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## THE NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (NSW)

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### **National Trust announces call for nominations for 2008 heritage awards**

The National Trust of Australia (NSW)- the non-profit charity responsible for the advancement of natural, built and cultural heritage preservation – is issuing a call for nominations for the 2008 EnergyAustralia National Trust Heritage Awards.

Individuals, government departments, commercial organisations and community groups who have completed an outstanding conservation project in the last year are strongly encouraged to enter the awards.

Now in their 15<sup>th</sup> year, these prestigious awards recognise success in preserving, restoring or interpreting Australia's natural, built and cultural heritage. Winners' work will be showcased and recognised by their peers at the EnergyAustralia National Trust Awards luncheon at the Westin, Sydney on 7 April 2008.

The EnergyAustralia National Trust Awards are a signature event of the National Trust Festival, which will take place from 5-20 April 2008. This delightful community festival will encompass a diverse range of events under the broad theme of **'Our Place'** next year.

"Every year more and more people enter the EnergyAustralia National Trust Awards. The awards continue to prove how important and relevant our heritage is to people around New South Wales," said Executive Director, Tina Jackson.

"EnergyAustralia is delighted to have been involved in the National Trust Heritage Awards since their inception. These highly coveted awards set a benchmark for heritage conservation both in the industry and the community," said George Maltabarow, EnergyAustralia's Managing Director.

Entry categories include **Conservation - Built Heritage** and **Landscape Conservation Projects, Interpretation and Presentation, Tourism** and **Cultural Heritage**.

The **Cathy Donnelly Memorial Award** is presented annually for a conservation project by a female architect. Other categories include **Education, Adaptive Reuse, Development** and the **EnergyAustralia Conservation – Energy Management Award**.

EnergyAustralia will once again offer a special **Lifetime Achievement Award**, to be presented to an individual for his or her outstanding contribution to heritage or environmental conservation. Recent past winners have included Dr James Semple Kerr AM, Ian Kiernan AO and Jack Munday AO.

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The National Trust is Australia's oldest conservation charity. It is not-for-profit and independent, relying on support from its members and the community to assist its work – which includes advocacy for the protection of built, natural and cultural heritage, conservation and education.

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Projects must have been completed in 2007 within New South Wales to be eligible. Deadline for entries is Monday 18 February 2008. Judging by a panel of industry experts follows in March with the awards luncheon in April.

The Awards are supported by EnergyAustralia and the NSW Heritage Office.

Entry forms are now available from the National Trust. Further information can be found under the National Trust Festival on the Trust's website [www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au](http://www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au) Contact Kylie Westaway on 02 9258 0123 or [kwestaway@nsw.nationaltrust.org.au](mailto:kwestaway@nsw.nationaltrust.org.au) for additional information about the awards.

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