



# Media release

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## **Heritage property owners benefit from grants**

TWENTY one property owners are to get grant funding to help with the maintenance and conservation of heritage items and properties in Clarence Valley heritage conservation areas.

Nineteen grants were allocated within the priority area of Maclean and surrounding areas, and two grants were allocated to Grafton/South Grafton projects.

Proposed works will include re-roofing and roof repairs, repainting in heritage colour schemes, replacement of guttering/downpipes, timber and joinery repairs, repointing of historic brickwork in lime mortar, reconstruction of details, and a historical research project.

Mayor, Jim Simmons, said the Clarence Valley Council heritage grant program had provided help to owners over many years and could mean the difference to getting a particular job done.

“A leaking gutter or small water leak can cause escalating damage if not attended to,” he said.

“A colour scheme appropriate to the era of the building outlasts passing fashions. Council provides free heritage advice including information on conservation, materials and authentic colour schemes.”

Another round of funding will be open in mid 2018 and will be prioritised to heritage items in rural areas.

Additional funding opportunities are also be available through ‘Heritage Near Me’ NSW State Government grants. Details are available at [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/Heritage/heritage-support.htm](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/Heritage/heritage-support.htm)

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Caption: Darrell and Cherylee Lord working on their heritage listed property in Maclean.  
Photo: Deborah Wray.

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