



NATIONAL TRUST

WATSON ROAD
OBSERVATORY HILL

GPO Box 518
SYDNEY NSW 2001

www.nationaltrust.com.au

MEDIA RELEASE

Wednesday 3 March 2010

The 'Father of Australia' to inspire school students

Primary and secondary school students are being asked to consider the "Making of Our Nation" in the National Trust's annual Schools Competition.

Inspiring students to celebrate their local heritage, this thematic competition celebrates 2010 as the bicentenary of the commencement of Governor Lachlan Macquarie's 12 year tenure as the 5th Governor of the Colony of New South Wales.

Natalie Gross, National Trust Event Manager, said: "The quality of entries last year was particularly high, and we're expecting a similar standard this year. As well as engaging with Macquarie, the "Father of Australia", students are asked to consider a local site, person or event that has helped shape our heritage".

The competition is open across three subject areas:

- Human Society and Its Environment Stages 2 & 3
- History Stages 4 & 5
- Geography Stages 4 & 5

The competition guidelines are put together by the National Trust in association with the NSW Department of Education and Training, to ensure all criteria are in line with the 2010 syllabus.

This is a term two competition with entries due on **Friday 25 June 2010**. The overall winner in each category will receive \$250 for their school, as well as individual prizes. Comprised of education experts, the judging panel will join special guest personalities for the prize giving ceremony to be held in August 2010 at the National Trust Centre, Observatory Hill, Sydney.

To download an entry form or for more information see
<http://www.nationaltrust.com.au/events/festival/schoolscomp/2010/default.asp>

ENDS

Media enquiries – National Trust:

Hansni Bhagani - 02 9258 0131 or 0416 446 276