

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Cumberland Local Heritage Rebate Program?

The Cumberland Local Heritage Rebate Program is established by Council to support and encourage owners of heritage properties in the local government area to undertake positive work to improve the condition and integrity of their properties.

The program is part of the Council's efforts to raise awareness and promote heritage conservation within Cumberland.

What kind of works can I undertake using the Rebate Program?

Funding is not simply granted to all owners of heritage assets. The rebates will be allocated to complete and eligible applications that are judged to benefit the local heritage assets based on a criteria-driven assessment. An independent heritage advisor reviews and provides advice to the committee on all applications received.

Eligible projects include those which involve the repair; maintenance of; or reinstatement of missing items on; privately owned heritage properties and buildings. Eligible projects are to be located on the exterior of the building, such as front fences, verandahs, windows/stained glass, roofing, and decorative details.

Rebate funding will generally not be provided for the following types of projects:

- Where the works to the building/item have been commenced or completed prior to receiving the outcome letter of a rebate program application
- Where the building is publicly (i.e. government) owned
- Where assistance is available from another source
- Where substantial assistance has been previously provided for the same improvement/project.
- Where the applicant has not completed other assisted projects
- For routine maintenance as would apply to any property, e.g.: tidying gardens, gutter clearing, general cleaning, etc.
- For the purchase of a building, site, or moveable item
- For new additions to a heritage item
- For the relocation of a heritage item
- For internal building work, e.g.: repairs, electrical work, kitchen renovations, or plumbing improvements
- Replacing original material unnecessarily

Refer to Cumberland Heritage Rebate Program Guidelines for more information.

How long will the Rebate program be open for?

The entry window for the Cumberland Heritage Rebate Program 2026-27 will be from 9 March 2026 till 3 April 2026.

How do I apply?

There are two ways you can apply:



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Complete an online submission using the dedicated HYS page for each program.

Post a completed copy of the relevant category application form to:

General Manager,
Cumberland City Council,
PO Box 42,
Merrylands NSW 2160.
Attn: City Planning and Development

Note: Application forms can be found out at Council Administration buildings and in the document library of the Have Your Say webpage.

Where can I find more information?

For more information on eligibility requirements and the rebates process, please review the Cumberland Local Heritage Rebates Guidelines available for download in the Document Library of this page.

For all other queries, please contact Council on (02) 8757 9000.