



NATIONAL TRUST STATEMENT: Monday 30th January 2012

NATIONAL LIVING TREASURES

The National Trust of Australia (NSW) has launched a national vote to add seven exceptional Australians to its list of National Living Treasures, now in its 15th year.

The recent passing of much loved National Living Treasure artist Margaret Olley, has prompted the National Trust of Australia (NSW) to launch an Australia wide vote to update this prestigious list which includes prominent Australians such as Thomas Keneally, Robert Hughes, Colleen McCullough, Hon. Michael Kirby, David Malouf, Caroline Jones, Barry Humphries, Hon. Gough Whitlam, Dr Germaine Greer, Senator Bob Brown and Rolf Harris. This list highlights the diversity of the National Living Treasures.

The public can nominate and vote for anyone they think deserves to be a National Living Treasure. The names of possible candidates recently put forward were intended only to start a conversation – who do you think should to be a National Living Treasure?

Many of the Treasures have at times articulated personal views on a range of controversial topics. These personal views are not endorsed or do not necessarily represent the views of our organisation. We are a not-for-profit charity that believes in national unity, while advocating for conservation issues.

We believe that everyone should be treated equally and fairly and do not support any view that does not respect these basic human rights.

History of the National Trust of Australia

Mr Brian Scarsbrick, CEO, National Trust of Australia (NSW) says, “The National Trust of Australia was the first conservation organisation in Australia and since its formation in 1945 it has helped to save iconic landmarks such as the QVB Building in Sydney and the Flinders Street Station in Melbourne. The National Living Treasures was created as an expression of national unity and we hope that Australians will participate in the spirit in which it was created”.