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NSW GOVERNMENT GRANTS \$5.3 MILLION TO CONSERVE HERITAGE

The NSW Planning Minister, Kristina Keneally, today announced \$5.3 million of funding for heritage projects and programs across NSW for 2009 - 2011.

Ms Keneally made the announcement at a National Trust function where industry groups, politicians and stakeholders gathered to discuss the future of Heritage in NSW.

\$1.9 million will go towards funding for local government heritage advisors and small grants through local heritage funding programs.

\$3.4 million will provide financial assistance for a range of conservation, interpretation, community, strategic and special works projects.

Ms Keneally said the \$3.4 million worth of grants would greatly benefit 73 different heritage projects across NSW.

"These grants will not only directly benefit 73 different heritage projects but will also help generate an estimated \$15 million in new heritage works," Ms Keneally said.

"This funding is expected to lead to tourism and employment opportunities particularly in rural and regional communities.

"The 2009-2011 NSW Heritage Grants program will directly enable communities to take a hands-on approach to conserving historic places as an investment for future generations." Projects include:

- \$25,500 to rectify the corrosion of the Memorial Anchor placed at The Gap to commemorate the sinking of the *Dunbar* in 1857
- \$75,000 to assist with conservation work in the c1799 'Old Government House' in Parramatta Park;
- \$75,000 to undertake works to the 1930 Royal Theatre and adjoining 1913 Open Air Theatre at Quirindi to enable its use as a cinema and other theatrical events
- \$75,000 to carry out urgent structural repairs to the c1890 Showground Grandstand at Lockhart
- \$20,000 to produce *Fortress Sydney: a trail guide to Sydney's fortified coastline* – a self guided trail guide for the fixed coastal defences on public land around Sydney Harbour
- \$30,000 to complete the conservation of the 1890 French Puget Pipe Organ at Kincoppal –Rose Bay School of the Sacred Heart, Rose Bay.

The funding initiative is managed by the Heritage Branch, Department of Planning and is designed to provide direct financial assistance to private owners, councils and community based organisations in maintaining and improving their heritage assets.

A full list of projects funded under the 2009-2011 NSW Heritage Grants program can be found at www.heritage.nsw.gov.au

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