



Media release

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Heritage grants help preserve our history

Selwyn District Council has funding to help 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, heritage sites and trees.

There is one funding round each year and \$40,000 is available to support projects by owners of heritage buildings or protected trees. Last year 11 grants were made. Recipients included the former Dunsandel Methodist Church, Hororata Anglican Parish Hall, Southbridge Hall, The Parish of All Saints Church in Prebbleton, Halkett Church, Trents Chicory Kiln, St Andrew's Church Glentunnel, Aniwaniwa Cottage, the Broughton and Blackwater Homesteads and Grey Cliffe House in Prebbleton.

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.

Applications for funding close on Tuesday 26 April 2016. Applicants need to include at least two quotes from suitably qualified tradespeople.

Application forms are available from Council service centres and libraries and online at www.selwyn.govt.nz/heritagefund. For more information contact Jessica Tuilaepa on 347 2974 or email heritagefund@selwyn.govt.nz.

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Photos attached: The Dunsandel Methodist Church and the Hororata Anglican Parish Hall were two of the buildings to receive Council heritage funding in 2015. Dunsandel Methodist Church, opened in 1912 received \$11,000 from the heritage fund for roof repairs. Hororata Anglican Parish received \$9,000 for a conservation plan for the Parish Hall. This wooden building dates from 1875. Since the Canterbury earthquakes which badly damaged St John's stone church, the hall has been used for church services.

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