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### **HERITAGE HEROES RECOGNISED TODAY**

Seventeen individuals and groups have today been recognised as heritage heroes.

Minister for Planning, Tony Kelly, attended the ninth annual NSW Government Heritage Volunteer Awards, to make the presentations.

“These awards recognise the outstanding contribution of volunteers in conserving the State’s heritage,” the Minister said.

“The wealth of heritage we can see around us can be attributed, in large part, to the efforts of committed organisations and individuals, such as those receiving awards today.

“These volunteers share a desire to conserve and promote their community’s heritage assets.

“Volunteering is a positive way to bring people together and to harness skills and experience for the benefit of the broader community.

“High rates of volunteering and community participation have been shown to build stronger, more cohesive and harmonious communities.

“A connected community builds social capital and a sense of place, with heritage awareness and contact with our past playing a key role.

“Some of today’s volunteers are inspiring leaders at their local heritage organisation, others are quiet ‘heritage heroes’ who have given freely of their time, passion and skills without expecting reward.

“The NSW Government Heritage Volunteer Awards program has seen more than 180 groups and individuals formally acknowledged for their work over the past nine years.

“I thank and congratulate all our heritage volunteers for their contribution towards our State’s ‘living’ heritage.”



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## NSW Government 2010 Heritage Volunteer Awards

Awardee	Heritage Category	Type of Work	Local Government Area
Arnold and Mary Vayo Conservation of 'Vineyard Haven'	Archaeological Heritage	Physical conservation	Richmond Valley
Heritage Committee of Artarmon Progress Association	Built Heritage	Education and Promotion	Willoughby
Bob and Gloria Williams Berrima District Museum	Cultural Heritage	Historical Research	Wingecarribee
Bodalla 150 Committee Celebrating 150 years of the Bodalla township	Cultural Heritage	Promotion	Eurobodalla
Bryan Baker Merriwa Historical Society and conservation of Merriwa Railway Station	Engineering Heritage	Community Campaign	Upper Hunter
John and Patricia Bradley Conservation of 'Carrum Carrum'	Built Heritage	Physical Conservation	Lane Cove
Emma Brooks-Maher Recognising Haberfield's heritage	Cultural Heritage	Community Campaign	Ashfield
Gionni Di Gravio Promoting history of the Hunter	Cultural Heritage	Historical Research	Newcastle
Dr James Broadbent Conservation of 'Coxs Cottage' 1810	Cultural Heritage	Physical Conservation	Penrith
John Williams Heritage trams conservation	Moveable Heritage	Community Campaign	Sydney
Kath Smith 'Friends of Fagan Park'	Built Heritage	Physical Conservation	Ku-Ring-Gai
Leeton Family & Local History Society Leeton Shire heritage support	Cultural Heritage	Historical Research	Leeton
Long Swamp Cemetery Volunteers Cemetery conservation	Cultural Heritage	Physical Conservation	Bathurst Regional
Margaret Weber Walgett Museum and building conservation	Built Heritage	Management	Walgett
Penelope Pike Conservation of "Eryldene", 1913, Gordon	Built Heritage	Built Heritage	Ku-Ring-Gai
Queanbeyan & District Historical Society and Museum Volunteers Queanbeyan district heritage support	Cultural Heritage	Promotion	Queanbeyan
Queanbeyan Printing Museum Volunteers Conservation of printing machinery	Moveable Heritage	Moveable Heritage	Queanbeyan