



MEDIA RELEASE

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Diverse range of Heritage Award winners announced

Keeping with the National Trust's commitment to advocate for the protection and subsidies for heritage cinemas and theatres throughout NSW, The Saraton Theatre in Grafton has taken out one of the top Heritage Awards at today's ceremony.

Described as one of the finest examples of such a building in Australia, the theatre was built by Greek immigrants and opened in 1926. It was restored just last year by the sons of the original owners.

A diverse range of entries were honoured at today's ceremony, held at The Westin Hotel in Sydney from 12 noon.

William Holmes á Court, CEO of the National Trust said "the caliber of the entries in this year's awards has been exceptional.

"Protecting Australia's heritage is part of the character and identity of this country, and it's outstanding to see the level of commitment to protecting and conserving heritage in this state by large corporations, small companies, government bodies and individuals."

A full list of winners and highly commended participants will be available on the National Trust website from this afternoon. A list of winners is below.

2011 Heritage Awards Winners

AWARD: Conservation Built Heritage for Project over \$1 million
AWARD CATEGORY: Corporate / Government
ENTRY NAME: Saraton Theatre, Grafton
AWARD RECIPIENT: Notaras Bros Entertainment P/L

AWARD: Conservation Built Heritage for Project over \$1 million
AWARD CATEGORY: Community Groups
ENTRY NAME: St James' Church, King St Sydney – Spire/Tower Repairs
AWARD RECIPIENT: Design 5 – Architects Pty Ltd

AWARD: Conservation Built Heritage for Project under \$1 million
AWARD CATEGORY: Corporate / Government
ENTRY NAME: Exeter Farm
AWARD RECIPIENT: Design 5 – Architects / Historic Houses Trust

AWARD: Conservation Landscape Heritage
AWARD CATEGORY: Corporate / Government
ENTRY NAME: Cultural Landscapes: A Practical Guide for Park Management
AWARD RECIPIENT: NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water

AWARD: **Adaptive Re-use**
AWARD CATEGORY: Corporate / Government
ENTRY NAME: Adaptive Re-use of Kiandra Courthouse & Chalet
AWARD RECIPIENT: NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water

AWARD: **Adaptive Re-use**
AWARD CATEGORY: Community Groups
ENTRY NAME: New Catering Facility
AWARD RECIPIENT: Uralla Historical Society

AWARD: **Tourism Projects**
AWARD CATEGORY: Corporate / Government
ENTRY NAME: Sydney Harbour YHA
AWARD RECIPIENT: YHA Ltd

AWARD: **Interpretation and Presentation**
AWARD CATEGORY: Corporate / Government
ENTRY NAME: Maitland Jewish Cemetery
AWARD RECIPIENT: Maitland Regional Art Gallery

AWARD: **Interpretation and Presentation**
AWARD CATEGORY: Individuals
ENTRY NAME: Urban Nation
AWARD RECIPIENT: Robert Freestone

AWARD: **Education**
AWARD CATEGORY: Corporate / Government
ENTRY NAME: The Big Dig Archaeology Education Centre
AWARD RECIPIENT: YHA Ltd

CATHY DONNELLY MEMORIAL AWARD
RECIPIENT: Elizabeth Vines

AWARD: **Conservation – Energy Management**
ENTRY NAME: Sydney Town Hall Historic Interiors and Essential Services Upgrade
AWARD RECIPIENT: Tanner Architects

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
RECIPIENT: John Morris

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