

In this chapter some rules apply to the interiors of buildings as well as the exterior, and also apply to the setting, or immediate surrounds of the site.

If you are planning work on a heritage building in particular, you may want to get expert advice before you start paying for designs.

We have identified some buildings in heritage precincts that are non-contributory, or less important in their wider setting. We aim to be as lenient as possible with these so that we don’t require unnecessary consents.

RECOGNITION

Different types of historic heritage have different values and some are grouped to reflect this. Archaeological sites for example, are treated slightly differently because there are other consents needed (under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014). We have limited the rules in our Plan so that we don’t duplicate these others.

ACCURACY

Many of the items on our list have changed since they have been listed. Some have been altered or demolished without permission, some have been lost to fires and some have moved (some have been literally moved and some have been affected by subdivision which means that they are on differently numbered parcels of land).

It can be difficult to keep track of these changes. If a heritage feature is on your land and the information we have is no longer accurate, please let us know.

Want to get into more detail?

Visit www.qldc.govt.nz/proposed-district-plan to read the full provisions or a range of other resources.