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TRAP THAT TOAD SCOOPS THE POOL!

A quirky response to Australia's cane toad scourge has won a prestigious EnergyAustralia National Trust Heritage Award.

The project, called Trap That Toad, was recognised today at the annual EnergyAustralia National Trust Heritage Awards presentation in Sydney. The awards were hosted by National Trust (NSW) president Dr Zeny Edwards and journalist David Marr.

Trap That Toad teaches school students how to distinguish a Cane Toad from a native frog. It also teaches students how to ethically catch and dispatch the toad. It comes complete with a stuffed toad and an mp3 player loaded with audio files of native frog calls and Cane Toad croaks.

Trap That Toad was produced by an operations officer, Susan Crocetti, and colleagues from the Department of Environment and Climate Change. The kit's impact is being felt across Australia and internationally, with the United Nations' South Pacific environmental program adopting it for use against Samoa's emerging Cane Toad problem.

Other winners at today's EnergyAustralia National Trust Heritage Award ceremony were the 2.5km National Pass walking track at Wentworth Falls in the Blue Mountains, the Lake Wollumboola Little Tern Conservation Program on the NSW South Coast, the Taronga Zoo Landscape Management Plan, the Carriageworks at Eveleigh, and the Grafton Heritage Trail.

Award judges described the National Pass project as "a conservation project of a heroic scale". The Lake Wollumboola project, they said, is an example of how endangered species can be protected at a local level.

The judges for this year's awards were **Paul Berkemeier**, director of Paul Berkemeier Architect Pty Ltd; heritage consultant **Bob Moore** of Robert A Moore Pty Ltd; senior heritage officer **Bruce Baskerville** from the Heritage Branch of the Department of Planning; **Maclaren North**, heritage adviser to EnergyAustralia; and **Tina Jackson**, former executive director of the National Trust of Australia (NSW).

The heritage awards are a signature event in the National Trust (NSW) heritage festival, which kicked off on Saturday 5 April and runs through to Sunday 20 April. The festival includes over 150 events throughout metropolitan and regional NSW. A full list of award winners and the 2008 festival program is online at www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au

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