



Robyn Parker MP

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TWO SPECIAL PROJECTS AMONG THOSE LAUDED AT NSW NATIONAL TRUST HERITAGE AWARDS

Heritage Minister Robyn Parker today congratulated all recipients of National Trust Heritage Awards, and gave special commendation to the people behind Yarrangobilly Caves House and the Tomago Wetland restoration.

Ms Parker said it was an award winning day for the Office of Environment and Heritage, which walked away with two top honours.

“The Tomago Wetland Restoration Project won the prestigious Conservation of Natural Heritage award,” Ms Parker said.

“Restoring this Hunter River estuary wetland has been a combined effort between the Water Research Laboratory, UNSW, the National Parks Service and NSW Fisheries.

“Together with the Hunter Central Rivers Catchment Management Authority, this team took a degraded site and through an ambitious engineering and restoration effort, it is now teeming with life and vitality.”

Ms Parker said the second Office of Environment and Heritage project to win first prize was one she had just visited.

“Just two weeks ago I formally opened the restored section of Yarrangobilly Caves House in Kosciuszko National Park and like all the staff and locals involved in that magnificent restoration, I am thrilled it has received a top award,” Ms Parker said.

“I appreciate the level of dedication Yarrangobilly staff show for their environment, both built and natural, and it was a pleasure to share their joy today.

“By acknowledging Caves House with the top prize in the Conservation of Built Heritage category, the National Trust has helped shine a light on this great destination and its heritage accommodation of the highest quality.”

Ms Parker also presented two awards at the ceremony in Sydney, the Cathy Donnelly Memorial Award for an Outstanding Female Heritage Professional, and the Lifetime Achievement Award.

“Letizia Coppo-Jones has given conservation projects a modern underpinning and mentored many up and coming designers in the process. She provides an example to professional women in all fields and I congratulate her today.

“Joan Domiceli is equally deserving of the Lifetime Achievement Award, having worked around the globe advocating for both cultural and environmental heritage, with impressive results.

“Many people and organisations won National Trust Heritage awards today and they, as well as the unsung heroes working to protect Australian heritage, are all to be congratulated.”

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