

# Request for Expression of Interest

## Rockdale Public Buildings and Urban Landscapes Interpretation Plan

Closing Date: 30 May 2016

### 1. Background

#### 1.1 Project Description

To prepare an Interpretation Plan for Rockdale City Council's portfolio of heritage listed buildings. The objective of the Interpretation Plan will be to provide policies, strategies and detailed advice for interpreting Rockdale City Council's public buildings and certain landscapes with a view to improving public access through knowledge and experience.

#### 1.2 Expression of Interest Objective and Funding

Rockdale City Council will be seeking funding for the project through the OEH Heritage Activation Grants program. It is the purpose of this expression of interest process to identify suitable consultants who will be asked to tender for the project should funding be approved. The expression of interest process will also provide the approximate budget required for the project in order to complete the grant application. The OEH Heritage Activation Grants Program is offering grants of \$10,000 to \$100,000, GST Exclusive.

The implementation of the Interpretation Plan will take place in the future and will also be subject to the availability of grant funding and other factors.

#### 1.3 Definition:

*Interpretation Plan:*

*Interpretation plan is a document that provides the policies, strategies and detailed advice for interpreting a heritage item. It is based on research and analysis and plans to communicate the significance of the item, both during a conservation project and in the ongoing life of the item. The plan identifies key themes, storylines and audiences and provides recommendations about interpretation media. It includes practical and specific advice about how to implement the plan.<sup>i</sup>*

#### 1.4 Reference Material:

1. *Heritage Information Series, Interpreting Heritage Places and Items Guidelines*. By Walker and Lawson for the Office of Environment and Heritage NSW 2005
2. *Heritage Information Series, Heritage Interpretation Policy* Office of Environment and Heritage NSW 2005
3. *Rockdale Local Environmental Plan 2011, Schedule 5 Heritage Items*
4. <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritageapp/heritagesearch.aspx>
5. <https://www.interpretationaustralia.asn.au/about-interpretation-australia/interpretation/>

#### 1.5 Rockdale's Heritage Listed Properties

The Interpretation Plan will be for Council's buildings and selected urban landscapes only. Properties listed on the State Heritage Register are not included in the properties proposed for interpretation.

The following is a list of Council properties which will be the subject of the Interpretation Plan;

- Old St David’s Church, 2 Edward St, Turella
- Kindergarten (Former Fire Station) 139 Forest Road, Arncliffe
- Kindergarten (former Council Chambers) 131 Queen Victoria St Bexley
- Sans Souci Literary Institute, Russell Ave, Ramsgate
- Tram Shed at Clareville – tramway route
- Stone Quarries: eg Walz Quarry Roach Street, Donnans Reserve, Bardwell Valley (40 John St), Bexley (369E Bexley Rd)
- Brighton Baths
- Queens Ave landscaping (Victoria Way) Kogarah
- Guild Theatre, Railway Street Rockdale
- Rockdale Town Hall, Princes Highway Rockdale

All properties on this list have a heritage inventory sheet that can be found at <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritageapp/heritagesearch.aspx>  
Some properties such as the Town Hall have had heritage impact assessment reports prepared, which will supplement the inventory data sheets.

## 2. Expression of Interest Submission Requirements

### 2.1 Documentation to be provided by consultant

- A. Consultancy name, address, contact details and website address.
- B. A statement of relevant experience in the preparation of Interpretation Plans. Please provide a list of examples of Interpretation Plans prepared by the consultancy with contact details for each client.
- C. A statement of why your consultancy would be suitable.
- D. A statement of extent of knowledge of and experience in working in Rockdale City.
- E. A detailed budget estimate to prepare an Interpretation Plan for Rockdale’s public buildings and selected urban landscapes as detailed in part 1.5. When preparing the budget proposal please provide a break-down of costs allocated for each part of the project.
- F. Provide an estimate of time taken for each part of the project, with a view to meeting an expected OEH deadline at the end of the next financial year (2016/2017).
- G. List of staff expected to work on the project, their area of expertise together with a Curriculum Vitae for each team member.
- H. Names and contact details for two referees relevant to this type of project.

## 2.2 Submissions should be addressed to:

The General Manager, Rockdale City Council,  
Attention: Place Outcomes,

P.O. Box 21,  
Rockdale, NSW 2216.

Or

[rcc@rockdale.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rcc@rockdale.nsw.gov.au)

## 3. Contact Details

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