



National Trust of Australia (NSW)

Castlecrag

### Further Reading

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### Sources of Further Information

See the National Trust website at [www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au](http://www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au)

# JOIN THE NATIONAL TRUST

The National Trust is a non-government, community organisation which relies on membership subscriptions, donations, fundraising and bequests to finance its activities.

By joining the National Trust you can:

- *help* the Trust in its primary role - campaigning to protect the environmental heritage across NSW
- *have* Free Entry to Trust properties in Australia (and 13 other countries around the world);
- *have* access to an exciting range of Trust activities, including private viewings, behind the scenes tours and exhibitions; and
- *get* discounted entry to the Wyatt Conservation Series talks and other public programmes.

**Call (02) 9258 037**

### Join the Committee

Technical Committee members are appointed by National Trust Board resolution on the advice of the Conservation Committee and the Conservation Director. All Committee members must be members of the National Trust. New members will normally be nominated/invited by the Chair after attendance at not less than 3 meetings as an observer. If you have expertise in identification and assessment of buildings that you feel you would like to contribute please send details to the address below. All Committees are voluntary.

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# Historic Buildings Committee



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Boatshed, Sydney

## The National Trust Technical Committees

Architectural Advisory Committee  
Bush Management Advisory Committee  
Cemeteries Conservation Committee  
**Historic Buildings Committee**  
Industrial Heritage Committee (Advocacy) & (Research)  
Landscape Conservation Committee  
Parks and Gardens Conservation Committee  
Urban Conservation Committee

The Chairs of all technical committees and members of the Board sit on the Conservation Committee which makes recommendations to the National Trust Board.

## The Historic Buildings Committee

The Historic Buildings Committee was established in 1948. The Committee assesses items of the built environment for their heritage value, based on their aesthetic, historic, technical, cultural and/or social significance.

Items considered cover the broad range of the built environment. They range from grand mansions to humble workers' huts, from cathedrals to chapels, opera houses to community halls, and war memorials to dovecotes.

A report is prepared setting out the history and a description of the item. A *Statement of Significance* summarises the item's importance, providing a valuable tool for its conservation and protection.

Committee members have expertise in many different areas such as architecture, building construction, architectural history, heritage conservation, archaeology, social history and landscape architecture.

The Committee meets monthly with support administration by the staff of the Conservation Department of the National Trust.

## Classification

If the Committee considers an item possesses adequate heritage value, the Committee's recommendation is forwarded for approval to the National Trust Board, via the Conservation Committee. Upon approval the item is said to be Classified and is then included in the National Trust's Register.

A Classification by the Trust does not have any legal force. However it is recognised as an independent authoritative statement of the cultural significance of the item.

The Trust's advice on conservation of Classified buildings is often sought by owners, buyers and sellers, government department and members of the public. Proposals for the Classification of a building come from many sources:

- Committee survey trips
- Trust Regional Committees
- Historical Societies
- Local Government
- Interested members of the public

The Committee assesses Classification proposals received by the Trust. If a building is seen to possess adequate significance the Classification proposal is forwarded to the National Trust Board, via the Conservation Committee, for approval and inclusion in the Register.



Skin Shed, Buradoo



Briscoe Building

The National Trust of Australia (NSW) is an independent non-government, member-based organisation. Its aim is to lead the community in the identification, conservation, interpretation, promotion and celebration of our cultural and natural heritage through involvement, education and by engendering a sense of pride.

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