

NATIONAL TRUST (ACT) HERITAGE AWARDS 2022

The National Trust of Australia (ACT) Heritage Awards recognise projects that make a significant contribution to the conservation of the heritage of the ACT. Any project which promotes the conservation of, or fosters public knowledge about, places, objects and issues that are significant to the heritage of the ACT is encouraged to be nominated.

Project Types Suitable for Nomination

Any project which preserves the ACT's heritage, or contributes to it, should be considered for nomination. These include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Architecture and building conservation: outstanding conservation or restoration works to existing heritage listed buildings, new or adapted buildings, small projects etc.
- 2. Community projects: projects impacting in their local community environment (playgrounds, community centres, etc.) that reinforce heritage values.
- 3. Heritage documentation: Conservation and Heritage Management Plans, heritage reports and planning documents.
- 4. Heritage landscapes and the natural environment.
- 5. Aboriginal heritage.
- 6. Contribution of or by an item of intangible heritage, such as an ACT culture or icon. Intangible heritage can be anything, but it must be distinctly of the ACT, and can include icons or an aspect of ACT culture or life. The contribution must be strongly evident over the past 3 years.
- 7. Projects which educate the community about the heritage of the ACT or assist in its interpretation (interpretive signs and displays, oral histories, school projects, etc).
- 8. Events, exhibitions or tours which encourage people to visit or learn about aspects of the ACT's heritage including prominent locations, events or persons who contributed to the ACT (includes public lectures and similar activities)
- 9. Conservation of, or new publications of, resources, media and material which help preserve the ACT's heritage (e.g. preservation of historic books or media, new books, digitisation projects, etc)

Please get in contact with the Trust Office (contact details below), if you have a project which you consider may be suitable for a Heritage Award but may not meet any of the above criteria.

Which projects are eligible?

The following projects are eligible for nomination:

- Projects associated with buildings or objects must be located within the ACT and be of significance to the ACT. Projects located outside the ACT must be focussed on aspects of the heritage of the ACT.
- Projects must contribute to the community and be accessible to the public (projects related to buildings or objects must additionally be visible from the street, a public place, or have

public access). Note - Aboriginal projects <u>may</u> be exempt from being publicly accessible for cultural reasons.

- Projects completed within the last 3 years (no earlier than 1 January 2019).
- Projects must have the owner's permission to be nominated.

Who can nominate a project?

Nominations are welcome from any person or group who wishes to enter a project, including owners, architects and consultants, local residents or others. It is essential that the owner's permission is sought prior to making a nomination.

Community groups and individuals with limited heritage expertise requiring assistance with their nomination are encouraged to get in contact with the Trust. The Trust's Heritage Officer, who is not a judge of the awards, may be able to assist. Please contact the Trust Office (details below) if you require assistance.

The Awards Process

Nominations entered are forwarded to a Judging Panel, appointed each year, for assessment. The Judging Panel represents a wide range of expertise and knowledge of Canberra and the ACT. Where appropriate, the Judging Panel will use the principles within the Burra Charter¹ when assessing nominations. Heritage places nominated will be visited.

The outcome of the judging will be announced at the Awards Event 2022 which will be held in the spring and to which entrants and their guests will be invited. In the past, the Trust has invited the ACT Heritage Minister to present the awards.

Awards given

All nominations are considered for an award. Awards are given based on merit and are not limited in quantity. The awards given are:

- Certificates to projects which make a significant contribution.
- Plaques to projects considered to be outstanding.

How do I enter a project?

Please complete the separate nomination form available on the Trust's website at https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/act-heritage-awards-2022/ and return it by the closing date of Friday, 9 September 2022. Please ensure the Declaration is completed.

By post: PO Box 1144, Civic Square ACT 2608

By email: info@nationaltrustact.org.au

An online form is not available this year. Please contact the office if you have issues emailing your nomination. All nomination entries will be acknowledged.

Trust Office contact details: Email (preferred) – info@nationaltrustact.org.au or phone 02 6230 0533



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¹ The Burra Charter - http://australia.icomos.org/wp-content/uploads/The-Burra-Charter-2013-Adopted-31.10.2013.pdf - provides guidance for the conservation and management of places of cultural significance (cultural heritage places). The Charter sets a standard of practice for those who provide advice, make decisions about, or undertake works to places of cultural significance, including owners, managers and custodians.