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Geoff Howard MLA, Member for Ballarat East

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## **GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE RECEIVES \$15,000 TO PROTECT HERITAGE**

The Golden Plains Shire will receive \$15,000 worth of Brumby Government grants to help them protect and preserve their local heritage, Geoff Howard MP the Member for Ballarat East announced today.

Golden Plains Shire has completed a Heritage Study Program to identify and document the Shires heritage assets.

This funding will assist the council to prepare and exhibit a planning scheme amendment to implement the relevant protections.

This will then ensure planning protection of the shires identified heritage assets.

Part of the four year \$20.5 million heritage strategy, *Victoria's Heritage: Strengthening our communities*, the grants fund local heritage studies across the state.

Mr Howard said the grants were a critical step towards preserving historically important places across Golden Plains Shire and Victoria.

"This funding allows councils to identify and assess their local heritage assets and develop conservations plans for the future to ensure future generations can enjoy our rich heritage," he said.

"As council play such a vital role in the protection of heritage sites, it is important they are supported in this work," said Mr Howard.

"I am very pleased to announce this support to help them manage their heritage for the future."

Heritage Studies are divided into three stages:

Stage 1 involves the identification of potential heritage sites in a specified study area

Stage 2 involves the actual assessment and documentation of the sites outlined in stage 1

Stage 3 is the application of appropriate planning controls to protect the site, usually via a heritage overlay.