

Strategic Plan 2005-2010

Heritage Council of NSW

Introduction

The Heritage Council of NSW is a body appointed by the Minister responsible for heritage in NSW, The Hon. Frank Sartor MP, to reflect a cross-section of community, government and conservation expertise.

The Heritage Council administers the *NSW Heritage Act (1977)* and in this capacity we:

- work with communities to help them identify their important places and objects;
- provide advice to State agencies, local councils and community organisations on how to look after heritage items;
- support community heritage projects through funding and advice;
- maintain the State Heritage Register, an online list of all statutory heritage items of state significance in NSW;
- assess development applications for changes to heritage places;
- undertake a range of projects to promote and celebrate our environmental heritage with the community.

The Heritage Council is supported by the Heritage Office, a division of the NSW Department of Planning, which is responsible for heritage management in NSW.

Our Vision

Conserving our heritage, enriching our future

Our Mission

Working with the community to know, value and care for our heritage

Our Goals

- The community knows the heritage of NSW.
- The community values the heritage of NSW.
- The community cares for the heritage of NSW.
- We excel in managing our responsibilities and resources.

Our Clients and Customers

- We enable people who live in or visit NSW to know, value and care for our heritage.
- We work for future generations, so they can enjoy their heritage in a state that is as good as, or better than today.
- We assist owners or managers who are involved in caring for, or want to make changes to, our heritage.
- We partner local, state and federal government, non-government organisations and private individuals without whom our vision cannot be realised.



Our Values

- Passion for all our heritage in its many and diverse forms
- Professionalism in all the work that we do
- Partnering with our key stakeholders in heritage conservation
- Productivity, effectiveness and efficiency through measuring our performance and constantly improving the ways in which we work.

Measuring our Success

We will use the following indicators for measures of our success:

- Community interest in and commitment to heritage
- Number of heritage listings made each year
- Value of heritage conservation to the community
- Positive media coverage of heritage issues
- Our performance against our guarantee of service.

Our Priorities for the Coming Five Years

To enhance the heritage of NSW through the effective operation of the Heritage Act we will:

- demonstrate government leadership in heritage at the national, state and local level;
- maintain and enhance support to local government and community organisations;
- increase the State Heritage Register to be truly representative of the richness and diversity of NSW's heritage;
- determine and report on the extent and condition of our heritage in NSW;
- raise the profile of heritage as vital to NSW's unique sense of identity, place and character;
- support the Minister and the Government with quality advice and strategic opportunities;
- improve our standards and streamline our statutory processes to enhance heritage outcomes;
- increase our capacity to deliver our services through sustainable self-funding initiatives;
- build the capacity of the Heritage Council and our partners.



The *Lady Darling* shipwreck; Aboriginal carved tree at Yuranigh's burial site near Molong; Yiu Ming Temple in Alexandria; archaeologist at work on Australand site in Broadway; church in Braidwood, NSW

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