

Media Release – The Hon Shelley Payne MLC

Heritage site awarded funding for preservation and promotion

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- Darkan Townsite among 28 heritage projects to share over \$1.2 million in grant funding.
- Annual grants support heritage conservation, promotion and project planning
- Projects reimagine the stories and places from Western Australia's past.

The Darkan Townsite Trail has received funding through the Cook Labor Government's Heritage Grants Program to support the preservation and promotion of the sites.

Awarded through the Heritage Council of WA, the annual grants program will support 16 heritage projects in the Perth metropolitan area and 12 projects in regional Western Australia.

Darkan Townsite Trail will receive \$19,123 for their heritage trail.

Grant funding is matched by the applicant. Details of the 2023-24 grants recipients are available online at <https://www.wa.gov.au/heritage-grants>.

Comments attributed to Heritage Minister David Templeman:

"These grants are an important funding source for the owners of places on the State Heritage Register to help subsidise the cost of conservation works, commence project planning and support interesting ways to celebrate and share the unique history of those places."

"The Cook Government is proud to support work to preserve our wonderful State's heritage, to restore and maintain places that hold connections between our past, present and future."

Comments attributed to Hon Shelley Payne MLC:

"The Townsite Trail will open a window to the public, allowing them to understand how the past has shaped the way we live today, which is so important. Congratulations Darkan!"

"Darkan Townsite Trail is important in showcasing the story of Darkan including both the memorial to the pioneers of the region and the Betty Brown Historical Centre which explores the contribution of women to small rural communities".

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