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## The Hon Frank Sartor MP

*Minister for Planning*

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### **IEMMA GOVT PROVIDES \$1.7 MILLION FOR HERITAGE PROJECTS**

A Walter Burley Griffin designed incinerator, an historic paddle steamer and refreshment rooms in a regional railway station are among the projects set to benefit from more than \$1.7 million in Iemma Government heritage funding.

Planning Minister Frank Sartor said 49 heritage projects would share in the funding as part of the 2008/09 NSW Heritage Grants Program, managed by the NSW Department of Planning.

“This funding will help upgrade a range of State, local and privately managed heritage items for future generations,” Mr Sartor said.

“The Iemma Government is committed to preserving valuable and unique heritage sites across the State.

“More than half of this year’s funding is for projects in rural and regional areas, helping to fund conservation and adaptive reuse projects to benefit the community.”

Some of the projects receiving Heritage Grant Program funding include:

- **\$50,000 to Willoughby City Council** to undertake conservation works to the former Walter Burley Griffin Incinerator at Willoughby and adapt it for other uses;
- **\$50,000 to Baulkham Hills Shire Council** to undertake conservation works to the main homestead at Bella Vista Farm in Kellyville, built between 1830–1960;
- **\$50,000 to Junee Shire Council** to carry out conservation works to the former Refreshment Rooms at the Junee Railway Station;
- **\$31,550 to Tamworth Regional Conservatorium of Music** to complete the exterior painting of the Conservatorium;
- **\$50,000 to Lake Macquarie City Council** to replace the roof of the Ablutions Block and Sergeants Mess buildings at the former RAAF Seaplane Base at Rathmines;
- **\$50,000 to Blacktown City Council** to carry out conservation works on Neoble House at Mount Druitt;
- **\$43,750 to the Centennial Parklands Foundation** to reconstruct the 1968 Centennial Park Round House Weather Station which replaced the 1907 original round house;

- **\$20,000 to Coolamon Shire Council** to undertake external painting, sign writing and further conservation works on the Up-To-Date Store at Coolamon;
- **\$20,000 to Wentworth Shire Council** to complete an upgrade of the 1907 Paddle Steamer Ruby at Wentworth, including the installation of fire, bilge and electrical systems as well as the boiler and steam engine;
- **\$16,000 to Blue Mountains City Council** to fence and undertake further protection works of the former Weatherboard Inn and the Commemorative Oak tree at Wentworth Falls. The Weatherboard Inn was visited by Charles Darwin in 1836;
- **\$30,000 to Port Macquarie Hastings Council** to undertake conservation works to the 1869 former Port Macquarie Courthouse and install tree root barriers to prevent further damage from the nearby Norfolk Island Pine Trees; and
- **\$50,000 to Tahlee Ministries Incorporated** to reconstruct the boat harbour, paths and walks at the 1826 Tahlee House at Carrington and undertake landscaping works.