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NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR 10th ANNIVERSARY HERITAGE VOLUNTEER AWARDS

The NSW Government is inviting the public to nominate their local “heritage heroes” for this year’s 10th anniversary Heritage Volunteer Awards, Minister for Heritage Robyn Parker announced today.

First introduced in 2002, these annual NSW Government awards recognise the exceptional contribution to heritage conservation, management and promotion made by unsung “heritage heroes” - volunteers who sacrifice their time to protect heritage treasures, Ms Parker said.

“If you know of an individual or organisation which has contributed to the conservation, management or promotion of heritage in your local community, we’d love to hear from you,” Ms Parker said.

“These awards pay tribute to the men and women who have volunteered their time and effort towards ensuring that our State’s unique history and heritage are protected for future generations.

“Our volunteers contribute to conserving heritage in a great variety of ways from education, fundraising, historical research and interpretation to management, physical conservation and the undertaking of surveys and studies.

“These awards offer local communities the chance to acknowledge the wonderful work being undertaken by these volunteers.

“Volunteers like our ‘heritage heroes’ and those who work in our zoos and in national parks on important projects like bush regeneration and wildlife counts are to be congratulated for making significant contributions to local communities.

“We welcome nominations for the anniversary volunteer heritage awards from a wide range of sources and in recent years have received them from community groups, individuals, heritage consultants, local councils, conservation and heritage organisations and government agencies.”

The awards are presented within the following categories:

- Aboriginal Heritage;
- Archaeological Heritage;
- Built Heritage;

- Cultural Heritage;
- Engineering Heritage;
- Landscape and Garden Heritage;
- Maritime Heritage;
- Moveable Heritage; and
- Multicultural Heritage.

The nomination form and list of criteria for the 2012 NSW Government Heritage Volunteers Awards program can be downloaded from www.heritage.nsw.gov.au

Alternatively, you can contact the Heritage Branch, Office of Environment and Heritage, on 02 9873 8500 and a nomination form can be sent to you. Or email heritage@heritage.nsw.gov.au

Nominations close on Friday, 12 October 2012.

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