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NEW FUNDING PACKAGE FOR NATIONAL TRUST

Heritage Minister Robyn Parker today awarded the National Trust \$750,000, the majority of which will go towards supporting vital conservation works for State Heritage-listed properties.

Ms Parker said the National Trust cares for some of the most historic landmarks across NSW including Old Government House at Parramatta, Everglades at Leura and the Norman Lindsay Gallery in Springwood.

“The bulk of money being awarded to the National Trust today will support conservation work on properties listed on the State Heritage Register,” she said.

“Other funding will help to support the National Trust Heritage Festival, which stages hundreds of events across NSW every April and May.”

Last month Ms Parker announced \$3 million for the Heritage Grants Program, which provides grants to help restore state and local heritage buildings, fund emergency repairs and care for places of Aboriginal significance.

The first round provides \$3 million for heritage and conservation funding in 2013/14, with another \$3 million available in 2014/15.

“The passion I have witnessed from communities throughout NSW for their landmarks, stories and histories is inspiring,” Ms Parker said.

“The NSW Government is committed to conserving, revitalising and caring for places of heritage significance.

Ms Parker announced the funding package during the National Trust Heritage Awards and congratulated the award winners on their outstanding work towards preserving and enhancing our state’s heritage.

“By recognising and protecting our heritage assets we can ensure that future generations can appreciate and enjoy them.”

To find out more about the NSW Heritage Grants Program and to apply for grants, please visit <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/Heritage/funding/index.htm>