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### National Trust announces call for nominations for 2009 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 2009 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 encouraged to enter the awards.

Now in the 16<sup>th</sup> year, these prestigious awards recognise success in preserving, restoring or interpreting Australia's natural, built and cultural heritage. The winning projects will be recognised at the EnergyAustralia National Trust Awards luncheon on 6 April 2009.

The EnergyAustralia National Trust Awards are a signature event of the National Trust Festival, which runs state-wide from 4-19 April 2009. <http://www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au/events/festival/>

"The Heritage Awards are an important way the National Trust can foster and reward conservation efforts at both a community and industry level," Trust Executive Director, John Neish said. "We are grateful to EnergyAustralia and the NSW Heritage Office for ongoing support of this prestigious program".

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.

Projects must have been completed in 2008 within New South Wales to be eligible. Entry deadline: Monday 18 February 2009.

Entry forms are now available from the National Trust. Further information can be found at [www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au](http://www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au) or contact Natalie Gross on 02 9258 0181 or [ngross@nsw.nationaltrust.org.au](mailto:ngross@nsw.nationaltrust.org.au)

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