

# **Snowy Monaro Regional Council Heritage Strategy 2021-2023**

'Learning from our past to inspire our future'

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## Acknowledgement of Country

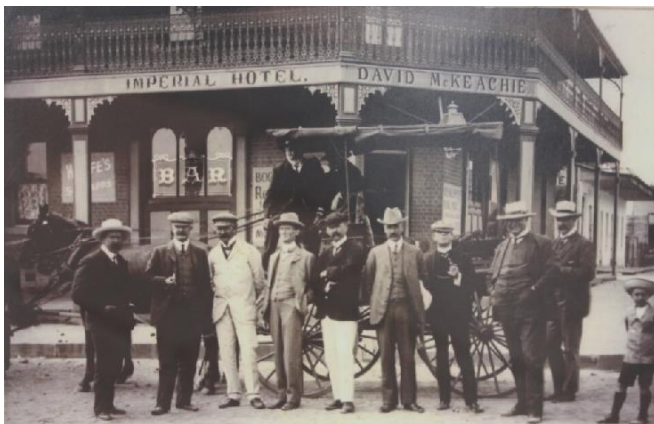
Snowy Monaro Regional Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the region, the Ngarigo, Walgalu, Ngunnawal and Bidjawal peoples. We pay our respects to elders past, present and future.

*Bombala River*



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## Message from the Mayor

I would like to present Snowy Monaro Regional Council's Heritage Strategy. A strong understanding of where our community has come from and where we are headed, has underpinned the development of the Heritage Strategy. This approach provides a strategic framework to guide Council's approach to valuing, enhancing, and celebrating the Snowy Monaro region's rich cultural and heritage fabric.

The Snowy Monaro community has expressed its aspirations that heritage planning and streetscapes are enhanced. This will result in an economic boost for the region's town and villages.



With a strong, proactive approach and ongoing collaborative actions, we look forward to partnering with the community to celebrate and enrich the region's heritage value.

***Peter Beer, Mayor***





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## Introduction

Council recognises that our region has a diverse cultural identity that needs to be preserved and enhanced to provide for opportunities to maintain our health and social wellbeing.

This strategy forms part of an integrated approach within the Snowy Monaro 2040 Community Strategic Plan (CSP) and the 2018-21 Delivery Plan incorporating the 2019 Operational Plan:

### **Community Outcome Two:**

**Our region's diverse cultural identity is preserved, and we foster creative expression and spaces**

#### **2020 CSP Strategy 2.1**

*Our culturally diverse heritage is preserved and celebrated for the richness it brings to our regional identity.*

#### **2018-2021 Delivery Program Objectives - Strategy 2.1.2**

*Council celebrates and enriches the heritage fabric throughout the region.*

#### **Operational Plan Action 2.1.2.1**

*Finalise an integrated Heritage Strategy*

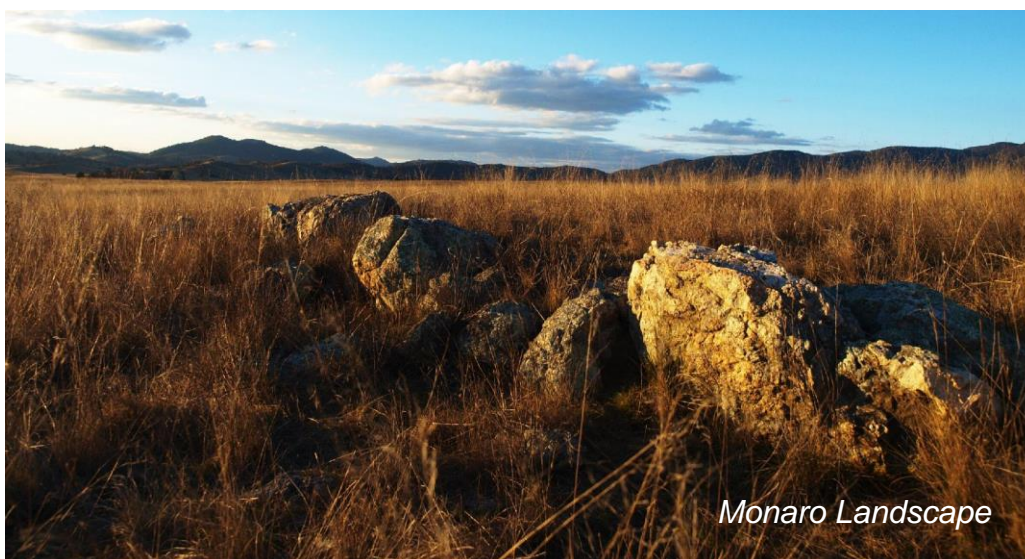
This strategy forms part of the draft Local Strategic Planning Statement as per Planning Priority 9.4: Develop a Heritage Strategy for the Snowy Monaro Region.

At the time of adoption of this strategy, Council has over 450 heritage items listed in the Local Environmental Plans covering the Snowy Monaro Region. These include:

- (a) Snowy River LEP 2013 - 210 items and 4 conservation areas
- (b) Cooma-Monaro LEP 2013 - 228 items and 10 conservation areas and 1 Aboriginal place of heritage significance
- (c) Bombala LEP 2012 - 21 items

Throughout the CSP, the Snowy Monaro Community has expressed its aspiration that local heritage be celebrated and enriched throughout the region. Snowy Monaro Regional Council respects and acknowledges those who came before us, the traditional custodians of the land in the Snowy Monaro region and all of the members of our community that have contributed to our rich history.

Council is committed to fostering creative expression and spaces that preserve our cultural diverse heritage and to celebrate the richness it brings to our regional identity through the development of the strategies and the actions contained within.



## Strategies and Actions

Asset There are key strategies each with a specific objective and list of actions. These are:

1. Community participation
2. Schedule of Heritage items
3. Heritage and urban design service
4. Proactive heritage management
5. Local heritage incentives
6. Asset Management of Council's heritage properties





## Strategy One: Community Participation

### Objective;

*Increase community participation, awareness and appreciation of heritage in our local area*

### Actions

- 1.1** Strengthened links to existing historical societies and organisations through bi-annual community forums with the community and Council's Heritage Advisor to discuss key heritage issues and local and state government grant opportunities
- 1.2** Update Council's website to include links to the NSW Heritage branch website
- 1.3** Explore, in conjunction with our community stakeholders, funding opportunities to promote heritage appreciation throughout our local area



*Squatters Arms, Bunyan*

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## Strategy Two: Schedule of Heritage Items

### Objective;

*Increase background knowledge and encourage proactive management of heritage in our local area*

### Actions

- 2.1** Update listings in Council's Local Environmental Plan (LEP) Schedule as part of the new LEP consultation process
- 2.2** Where sites are identified as being of State Heritage significance, prepare State Heritage nominations for these sites
- 2.3** Ensure heritage conservation is a key consideration in the development of Council's Town and Village Planning studies
- 2.4** Ensure LEP provisions recognise key heritage streetscapes in development of a new Snowy Monaro Regional Council Local Environmental Plan



*Strzelecki Monument, Jindabyne*



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## Strategy Three: Heritage and Urban Design Service

### Objective;

*Provide a heritage advisor service for Council and our Community*

#### Actions

- 3.1** Provide specialised professional heritage referral service to Council for assessment of development applications relating to listed heritage items
- 3.2** Provide free and accessible heritage advisory service to the community and potential applicants

## Objective Four: Proactive Heritage Management

### Objective;

*Increase community participation and proactive conservation management of heritage in our local area through grant funding opportunities*

#### Actions

- 4.1** Allocate funding each year to the Local Heritage Grant Funding for local conservation projects where there are positive heritage outcomes
- 4.2** Promote Local Heritage Grant Funding results each year through all forms of media formats



*Dalgety Bridge*

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## Objective Five: Local Heritage Incentives

### Objective;

*Increase awareness and appreciation of heritage by Council, owners and the community*

#### Actions

- 5.1 Development assessment staff undertake annual heritage training sessions
- 5.2 Update Council's website to include heritage guidelines and publications

## Objective Six: Asset Management of Council Heritage Properties

### Objective;

*Implement a best practice heritage asset management framework for Council owned or managed heritage assets*

#### Actions

- 6.1 Update Council's inventory of Council owned and/or managed heritage items
- 6.2 Prepare, update and review conservation management plans for Council owned and/or managed heritage assets
- 6.3 Explore grant funding opportunities for the restoration and interpretation of these assets.





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