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Do you know a local heritage hero?

What have you done to protect an icon of your childhood? Nothing? Well why not make up for your complacency by rewarding someone who has worked tirelessly to save their local heritage?

Next year marks the 32nd anniversary for the National Trust's flagship annual event, the National Trust Heritage Festival.

Through the participation of individuals, community groups, local and state government, schools and businesses across NSW, the Festival celebrates Australia's built, natural and cultural heritage.

It is also the largest and longest running community festival in Australia.

As part of the Heritage Festival, the 'Signature Event' is the **National Trust Heritage Awards**.

In 2012, the National Trust Heritage Awards will be celebrating 19 years offering a unique opportunity to showcase individuals, organisations, government departments and community groups who have completed a project that promotes the conservation of Australia's built, natural or cultural heritage.

The Heritage Awards continue to set an industry benchmark to winners and entrants alike, as well as to provide recognition amongst industry peers of excellence within the field of heritage conservation.

The awards program is now open and applications can be made until Monday the 6th of February 2012.

Judging takes place towards the end of February and the winners are announced at a formal presentation lunch in the Grand Ballroom of The Westin Hotel, Sydney, during the first week of the Heritage Festival in April 2012.

For more information visit the National Trust website:

<http://www.nationaltrust.com.au/heritageawards/>

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