

Preserving the History of the West Coast

An extensive maintenance program for heritage buildings in Zeehan on Tasmania's West Coast was announced by the State Government today.

Labor Member for Lyons, Heather Butler, said \$200,000 was being provided for repairs to properties managed by West Coast Heritage Ltd.

The maintenance projects include:

- Repairing brickwork and roofing at the rear of the School of Mines building
- Re-roofing the Gaiety Theatre
- Repairing rain water systems on the West Coast Pioneers Museum train shelter
- Painting the façade of the Zeehan Post Office.

Ms Butler said the properties were an important part of Tasmania's heritage.

"The preservation and management of these heritage buildings, as undertaken by West Coast Heritage Ltd, are vital roles in the community.

"These buildings are important not only for the local community but for all Tasmanians, and indeed for tourists, as they are an integral part of the visitor experience on the west coast."

Ms Butler said the maintenance program would ensure the protection of the buildings for years to come.

The recurrent funding to West Coast Heritage from the State Government through Arts Tasmania has also been given a \$10,000 boost, to \$135,000 per annum.