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NEW VOTE TO ADD SEVEN TREASURES TO THE NATIONAL LIVING TREASURES LIST

The National Trust of Australia (NSW) has launched a new vote to add seven exceptional Australians to the National Living Treasures list, now in its 15th Anniversary year. These new Treasures will be added to a list that includes inspirational Australians such as Steve Waugh, Judy Davis, David Williamson, Tim Winton, Richard Tognetti, Ken Rosewall, Janet Holmes a' Court, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, Governor of NSW, Dick Smith and Greg Norman.

History of the National Living Treasures

The original public vote was in 1997 and was an initiative of the National Trust of Australia (NSW) to recognise and celebrate Australia's Living Treasures. This Australia wide vote chose 100 Australians to be named as National Living Treasures. More than 10,000 Australians voted. Their votes determined who was chosen to be a National Living Treasure. At the time, the concept gained media coverage in major newspapers and television throughout Australia. The choice of the original National Living Treasures was not made by the Board or the Executive of the National Trust; it was made by the public.

New vote to add seven Treasures in 2012

The National Living Treasures list of 100 respected Australians has lost seven Treasures since it was last updated in 2004. The recent passing of much loved National Living Treasure artist Margaret Olley has prompted the National Trust of Australia (NSW) to launch an Australia-wide vote to update this prestigious list.

"The National Living Treasures is a project developed by the National Trust of Australia (NSW), decided by an Australia wide vote, a democratic process which reflects the popular outcome", said Mr Scarsbrick, CEO, National Trust of Australia (NSW).

The National Trust of Australia (NSW) was the first conservation organisation in Australia

Since its formation in 1945, the National Trust of Australia (NSW) has concentrated on recording environmental heritage on the Trust Register. This has included historic buildings, landscapes, gardens, cemeteries and railways. These historic listings make reference to not only the buildings but also to many important figures in Australia's history.

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