

Lachlan Shire Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Study



As part of its ongoing commitment to the local Aboriginal community, Lachlan Shire Council has engaged a specialised heritage consultancy firm to conduct an Aboriginal Heritage Study.

Dubbo-based OzArk Environment and Heritage will identify, assess and record items and places of Aboriginal cultural significance in the Lachlan Shire. OzArk have successfully collaborated with the Wiradjuri Nation, in a number of similar studies within other local government areas.

The study will enable recommendations to be made for the management and conservation of significant Aboriginal cultural heritage property and guide Council in developing sound management guidelines and legislative policy, such as Lachlan Local Environmental Plan 2013.

As part of the study, Council is asking the local Aboriginal community to identify sites and places within the Lachlan Shire that are important to them. This is to provide participants with a chance to suggest locations, places or features which are important to them, and that they would like to be considered for listing.

Such locations, places or features, could potentially include archaeological sites or areas, natural features, post-contact sites/areas, and many more.

From your experience of living in the Lachlan Shire, we invite you to nominate places that are important to you and your family.

You can do this by answering the questions below and returning to the following by October 23, 2020:

- Email – council@lachlan.nsw.gov.au
- Mail: PO Box 216, Condobolin, NSW 2877
- Or you can drop your response off at Council's Condobolin office at 58-64 Molong Street or the Lake Cargelligo office at 35a Foster Street.

For any enquiries please contact David Lornie at 6895 1900 during office hours.

Examples of places and items are:

- Modified tree
- Artefact site
- Artefact scatter
- Hearth
- Burial
- Resource
- Stone quarry
- Restricted
- Ceremony and Dreaming
- Grinding groove
- Shell midden
- Art
- Stone arrangement
- Ochre quarry
- Waterhole

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Study Questions

Traditional places

Places which were used by traditional Aboriginal people of the area. This could be a water body that was important for its food resources, or a natural feature with spiritual significance.

1. Can you nominate traditional places that you'd like to see protected by Council?
2. Why were these places important to Aboriginal people in the past?
3. Do they continue to remain important for today's community? In what ways does the community interact with or use this place today?

Archaeological places of significance

These could be a burial site, a grinding groove site, or an area with significant scarred trees or stone artefacts.

1. Are you aware of any archaeological sites/areas that you would like protected?

2. Why is this site/area important to you?

Contact period sites

This includes sites/places/buildings associated with the early contact period between colonial settlers and the Aboriginal people. This could include camp sites, mission sites or employment sites.

1. Are you aware of any places that are important to the Aboriginal community as they show the history of contact between colonial settlers and Aboriginal people?

Sites with recent significance

This includes places used by the Aboriginal community in the recent past. This could include favourite meeting places, places important to Aboriginal politics, cemeteries, buildings such as churches important to the local community, halls where important meetings were held, sports fields/sports clubs, or pubs.

1. Are you aware of any places that are important to the Aboriginal community as they show the modern history and society of the local Aboriginal people?

2. Why is this place important to the community?