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HERITAGE PROJECTS TO RECEIVE A $5.5 MILLION BOOST

Owners and managers of State heritage items in NSW are invited to apply for funding in the latest round of NSW Government heritage grants.

Minister for Planning, Tony Kelly, said the Government has committed $5.5 million over the next two years.

“Owners and managers bear an important responsibility to protect and enhance the State’s valuable heritage items, and the Government is keen to support them,” the Minister said.

“This funding will go directly into conservation and maintenance projects on buildings like town halls, residential, commercial and community properties, religious buildings and local theatres.”

There are four categories:

- Conservation, maintenance and adaptive reuse of State heritage items – up to $75,000 per project;
- Community heritage projects such as producing interactive websites, touring maps of State-listed sites and payment towards the cost of a heritage advisory service – up to $60,000 per project;
- Cultural heritage tourism projects for State-listed items such as improved signage – up to $20,000 per project; and
- Conservation management reports for State heritage items – up to $5,000 per project.

Applications must be lodged by Friday, 3 December, 2010.

For applications involving the management of local government heritage items, for which funding is available up to $50,000 per project, a later closing date of Thursday, 10 February, 2011, applies.

Applications for the following types of projects may be lodged at any time over the course of the two-year funding period:

- Aboriginal heritage projects – up to $75,000 per project; and
- Urgent projects relating to State heritage items – up to $10,000 per project.

Also, applications for historical research and local archive projects will open in May 2011 and May 2012, with funding available up to $5,000 per project.

More details can be found on the Department of Planning’s Heritage Branch website at www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/funding