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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **STATE HERITAGE LISTING FOR PLC CROYDON'S SHUBRA HALL**

Heritage Minister Rob Stokes and Member for Strathfield Charles Casuscelli today announced that Shubra Hall at Presbyterian Ladies' College in Croydon has been recognised for its state heritage significance.

Mr Casuscelli welcomed the listing, saying the hall held an important place in the heritage the Croydon and Strathfield communities.

"This wonderful building is now on the State Heritage Register, ensuring it will be protected in perpetuity," Mr Casuscelli said.

"I am delighted the NSW Government has given Shubra Hall the recognition it deserves as part of the history of Presbyterian Ladies' College and our local community generally.

"I congratulate PLC on the listing of this beautiful building and their extensive efforts ensuring the building is maintained and preserved."

Mr Stokes said the hall was built for former retailing giant Anthony Hordern III in 1865, and is a grand example of the Victorian Second Empire style of architecture.

"Shubra Hall is the centrepiece of the Presbyterian Ladies' College, and I'm pleased to say, has remained largely intact since it was built 150 years ago," Mr Stokes said.

"This building provides a fascinating insight into the lifestyle and taste of Sydney's mercantile class in the mid-Victorian period.

"The hall has gained state significance for its association with Anthony Hordern III, who with his brother Samuel, was responsible for the vigorous expansion of the Hordern department store business.

"It became the residence of PLC's principal after the school opened in 1891 and it is now used for the office of the principal, and other staff.

"The original stables building and much of the Victorian landscaped gardens on the school grounds have also been included in the listing."

To view the State Heritage Register, go to:

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritage/listings/stateheritageregister.htm>