



# MEDIA RELEASE

**The Hon Peter Garrett AM MP**

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## **HERITAGE CONSERVATION PROVIDES \$13.7 MILLION BOOST FOR NSW JOBS**

Federal Environment and Heritage Minister Peter Garrett today announced \$13.7 million in Australian Government funding for 63 conservation projects expected to create up to 918 jobs across New South Wales.

The renowned beauty and culture of NSW heritage sites will be further enhanced through as part of the Australian Government's \$650 million *Jobs Fund*.

"I am pleased to announce that for example, \$917,200 will be used to improve a 45km network of walking tracks through Australia's 'Green Cauldron National Landscape' within the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area," Mr Garrett said.

"The Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area comprises five major recognised rainforest types in pockets of land in New South Wales and Queensland.

"It is vital that infrastructure projects, such as provision of high standard walking tracks, are undertaken to protect the values of this area and enhance visitors' experiences."

"All projects will provide a range of employment opportunities for local communities with recruitment on some projects to also target local Aboriginal people, providing them with an opportunity to work on country while gaining practical skills," Mr Garrett said.

"It will also provide a boost to local economies with materials for the construction works being sourced from local suppliers. These projects clearly demonstrate how the Government's *Jobs Fund* is having an immediate impact on local communities by developing skills and enhancing economic opportunities" Mr Garrett said.

Mr Garrett also announced \$852,700 funding for a world-class interpretative display at the Willandra Lakes World Heritage Area.

"Willandra traces the story of a changing climate that once fostered fertile lake shores and later arid sand dunes, and it reveals Indigenous people's responses to that change," Mr Garrett said.

"Willandra has an exceptional archaeological record of Indigenous people's continuous occupation over the past 50,000 years including artifacts and a set of fossilised human footprints.

"With the Human Fossil Trackway site too delicate for general tourism access, this high quality interactive display will play an important role in raising awareness of the scientific and cultural importance of the region. The display will also tell Willandra's story of human adaptation to climate change on the Australian continent."

Funding of \$1 million will also go towards supporting an upgrade of visitor access to the Historic Audley Precinct in Royal National Park. The project will upgrade the precinct's roads, car parks, toilets picnic shelters, barbeque facilities, signage, boat and bicycle leasing facilities, pedestrian linkages and access in the National Heritage-listed area. Of the \$650 million *Jobs Fund*, \$60 million was directly available for projects relating to Australia's historic, Indigenous and natural heritage places.

"This is the largest investment ever made in Australian heritage conservation. It recognises the crucial role that heritage conservation can and does play in stimulating the economic health of communities and in turn, the nation," Mr Garrett said.

The \$60 million for community heritage projects has been developed in consultation with Senator Bob Brown as part of the Australian Government's Jobs and Training Compact.

The Project announcements are part of the second round of the *Jobs Fund* heritage initiative, with \$12.7 million already allocated in round one to more than 30 heritage conservation projects around Australia.

A list of projects funded in NSW follows.

## **Projects funded in NSW**

### **Alstonville Community Research Centre**

Alstonville, NSW

\$181,818

Repairs to community research centre and construction of an archive building.

### **Blacktown CBD Heritage Trail**

Blacktown, NSW

\$90,220

Promote the history of Blacktown CBD through interpretive signs.

### **Boys' Town Heritage Butchery and Bakery Buildings Restoration**

Engadine, NSW

\$150,000

Refurbishment of two heritage buildings and repairs to a third historic building.

### **Broken Hill Rabbi Residential Renewal**

Broken Hill, NSW

\$62,000

Restoration and repair of the Rabbi's residence of the old Broken Hill Synagogue.

### **Camden Aerodrome History Hut**

Camden, NSW

\$71,500

Restoration and preservation of barracks on Camden Airport.

### **Carcoar Court House Conservation**

Carcoar, NSW

\$198,100

Preservation work at Carcoar Court House.

### **Carisbrook House Repointing of external stonework and painting**

Lane Cove, NSW

\$44,857

Repointing of stonework at Carisbrook House.

### **Conserve the Stone Icons of Rylstone**

Rylstone, NSW

\$397,000

Conservation of: c1871 Bridge View Inn complex; 1875 Catholic Church; 1858 Anglican Church; and 1884 Uniting Church; including roofing repairs, guttering, improving drainage, replacing deteriorated stones and mortar, improving ventilation, removing termite damage, improving toilet facilities, enhancing disabled access, and installing interpretative signage.

### **Coonamble Railway Station Restoration**

Coonamble, NSW

\$131,045

Protection and conservation of Coonamble Railway Station building.

### **Cootamundra Early Lebanese Graves Conservation project**

Cootamundra, NSW

\$50,000

Conservation and landscaping works on 13 graves of early Lebanese and Syrian immigrants at Cootamundra cemetery.

**Everglades Garden Stage 2 – Creating an Interactive Venue and Destination**

Leura, NSW

\$1,385,000

Improve and upgrade the property's facilities including conservation works on the significant gardens and buildings, establishing a new visitor entry facility, and providing improved onsite café/restaurant facilities incorporating new visitor amenities.

**Forbes Historical Society**

Forbes, NSW

\$56,241

Repair and renovation work at Museum.

**Ganmain and Ardlethan Community Halls Improvements Project**

Ganmain, Ardlethan, NSW

\$89,701

Conservation work at Ganmain and Ardlethan community Hall.

**Gondwana Rainforest of Australia: Green Cauldron Walking Tracks**

Richmond, NSW

\$917,200

Improvement of walking tracks within the national park, improving public accessibility and the protection of natural and cultural heritage.

**Gore Hill Summer House and Robing Room Restoration**

Gore Hill, NSW

\$54,000

Restoration, repair on Summer House and Robing Room.

**Great North Road Conservation – Ramsay's Leap and Thompson's Bridge**

Bucketty/Laguna, NSW

\$779,000

Conservation of the major convict built structures on the central section of the Great North Road to prevent further deterioration due to traffic loading and vegetation build-up.

**Gundagai Gaol Restoration**

Gundagai, NSW

\$90,909

Restoration and preservation of the Old Gundagai Gaol Complex.

**Gunning Courthouse Restoration**

Gunning, NSW

\$88,579

Repairs and restoration work to the Gunning Court House.

**Henry Lawson Museum**

Gulgong/Mudgee, NSW

\$86,818

Improvements to access, including disabled, and display area.

**Laurieton School Of Arts Research Facility and Museum Display**

Laurieton, NSW

\$32,559

Enhance research facilities and display ability of Camden Haven Historical Society's Museum.

**McLeay Valley Arts Centre Oldfellows Hall Restoration**

West Kempsey, NSW

\$50,000

Repairs and restoration of Old Fellows Hall.

**Millthorpe Good Remplar's Hall Conservation**

Millthorpe, NSW

\$21,240

Repainting the heritage building.

**Mitchell House, St Mary's Towers Conservation of the Stonework**

Douglas Park, NSW

\$86,364

Stone conservation works.

**Molong Museum Building**

Molong, NSW

\$74,545

Repair work at Molong Museum, including some structural repairs.

**Moruya Museum Upgrade**

Moruya/Bateman's Bay, NSW

\$83,103

Repairs and improvements to upgrade the working and display facilities of the museum.

**Moruya Quarry Precinct Granite Lathe Relocation**

Moruya, NSW

\$35,909

Re-location (from Parkes) of a granite lathe including the reconstruction of the existing structure that houses the lathe.

**Northern Rivers Conservatorium Arts Centre Root Barrier Construction**

Lismore, NSW

\$91,907

Building of trench barrier around building to protect against soil subsidence caused by tree roots.

**Nutcote Museum (May Gibb's House)**

Neutral Bay, NSW

\$45,455

Painting and external repairs.

**Old Glen Innes Hospital Land of the Beardies History House Museum Roof Renewal**

Glen Innes, NSW

\$93,450

Reroofing of the museum building which is the original Glen Innes Hospital.

**Old Hawkesbury Hospital Morgue Conservation and Interpretation**

Windsor, NSW

\$200,000

Restore the fabric of the building and interpret the history of the hospital and morgue.

**Old Military Hospital and Fort Street School Site Conservation and Refurbishment**

Sydney, NSW

\$1,200,000

Conservation and refurbishment works of sandstone, timberwork and brickwork, address deficiencies in interpretation, as well as upgrading and streamlining the entrances, offices and function spaces to better utilise and interpret them.

**Pardy's Mill Veranda Restoration**

Temora, NSW

\$22,727

Rebuilding of veranda to Pardy's Mill.

**Quaama Hall Restoration**

Quaama, NSW

\$56,500

Restoration of Quaama Hall.

**Queanbeyan Heritage Buildings Replacement of Asbestos Roof Tiles**

Queanbeyan, NSW

\$95,270

Replace the asbestos roof tiles at the Former Fire Station (now the Queanbeyan Visitors Centre).

**Queanbeyan Museum Interpretation, Adaptation and Protection Works**

Queanbeyan, NSW

\$49,585

Conservation, adaptation and interpretive work Old Police Sergeants Residence which houses the Queanbeyan Historical Museum.

**Royal Australian Historical Society (RAHS) Refurbishment of Auditorium and Related Works**

Sydney, NSW

\$150,591

Refurbishment of auditorium and related work.

**Ramsay Graveyard and Vault Restoration**

Haberfield, NSW

\$20,839

Restoration and repairs to the Ramsay Graveyard and Vault.

**Richmond Villa -Landscaping Improvement**

Campbelltown, NSW

\$73,000

Landscaping works to improve the presentation of the heritage site.

**Sandstone Wall Restoration**

Merriwa, NSW

\$53,823

Rebuild the sand stone wall supporting the veranda.

**Singleton Showground Pavilion**

Singleton, NSW

\$56,591

Restoration of sheep/poultry pavilion (1868).

**Stage 1 Upgrade to the Historic Audley Precinct in Royal National Park**

Audley, NSW

\$1,000,000

Upgrading the precinct's roads, car parks, toilets picnic shelters, barbeque facilities, signage, boat and bicycle leasing facilities, pedestrian linkages and access, prepare and implement the interpretation strategy, and re-use and refurbish the Audley Dance Hall to provide an improved kiosk/café facility and a visitor centre.

**St Francis Xavier Catholic Church Berrima Conservation, Restoration and Repair**

Berrima, NSW

\$106,200

Repairs to stonework and landscaping to improve building conservation and presentation.

**St George Anglican Church Hall, Stanwell Park Conservation, Restoration and Protection**

Stanwell Park, NSW

\$50,455

Replacement of roof, internal wall and installation of disabled access.

**St Jerome's Caldor Conservation Works**

Camden, NSW

\$32,727

Conservation work on St Jerome's Anglican Church including Cawdor Hall.

**St John's Camden Conservation Works**

Camden, NSW

\$114,545

Conservation work on St John's Anglican Church hall at Camden.

**St Luke's Anglican Church, Brownsville Repointing Brickwork**

Brownsville, NSW

\$42,781

Repointing of brickwork and repairs to roof leaks.

**St Mary's Maitland Building Stabilisation**

Maitland, NSW

\$183,095

Remedial work to stabilise St Mary's Church - extensive rising damp and other water entry within the fabric of the building.

**St Peter's Cemetery Fence**

Campbelltown, NSW

\$44,068

Installation of new fencing at historic site to improve security and presentation.

**St Stephens Newtown Restoration of Spire Stonework**

Newtown, NSW

\$582,000

Restoration of the stonework of the spire.

**Walgett Museum Redevelopment Project**

Walgett, NSW

76,741

Restoration and conservation of Walgett Museum.

**Wentworth Falls Holy Trinity Church Repainting and Upgrade of Car park**

Wentworth Falls, NSW

\$47,374

Repaint and repair hall and building incorporating original church.

**Wesleyan Chapel Restoration and Beautification**

Wiseman's Ferry, NSW

\$25,388

Restoration of damaged stonework at Wesleyan chapel.

**West Wing of Former Governor Macquarie's Female Orphan School  
Conservation and Adaptation**

Parramatta, NSW

\$909,000

Repair and restoration work including: removal of lead-based paint and repainting; floor repairs; masonry wall repairs; restoration of plasterwork; and provision of electrical and fire services.

**Willandra Lakes World Heritage Area Human Fossil Trackway Interpretation**

NSW

\$852,700

Development and installation of an interactive interpretation of Willandra Lakes World Heritage Values.

**Wilcannia Council Chambers Conservation and Adaptation**

Wilcannia

\$464,136

Conservation of the historic Council's Chambers building, including render repairs, re-guttering, structural repairs to the veranda, cleaning and re-pointing of stonework, repainting, repairing wall cracks, installation of air conditioning, recarpeting, and roof and ceiling repairs.

**Wollombi Courthouse**

Wollombi, NSW

\$31,250

Repainting of stonework and rewiring.

**Wongalea School - Repair and Restoration**

Parkes, NSW

\$27,500

Repair and restoration of Wongalea School.

**1870 Wolter's Cottages, Privy and Gardens Conservation and Interpretation**

Tumbarumba, NSW

\$105,000

Conservation of the Cottage, Kitchen and Privy buildings.

**Historic Cemeteries of the Macquarie Towns Conservation**

Windsor

\$183,000

Conservation work undertaken on Wilberforce cemetery.

**Maitland Gaol Façade Conservation, Barracks Adaptive Reuse and Interpretation Project**

Maitland

\$190,000

Restorative repair work on the Main Entrance Façade of Maitland Gaol.

**Painting of Three Heritage Buildings Newcastle**

Newcastle

\$200,000

Painting and conservation works to the former Newcastle Police lock-up, the former Newcastle Telegraph Office (former CIB) and the former Public Works Office (and former Newcastle Post Office).

**St John's Cathedral Complex Repair Work**

Parramatta

\$200,000

Repair and conservation work at St John's Cathedral Complex, including prevention of water damage and salt damp conservation work.

**Roxy Café Restoration**

Bingara

\$750,000

Renovation of the original Greek art Deco café and the exiting kitchen; relocation of the Bingara Tourist Information Centre to an adjoining shop within the complex; and restoration of the art deco shopfront/