



Robyn Preston MP

Member for Hawkesbury

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\$92,000 IN GRANTS TO BENEFIT HERITAGE IN HAWKESBURY

Heritage in Hawkesbury is set to benefit from \$92,000 in grants under the NSW Government Heritage Grants Program, Member for Hawkesbury Robyn Preston MP announced today.

Ms Preston said these grants would help local communities across Hawkesbury to know, value and care for their heritage.

Ms Preston was pleased to announce the successful grants going towards:

- \$20,000 to The Friends of The Australiana Pioneer Village Society Incorporated to fund an Australiana Pioneer Village Maintenance Plan.
- \$19,000 to St. John's Anglican Church, Wilberforce to fund a Conservation Management Plan for St. John's Anglican Church, Wilberforce and the Macquarie Schoolhouse / Chapel Precinct.
- \$30,000 to Hawkesbury City Council to fund a Local Government Area Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Study.
- An additional \$11,000 to Hawkesbury City Council for its Small Grants Program for local heritage.
- An additional \$12,000 to Hawkesbury City Council for Heritage Advisor Services.

"Looking after our heritage is everyone's responsibility and local communities play an important role in maintaining heritage at a local level." Ms Preston said.

The 2019-21 grants saw \$5.8 million awarded to 241 projects statewide across three categories: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage, Caring for State Heritage and Community Heritage.

Minister for Heritage, Don Harwin said protecting local heritage was an important step towards celebrating NSW's history as a whole and maintaining a physical record of the past.

"Across NSW the Government is providing support for local heritage and indigenous groups, to protecting important heritage items ensuring communities maintain connection with their history" he said.

For more information about the projects and the NSW Government's Heritage Grants, see <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/heritage/grants-and-funding>.

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