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## Selwyn Heritage funding available

Groups and individuals interested in preserving Selwyn's heritage are being encouraged to apply for funding for their next project as Selwyn Heritage funding applications are now open.

Selwyn District Council has funding available to meet some of the extra costs associated with protecting heritage buildings and trees for the community's benefit. This may include restoring, reinforcing and protecting heritage buildings, and other structures such as war memorials, sites and trees.

Grants given in previous years have ranged between \$250 and \$17,000 for projects such as pruning old oak trees, restoring weather boards and earthquake repairs to buildings and other structures following the 2010 and 2011 earthquakes.

The Ellesmere Band Hall is a listed heritage item in the Selwyn District Plan and received a grant of \$3,000 to replace weatherboards and repaint the exterior of the hall last year.

Band secretary Alison Donley says the hall was in desperate need of restoring. "We were grateful for the grant from the council to repair the hall as it is enjoyed by the whole community and adds the heritage of Selwyn. It was great to see it in tip-top condition for the Anzac Day commemorations this year."

Averil Carpenter from the Old Vicarage in Prebbleton received \$1000 to replace an aluminium window frame with a wooden frame two years ago. "The previous owners had put in a box bay aluminium window, but it didn't match the style of the 150 year-old home," says Mrs Carpenter.

"When Councillor Malcolm Lyall told me about the Selwyn Heritage fund I was delighted that a grant could cover part of the cost of replacing the window to maintain the heritage of the building," she adds.

There is one Selwyn Heritage funding round each year and \$35,000 is available to support projects by owners of heritage buildings or protected trees in the Selwyn District. Priority is given to items listed in the Selwyn District Plan. The heritage fund can be used to pay for part of the cost of restoration or protection work, and applicants will also need to fund some of this cost from other sources.

Funding cannot be used for routine maintenance, or for improvements which are of personal or commercial benefit such as new kitchens or bathrooms.

Applications for this round close on Friday 11 July 2014. Applicants need to include at least two quotes from suitably qualified tradespeople. Funding may be given to activities such as restoring chimney posts, replacing plaster, repairing windows, water blasting buildings, tree trimming or pruning, roof repairs, organ repairs and enhancement to heritage features.

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Application forms are available from all Council service centres and libraries, and from the Council website [www.selwyn.govt.nz/heritagefund](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/heritagefund). For more information, contact Jessica Tuilaepa on 347 2974 or email [heritagefund@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:heritagefund@selwyn.govt.nz)

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*Photos attached: The Heritage fund has previously supported a work on Ellesmere Brass Band Hall (image 1) and The Old Vicarage in Prebbleton (image 2).*

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