



# Robyn Preston MP

## Member for Hawkesbury

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### APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR HERITAGE GRANTS

Applications are open for innovative ideas to boost public access to Hawkesbury's most significant heritage places and stimulate the local economy.

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP said this is a fantastic opportunity for the Hawkesbury community to get involved and celebrate the region's rich heritage.

"We are so lucky to have incredible heritage sites in Hawkesbury and I'm excited to hear ideas on how we can reinvigorate these sites to draw people in to learning about and experiencing the history of the area," Ms Preston said.

"Across the state, \$5 million in funding will support these heritage projects and I encourage people from Hawkesbury to be part of a new wave of innovative ideas that will enhance our heritage spaces."

Minister for Heritage James Griffin said the NSW Heritage Grants program is now in its 44<sup>th</sup> year and, for the first time ever, a \$1 million matched funding grant program will be trialled.

"The \$1 million matched funding grant trial is designed to protect and promote NSW heritage by incentivising owners and custodians to revitalise state heritage listed sites and bring them back to life," Mr Griffin said.

"We want to see applications that engage communities in our rich heritage, contribute to community wellbeing and support economic activity within local areas.

"The Heritage Grants are all about revitalising some of our most meaningful places in NSW and preserving them for our future generations."

The 2023-2025 NSW Heritage Grants program has six categories, including:

- Caring for State Heritage Grants where applicants can apply for up to \$150,000
- Community Heritage Grants where applicants can apply for up to \$50,000
- Emergency Works Grants to help address emergency situations at state significant sites
- Local Government Heritage Grants program designed for NSW local councils.
- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Grants where applicants can apply for up to \$80,000
- The new Activating State Heritage Grant where one successful applicant will be awarded \$1 million in matched funding

Examples of previous grant recipients can be found [here](#).

For more information, including guidelines and applications, visit the Heritage NSW website at [www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/grants](http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/grants)