

## 2011 National Trust Heritage Awards – the winners

By **Natalie Gross**, Events Manager

The annual presentation of the Heritage Awards, a highlight of the National Trust Heritage Festival, was held at The Westin, Sydney on Monday 4 April. Author and journalist David Marr was Master of Ceremonies, and other special guests were Egle Garrick of Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority; Petula Samios of the Heritage Branch, NSW Department of Planning, and Gabrielle Kibble of the NSW Heritage Council.

Judges for the 2011 Awards were: Robert Moore, Robert A Moore Pty Ltd; Tim Smith, Deputy Director, Heritage Branch, NSW Department of Planning; Murray Brown, Policy & Professional Development Manager, Australian Institute of Architects; Maisy Stapleton, Deputy Executive Director, National Trust (NSW) and Robyn Christie, Board Members, National Trust (NSW).

Recipients of Awards and Commendations were:

### A1 - Conservation Built Heritage for Project over \$1 million: Corporate / Government

Winner:

- Saraton Theatre, Grafton  
*Notaras Bros Entertainment P/L*

Highly Commended:

- Fort Denison Conservation  
*NSW Public Works / DECCW*

### A2 - Conservation Built Heritage for Project over \$1 million: Community Groups

Winner:

- St James' Church, King St Sydney – Spire/Tower Repairs  
*Design 5 – Architects Pty Ltd*

### B1 - Conservation Built Heritage for Project under \$1 million: Corporate / Government

Winner:

- Exeter Farm  
*Design 5 – Architects / Historic Houses Trust*

Highly Commended:

- Fort Phillip Precinct  
*NSW Public Works / Powerhouse Museum*
- Sydney Harbour Bridge Cranes Conservation  
*International Conservation Services*

### B2 - Conservation Built Heritage for Project under \$1 million: Community Groups

(there was no winner in this category)

Highly Commended:

- St Peter's Cathedral Armidale – Interior Lights  
*Clive Lucas Stapleton & Partners*

### C1 - Conservation Landscape Heritage: Corporate / Government

Winner:

- Cultural Landscapes: A Practical Guide for Park Management  
*Dept. Environment, Climate Change and Water (NSW)*

### F1 - Adaptive Re-use: Corporate / Government

Winner:

- Adaptive Re-use of Kiandra Courthouse & Chalet  
*NSW Department of Climate Change and Water*

### F2 - Adaptive Re-use: Community Groups

Winner:

- New Catering Facility  
*Uralla Historical Society*

### G1 - Cultural Heritage: Corporate / Government

(there was no winner in this category)

Highly Commended:

- Rail Heritage Care  
*RailCorp*
- Maitland Local Studies Strategy  
*Maitland City Library / Maitland City Council*

### G3 - Cultural Heritage: Individuals

(there was no winner in this category)

Highly Commended:

- Tours of Haberfield: Past and Present, Part Three  
*Vincent Crow*

### H1 - Tourism Projects: Corporate / Government

Winner:

- Sydney Harbour YHA  
*YHA Ltd*

Highly Commended:

- Experience South Solitary Island  
*NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service*

### I1 - Interpretation and Presentation: Corporate / Government

Winner:

- Maitland Jewish Cemetery  
*Maitland Regional Art Gallery*

Highly Commended:

- 'Our Island Home' & 'Beneath the Pines' – Published Histories  
*Government Architects Office / Department of Human Services*
- Faces in the Street – Portraits in Stone  
*Government Architects Office, NSW Public Works*
- Painting the Rocks  
*Historic Houses Trust of NSW*



## I2 - Interpretation and Presentation: Community Groups

(there was no winner in this category)

Highly Commended:

- "Life in Australia" Publication  
*Kytherian World Heritage Fund*

## I3 - Interpretation and Presentation: Individuals

Winner:

- Urban Nation  
*Robert Freestone*

## J1 – Education: Corporate / Government

Winner:

- The Big Dig Archaeology Education Centre  
*YHA Ltd*

Highly Commended:

- Macquarie's Towns Publication  
*Heritage Council of NSW*
- Rouse Hill House & Farm Schoolhouse  
*Historic Houses Trust of NSW*

## K1 – Development: Corporate / Government

(there was no winner in this category)

Highly Commended:

- Statue of James Meehan  
*NSW Public Works / Land & Property Management Authority*

## Cathy Donnelly Memorial Award

Recipient:

- Elizabeth Vines OAM, FAIA, M.ICOMOS

Liz Vines is a conservation architect whose practice, McDougall & Vines, undertakes work Australia-wide. With a passion for outback and remote conservation projects, Liz has been heritage advisor in Broken Hill since 1988, a role which now includes Wilcannia. She teaches at the University of Hong Kong and is an Adjunct Professor in the Centre of Cultural Heritage in Asia & the Pacific at Deakin University in Melbourne. Two of her books, *Streetwise* and *Streetwise Asia* – are regarded as seminal works, while her *Streetwise Asia* Fund for Heritage Conservation supports community-based heritage projects in Asia. In 2009, she was awarded an Order of Australia for her contribution to heritage conservation.

## Conservation – Energy Management Award

Recipient:

- Sydney Town Hall Historic Interiors and Essential Services Upgrade  
*Tanner Architects*

## Lifetime Achievement Award

Recipient:

- John Morris

From 1965 to 1983, John Morris made a major contribution to the National Trust as an executive officer during a time of considerable change. As Assistant Director of the Trust an initial task was administration of the Historic Buildings Committee, whose visits to regional New South Wales led to many new listings on the Trust Register. In 1967, he was involved in the publication of the first Register of Classified places in the state. Establishment of the Urban Conservation, Industrial Archaeology and Cemetery Committees followed and the structure, membership and influence of the Trust expanded. In 1974 he was appointed Executive Director of the Trust and when the NSW Heritage Council was established in 1978, he was the Trust's representative. John played a large part in the relocation of the Trust's headquarters to Observatory Hill and the setting up of the S.H. Ervin Gallery. He worked with Jack Munday to campaign for the protection of much of Sydney's most significant heritage and continues his involvement with the Trust and in environmental issues today.



Trust CEO Will Holmes à Court with John Morris



Elizabeth Vines and Trust Deputy CEO, Maisy Stapleton

## An Amazing Festival, and planning for 2012

'Amazing Stories', as the theme for the 2011 National Trust Heritage Festival attracted a huge response throughout the State as communities everywhere planned their events. Signature National Trust events included the National Trust Heritage Awards, Opera at Golden Vale and National Trust Day. Dates for the 2012 Festival will be issued soon. To add your name to the mailout list for festival news, please email your address to [ngross@nationaltrust.com.au](mailto:ngross@nationaltrust.com.au)