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## Selwyn Heritage funding available

Applications for the Selwyn Heritage fund are now open.

Selwyn District Council has funding available to meet some of the costs of 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.

Nine properties and three heritage trees received heritage grants in 2014. The grants were used to help restore or improve some well-known historic buildings.

Southbridge Hall, built in 1930 in the art deco style received funding for an acoustic upgrade of the building's interior. Racecourse Hill Homestead, built in 1912, received funding for the installation of a commercial sprinkler system to protect the property into the future.

Lakeside House near Lake Ellesmere, built in the 1870s also received funding to replace the slate roof and spouting. The house is listed as a category 2 building with the New Zealand Historic Places Trust and is built in the carpenter gothic style.

Nine other heritage grants were made last year, including grants to enable an English Oak tree in Doyleston planted in 1902 to mark the coronation of Edward VII to be trimmed and maintenance work on the fence and plaque to be completed and to repaint St George's Church in Kirwee.

There is one Selwyn Heritage funding round each year and \$40,000 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.

Applications for this round close on **Friday 26 June 2015**. Applicants need to include at least two quotes from suitably qualified tradespeople. Funding may be given for projects such as restoring chimney posts, replacing plaster, repairing windows, water blasting buildings, tree trimming or pruning, roof repairs, organ repairs and enhancement of heritage features. Funding cannot be used for routine maintenance, or for improvements which are of personal or commercial benefit such as new kitchens or bathrooms.

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)

*Photos attached: St George's Church in Kirwee (built in 1883) received funding to repaint the church, and Southbridge Hall received funding for an acoustic upgrade.*

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