



NATIONAL TRUST (ACT) HERITAGE AWARDS 2023

The National Trust of Australia (ACT) Heritage Awards recognise projects that make a significant contribution to preserving or promoting the heritage of the ACT. We welcome nomination of 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. The awards are offered in the following categories and projects may be considered in more than one category.

1. *Architecture and building conservation.*

Outstanding conservation or restoration works to existing heritage listed buildings, new or adapted buildings, including small projects. Conservation and Heritage Management Plans, heritage reports and planning documents are also eligible within this category.

2. *Heritage landscapes and the natural environment.*

Projects to conserve the beautiful natural environment of the ACT is recognised in this award. Eligible initiatives include, for example, management plans, research, bushland, management and regeneration, protection of waterways and forests, and landscape design.

3. *Local community projects.*

Local projects (for example, streetscape improvements, local restorations, community centres and facilities, playgrounds etc.) of heritage significance.

4. *First Peoples' heritage.*

Excellence in the conservation, interpretation, education or celebration of First Peoples' heritage.

5. *Heritage Education and Promotion.*

Projects which provide individuals with the opportunity to visit, learn, gain new perspectives on, or otherwise engage with ACT's heritage. These might include, for example, events, public lectures, exhibitions, interpretive signs and displays, oral histories, school projects, new books, reports, websites, guidebooks, and media in any format.

Which projects are eligible?

Projects must comply with the following assessment rules:

- Projects associated with buildings or objects would generally be located within and be of significance to the heritage of the ACT. Projects located or occurring outside the ACT must have a strong relationship with the ACT's heritage.
- Projects must be accessible to the public (projects related to buildings or objects must be visible from the street, a public place, or have public access). Note – First Peoples' projects may be exempt from the public accessibility requirement for cultural reasons.
- Projects or programs of works must have been undertaken or completed within the last 3 years (i.e. no earlier than 1 January 2020).
- Projects must not be nominated without permission of the owner of the building or object.

Who can nominate a project?

Nominations are welcome from any person, group or organisation associated with an eligible project, including owners, architects, consultants, local residents or others.

Nominators are not required to nominate a category for their project.

Community groups and individuals with limited heritage expertise requiring assistance in preparing their nomination are encouraged to contact the Trust.

The Awards Process

Nominations will be considered by an independent Judging Panel established by the Trust. Panel members will have appropriate heritage knowledge and expertise.

The Judging Panel will apply the principles within the Burra Charter¹ when assessing nominations. Heritage places nominated will be visited.

Judges will consider nominations against the categories listed above. A project may be considered by the judges for an award in more than one category. The judges' decision is final.

The outcome of the judging will be announced at an Awards Event to be held in Spring 2023 to which entrants and their guests will be invited.

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.

Award categories

The Trust will make one or more awards in each category, based on their assessment of the relative merits of each nomination.

Up to five \$1000 cash prizes may be presented to community groups and individuals who receive an award.

In addition to the awards described above, the Trust's Council will also consider awards to individuals or community groups in the categories of Outstanding Advocacy and Lifetime Achievement. Nominations are not sought for those awards.

How do I enter a project?

Please enter in one of the following ways:

- Complete the online form at: <https://form.jotform.com/231801269290858>
- Download the nomination form on the Trust's website www.nationaltrustact.org.au and return it
 - via email to info@nationaltrustact.org.au
 - or by post to GPO Box 458, Canberra ACT 2601.

by Friday 11 August 2023. Please ensure the Declaration is completed.

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



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