

# What is heritage?

Our heritage is a part of who we are. It's what we inherit, appreciate today and think is important to protect and pass on to future generations.



**Heritage can be something that you can see and feel, like buildings and objects, or something that is non-physical and abstract, like traditions and beliefs. We can appreciate heritage just by knowing it exists.**



## Did you know?

- Heritage is more than just buildings.
- Heritage is not always old.
- Heritage can seem ugly to some and pleasing to others.
- Heritage can include places and objects that are still used in everyday life.



## Examples of heritage

### Tangible (physical)

#### Cultural heritage

- Aboriginal cultural sites and objects
- Archaeological remains
- Artefacts and moveable objects
- Built structures – including buildings and functional structures like bridges

- Cemeteries
- Fountains
- Gardens
- Landscapes that have been altered by people
- Significant trees
- Streetscapes and precincts
- Statues

#### Natural heritage

- Coasts and landforms
- Forests
- Landscapes, spaces, and views
- National parks
- Wilderness Areas

### Intangible (non-physical)

- Beliefs
- Ceremonies
- Experiences and associations
- Festivals
- Stories
- Traditions



**Heritage belongs to all of us. We need to protect it, because if we don't, it's lost forever.**



For more information about Victorian heritage and how it is protected, see all the resources from the Heritage Information Pack, at [heritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/heritage-protection/heritage\\_info\\_pack/](https://heritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/heritage-protection/heritage_info_pack/)

