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National Trust Meets in Wagga Wagga

Over 75 National Trust staff and volunteers will gather in Wagga Wagga over the weekend of 17 – 19 July for the National Trust of Australia (NSW) 2009 Annual Committee Conference.

The organisation's Executive Director, John Neish is steering the organisation through a period of consolidation, to ensure its continued growth and viability to 2020 and beyond.

The Wagga conference will be an opportunity for Mr Neish and his executive team to meet with the organisation's regional stakeholders and discuss the future of the organisation.

The National Trust is an independent charity concerned with the conservation of Australia's cultural and natural heritage. In recent years it has faced the dual problem of dwindling membership numbers and the need to maintain a portfolio of ageing heritage properties.

The conference themed 'Moving Forward' will be presented with the draft National Trust 20/20 Strategic Plan, which outlines new areas of commercial endeavour designed to secure the Trust's ongoing financial viability.

The agenda will also look at the National Trust Committee Charter and discuss the equitable use of funds raised by local committees.

This is the first time the National Trust has held a Committee's conference in a regional location.

Wagga Mayor, Councillor Kerry Pascoe will host a reception for the National Trust on Friday 17 at the Wagga Civic Theatre to be attended by conference delegates including National Trust President, Ian Carroll OAM and Executive Director, John Neish.

The Trust thanks the generous sponsorship the conference has received from businesses including City Plan Services, Casella Wines, Green Grove Organics, The Riverina Club and Wagga Wagga City Council,.

The conference will conclude on Sunday with a heritage walk hosted by the National Trust's Riverina Regional Committee.

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