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NATIONAL PARKS AWARDED HERITAGE CONSERVATION AWARDS

The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service today received three accolades at the National Trust Heritage Awards for work at the Hartley Historic Site, Bradleys Head Mast and Smoky House Lighthouse Keepers Cottages.

Environment and Heritage Minister Rob Stokes congratulated the winners and said the awards highlight NPWS's commitment to conserving and caring for our state's heritage sites.

"Adaptive reuse of our heritage assets, like the Hartley project, contributes greatly to the conservation and care of our significant heritage sites," Rob Stokes said.

The winners included:

- Hartley Historic Site's revitalisation project, which was the winner in the Adaptive Re-Use category.
- Bradley's Head Mast Conservation project within the Sydney Harbour National Park won the Conservation, Interiors and Objects category.
- Revitalisation of Smoky Cape Lighthouse Keepers' Cottages and Smoky Cape Lighthouse Precinct project was given a Highly Commended Award in the category for Conservation, Built Heritage.

Member for Oxley Andrew Stoner said the revitalisation of Smoky Cape Lighthouse Keepers' Cottages and Lighthouse Precinct project had resulted into a stunning enhancement to the site and improvement to the quality of the guest accommodation.

"Smoky Cape Lighthouse stands on a narrow headland, surrounded by the spectacular coastal scenery of Hat Head National Park and this conservation work has resulted in an invigorated facility almost as beautiful as the views."

Member for North Shore Jillian Skinner said the Bradley's Head Mast Conservation project is of enormous historical significance as the only formal naval memorial in Australia to which all ships must render ceremonial honours when entering Sydney Harbour.

"The conservation and repair work was undertaken in time for the International Fleet Review and demonstrates high quality engineering and conservation skills," Mrs Skinner said.

“The work, which involved metal repairs, rigging and repainting of the entire monument, was co-funded by the NSW Government, Royal Australian Navy and contributions from the local community.”

Member for Bathurst Paul Toole said the adaptive reuse at the Hartley project transformed a ruined and unrecognisable timber building into a new amenities facility, whilst preserving the integrity of the original style and architecture.