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The Hon Frank Sartor MP

Minister for Planning

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\$2.73 million for NSW heritage projects

Showground grandstands, steam boats, cemeteries, pastoral estates - even a hermit's cave - are among the projects to receive first-round funding under the NSW Government's Heritage Incentive Program.

Minister for Planning, Frank Sartor, today announced \$2.73 million in grants and loans for 92 heritage projects, under the 2006-2008 Heritage Incentives Program.

"This is about helping local communities to take a practical and hands-on approach to preserving their history," Mr Sartor said.

"The grants and loans go to local councils and heritage groups, which provide matching funding.

"This package is expected to generate an estimated \$10 million in new conservation work. All this work helps to renew the confidence and local pride of rural and metropolitan communities.

"Each dollar which the NSW Government invests in heritage conservation helps to boost tourism and rural and regional jobs."

Mr Sartor said rural towns received nearly three-quarters of the conservation works funding, for community, local government and privately-owned projects.

"This year, we have expanded the program to include funding for interpretation projects, fundraising appeals and funding for works projects," Mr Sartor said.

"Preserving our heritage is vital to show future generations where we came from.

"Australians place a high value on their heritage, including the historic buildings that define a community's character and identity.

"I am proud that we are helping communities to protect the past, as an investment for future generations."

A total \$5.4 million is available under the 2006-08 Heritage Incentives Program.

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Funding available under the Heritage Incentives Program:

Conservation projects

\$480,000 for ten industrial heritage sites, including:

- \$100,000 to Tathra Wharf (1862); and
- \$50,000 each to Ayrdale Dairy Village (1873-1906) near Bega; Wentworth Gold Mine site (1890s-1940s), Lucknow; and the Bellman Hangar, Evans Head Memorial Aerodrome.

\$428,000 for 13 local government heritage site projects, including:

- Dubbo Showground Grandstand (1893); and
- former Maitland Gaol.

\$152,500 to five regional councils for main street conservation works, including:

- main streets of Coonamble, Grafton, Mudgee, South Grafton and Wentworth.

\$367,000 to nine private heritage projects, including:

- includes Aberglasslyn House (1842) near Maitland
- Heritage Hotel, Bulli; and
- former school at Lower Ulmarra (1881).

\$181,000 to seven community building projects, including:

- 1911-1930s Pullen Centre, Grafton; and
- 1860-1930 Riverine Club Building in Wagga Wagga.

\$418,000 to 12 church projects, including:

- St. John the Baptist Anglican Church (1860) Mudgee; and
- the hall of Christ Church Anglican Cathedral, Newcastle.

\$181,000 to five industrial heritage projects, including:

- the 1907 Paddle Steamer Ruby at Wentworth; and
- SS John Oxley coastal steamer, part of the Sydney Heritage Fleet.

\$115,500 to five heritage cemetery projects, including:

- Funding to conserve headstones at Manly's 19th Century cemetery.

\$71,000 for two pipe organ projects

Heritage projects

\$75,000 for signage & interpretation at six major heritage sites, including:

- a cave in Griffith which was home to an Italian migrant hermit from 1929-1941; and
- a Migration Heritage Trail in Liverpool.

\$67,000 for six heritage education & promotion projects, including:

- an oral history recording project at the former Fairbridge Farm Child Migrant School at Molong.

\$174,755 for nine studies, including:

- A study of Chinese-related heritage places on the South Coast & Riverina.

- **For a full list of projects to receive funding under the Heritage Incentives Program, go to www.heritage.nsw.gov.au**
- **For contact details for specific projects, please call the Heritage Office on (02) 9873-8500.**

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