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Dear Mr. Wood

Thank you for your constituency question regarding heritage grants and future funding opportunities for Tasmania's heritage sector.

Our government recognises the value of Tasmania's built heritage, and its significant contribution to the local economy and tourism industry. That is why we have committed \$4.5 million over three years (2023-26) to support the sector.

A standout example of our support, through the Built Heritage Grant Scheme, is the activation of the former Carlton Post Office through a \$94,486 Activation Grant in 2024. This funding has helped restore the 1840s building into a luxury visitor accommodation space, repurposing it for modern use. The project integrates historical interpretation, including the last Postmaster's drawings on the walls, ensuring the heritage value is celebrated alongside the new function of the space.

Heritage Tasmania has worked closely with the property owners since 2022, offering pre-purchase advice, conservation guidance, and ongoing technical support throughout the approval and restoration process. This project highlights how our heritage funding initiatives enable owners to conserve and activate historic sites, balancing preservation with economic and community benefits.

Round 3 of the Scheme will open later this year (2025-26), with up to \$1.3 million available. For further details on eligibility and application processes, I encourage interested parties to visit the Heritage Tasmania website and explore the Discover Heritage portal, where they can check heritage listings and find relevant resources.

I appreciate your continued advocacy for our heritage sector and welcome further discussion on how we can continue to support Tasmania's historic assets.

Yours sincerely

Hon Madeleine Ogilvie MP
Minister for the Arts and Heritage