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## **Heritage grants help preserve historic buildings for the future**

Heritage grants which will enable restoration and maintenance work to be completed on 14 properties have recently been awarded by Selwyn District Council.

“The Council is pleased to be able to fund work which will allow heritage buildings of importance to the community to be preserved for future generations to enjoy,” says Strategy and Policy Planner Jessica Tuilaepa.

\$40,000 in funding has been allocated to enable some well-known historic buildings to be restored or improved.

One of Selwyn’s oldest buildings, Tod Cottage in Lincoln, has received \$2,500 for re-roofing work. The property on East Belt in Lincoln was built in 1858 and owned by pioneers William and Mary Tod who arrived in Canterbury in 1841. They lived in the house which also served as Lincoln’s first school as they educated their own children and other local children there.

Ellesmere Heritage Park Trust received \$8,500 to relocate a historic cottage from Wabys Road in Southbridge to the Heritage Park. The cottage is believed to date from the early 1900s. The Trust is planning to complete some preservation work on the building, furnish it with donated items which date from the time it was built and develop it into a display the public and school children can visit.

St John’s Church in Leeston received \$5,500 to reconstruct a brick fence which suffered earthquake damage. The church dates from 1872 and is well known to Leeston residents as it sits in spacious grounds on Leeston’s busy High Street.

The owner of a historic stable block in Glentunnel also received \$2,000. The stables were built in 1877 and were used by the workers at the Homebush Brick and Tile Works to stable horses. The stables are located near the entrance to the popular Millennium Walkway. The heritage grant will be used to install new beams to support the building’s roof which has weakened with age and earthquakes.

Heritage grants were also made to 10 other property owners and three owners of heritage trees to undertake projects.

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*Images attached: Tod Cottage in Lincoln has received a heritage grant to re-roof the building, and St John’s Church in Leeston received funding to reconstruct a brick fence at the site.*

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