

## **NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2009 HERITAGE VOLUNTEER AWARDS**

Do you know of an individual or organisation who has contributed to the conservation, management or promotion of heritage in your local community?

Would you like to pay tribute to the men and women who have volunteered their time and personal commitment to ensuring that our State's unique history and heritage are protected for future generations?

The Heritage Council of NSW and the NSW Government invite you to nominate your 'heritage hero' as a recipient in the **2009 NSW Government Heritage Volunteer Awards**.

A **Heritage Volunteer Award** formally recognises the outstanding performance by individuals and community groups who have significantly improved the profile of heritage management in their local communities, successfully motivated and managed heritage projects and promoted the value of heritage by significant means and through exemplary work.

Awards are presented in the following broad categories:

- Aboriginal Heritage
- Archaeological Heritage
- Built Heritage
- Cultural Heritage
- Engineering Heritage
- Landscape and Garden Heritage
- Maritime Heritage
- Movable Heritage
- Multicultural Heritage
- Natural Heritage

Whether their contribution is through education, fundraising, historical research, interpretation, management, physical conservation, promotion or undertaking surveys and studies – this is the community's chance to acknowledge the wonderful work undertaken by volunteers.

Significant volunteer work undertaken by professional heritage employees may also be acknowledged.

Nominations are welcome from community groups, individuals, heritage consultants and advisors, local councils, conservation and heritage organisations and government agencies.

The nomination form and list of criteria for the 2009 NSW Government Heritage Volunteer Awards program can be downloaded here: [www.heritage.nsw.gov.au](http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au)

Alternatively contact the Heritage Branch, Department of Planning on 02 9873 8500 and a nomination form can be mailed to you.

**Nominations close on Friday 21 August 2009**