

INTRODUCTION

WHY USE HERITAGE ADVISER GUIDE NOTES?

These guide notes, divided into separate topics, distil over a decade of experience of heritage design to provide technical advice to business and home owner.

The guide notes provide answers to the most frequently asked questions about heritage design, such as: What is a heritage colour scheme? What doors and windows should be used? How to add an extension to a heritage building? What to do about problems such as rising damp and cracking walls?

They are for students, owners, heritage consultants, developers and town planners – in fact for anybody who wants to find out about heritage design.

Each guide note is an information handout that addresses a separate topic and gives practical solutions in an Australian context. As far as possible, each guide note relies on illustrations and forms a separate information package of advice to summarise the more complex aspects of heritage design.

These guide notes can also be used by local government to set historically appropriate standards for the most common changes to the exterior of properties in conservation areas, heritage listed properties and potential heritage items.

Council advice to clients should include basic principles of heritage design. These are:

- ❖ Gather as much information as possible during the initial planning phase of the project.
- ❖ It is better to maintain than to repair.
- ❖ Damaged historic features should generally be repaired rather than replaced.
- ❖ If repair isn't possible, replacement features should match the historic originals as closely as possible.
- ❖ Consider the reversibility of any changes.
- ❖ Call the local council's planning staff with any questions.

The guide notes rely on, but do not replace, the standard references for heritage design in Australia.

These should be consulted for further information:

- ❖ Restoring the Old Aussie House – by Ian Stapleton
- ❖ Colour schemes for Australian Houses – by Ian Evans
- ❖ More Colour Schemes for Australian Houses – by Ian Evans
- ❖ Getting the Details Right – by Ian Stapleton
- ❖ Australian House Styles – by Ian and Maysie Stapleton.
- ❖ Australian Historical Styles – by Robert Irving, Richard Apperly and Peter Reynolds.
- ❖ Historical Styles – National Trust of Australia (out of print)
- ❖ The Burra Charter (available on-line).