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Circular to Ministers & Churchwardens

Heritage Grants

NSW Heritage Office - Heritage 2001 Programme

We have been advised that there will be no Heritage Grants made in 2000 due to a "review" of the grant process and funding. We understand that existing programs will continue to be funded in 2000 and new grants will resume in 2001.

If you wish to make enquiries about the Heritage 2001 Programme would you please ring Denis McManus (9849 9576) or Victoria Throp (9849 9577) at the NSW Heritage Office.

Cultural Heritage Projects Program 1999-2000

The Cultural Heritage Projects Program (CHPP) is a Commonwealth Government initiative that provides financial assistance to support the conservation of places of national cultural significance. The program is open to not-for-profit and community organisations, local government authorities and private owners of heritage properties. The program is administered by the Department of Environment and Heritage ("Environment Australia") on behalf of the Commonwealth Minister for Environment and Heritage.

To be eligible for funding a project must conserve a place (or places) of cultural significance entered in the Register of the National Estate or its Interim List or on a State Heritage Register. Environment Australia recommends that intending applicants contact the Register of the National Estate section, Australian Heritage Commission on (02) 6274 1111 to check if the place is on the register. Confirmation of whether a place is listed on the NSW State Heritage Register can be obtained from the Property Trust or direct from the NSW Heritage Office by telephoning Denis McManus (9849 9576) or Victoria Throp (9849 9577) or on the internet at www.heritage.nsw.gov.au

There are no set limits to the size of funding awarded. As a general rule however individual funding is expected to range from a minimum of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$250,000. Preference will be given to applications which strongly demonstrate the national significance of a place.

Projects must follow an accepted conservation philosophy such as the Australia ICOMOS Burra Charter and involve professional expertise appropriate to the significance of the place and the nature of the work.

Projects involving moveable objects such as pipe organs are not eligible for assistance under this program unless the object is an integral part of the place's significance.

Applications can only be made by a legally incorporated body. It is therefore essential that all applications are signed by the Property Trust as parishes are not incorporated. Please forward your completed application to the **Property Trust no later than Friday 7 January 2000** to allow sufficient time for the Property Trust to sign the application and return it to you for lodgement by the deadline of **14 January 2000**. When sending the application to the Property Trust please **enclose a letter signed by a majority of the Churchwardens** giving a brief explanation of the project and requesting the Property Trust sign the application form.

Offers of Heritage Grants can only be accepted by the Property Trust and may be subject to certain conditions imposed by the Commonwealth Government. **Churchwardens should be aware that the conditions of the grant may not be acceptable to the Property Trust and as a consequence the Property Trust may not accept the grant.**

Further information is available from the Heritage Assistance and Projects Section, Australian and World Heritage Group, The Department of the Environment and Heritage on (02) 6274 1111 or 1800 653 004 or on the internet at www.environment.gov.au/heritage/awhg.html

If you require additional help please call me on (02) 9265 1682.

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cc regional Archdeacons