Guidelines at a glance

Residential Heritage Design Guidelines and Commercial Heritage Design Guidelines

What are these guidelines?

- They explain how heritage buildings and places in Greater Bendigo can be cared for, adapted, or developed
- They help protect our city's heritage character while still allowing change
- They give clear, consistent advice for property owners, builders, and designers

These draft guidelines don't stop change. They guide it, so heritage places can be adapted, maintained and lived in while keeping the character that makes Greater Bendigo unique.

Why do they matter?

- They support good quality renovations, extensions and new development
- They make it easier to understand what changes are likely to be supported
- They help property owners, the community and the City of Greater Bendigo work towards the same goal: keeping Greater Bendigo's heritage strong while meeting today's needs

Who do they apply to?

- Any property covered by a Heritage Overlay in the Greater Bendigo Planning Scheme
- This includes both residential and commercial properties
- Not sure if this applies to you? Check your property on Bendigo Pozi or VicPlan or contact the City's Statutory Planning team

What is in the guidelines?

- Residential Guidelines: Advice for heritage homes. This includes miners' cottages, Victorian, Federation, interwar and post-war houses
- Commercial Guidelines: Advice for heritage shops, offices and other commercial buildings on verandas, shopfronts, signage etc
- Both guidelines include diagrams, photos and examples of what is supported

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