

BACKGROUND

Orange City Council, through its Heritage Advisory Committee, originally held the Heritage Week Awards to coincide with the National Trust's Heritage Week celebrations each year. The awards were reintroduced into Council's Heritage program in 2010 in association with the Orange City Council Cultural Heritage Community Committee as the Orange City Council Cultural Heritage Awards and are now held every two years.

AIM OF THE AWARDS

The aim of the awards is to recognise and encourage outstanding contributions to cultural heritage conservation, education and interpretation within the Orange City Council area. The awards also seek to recognise the considerable effort that property owners make in maintaining and caring for older buildings. The awards also serve to foster greater community interest and concern for the conservation of all heritage items within the city of Orange.

INVITATION TO APPLY

Residents, owners, and interested members of the community are invited to nominate buildings, places, conservation works, and groups and individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the conservation, education and interpretation of cultural heritage within the city of Orange.

AWARDS CATEGORIES

The Heritage Week Award Categories are:

- **Restoration of a residential heritage building, including streetscape element restoration (e.g. verandah, front fence)**
This award recognises best practice restoration work to a residential building, including streetscape element restoration (e.g. front fence or front verandah) that returns fabric back to a known earlier state or conserves its integrity. Nominations must have demonstrated a thorough application of the principles within the Burra Charter.
- **Adaptive reuse of an existing building (including cultural heritage and sustainability concepts);**
This award recognises adaptive reuse of an existing building. Adaptive reuse is a process that changes the use or function of a derelict or redundant place, such as a place of worship, dwelling, factory, farm buildings, hall, shop or landscaped parkland, to a different use or function. Nominations must demonstrate that the adaptive reuse has had a minimal impact on the place's cultural heritage significance, built fabric and setting.

- **Infill development - a new building in an existing heritage streetscape including unit duplex developments;** This award recognises new development that positively contributes to the historic context and does not devalue it. Nominations must demonstrate high quality, well-designed buildings that respond and contribute to the historic environment.
- **Best heritage treatment of a commercial building;** This award recognises best practice restoration work to a commercial building that returns fabric back to a known earlier state or conserves its integrity. Nominations must have demonstrated a thorough application of the principles within the Burra Charter.
- **Best work on a heritage building in Lucknow, Spring Hill or a rural area within the City of Orange;** This award recognises best practice restoration work to a heritage building in Lucknow, Spring Hill or a rural area within the City of Orange. Nominations must have demonstrated a thorough application of the principles within the Burra Charter.
- **Best conservation or improvements to landscape/garden design which is appropriate to its environment;** This award recognises conservation or improvements to landscapes or garden design which is appropriate to its environment. Nominations must have demonstrated a thorough application of the principles within the Burra Charter.
- **Best Improvements to a building which is under 50 years old;** This award recognises best improvement to a building which is under 50 years old. Nominations must have demonstrated a thorough application of the principles within the Burra Charter.
- **Best individual or group contribution to the cultural heritage of Orange.** This award recognises and acknowledges the contribution of an individual or group whose project or efforts make a demonstrable contribution to the interpretation, understanding, preservation or conservation of cultural heritage. Entrants must be over 18 years of age.

SHORT-LISTING

Nominations for the Orange City Council Cultural Heritage Awards 2019 will open on Monday, 18 March 2019 and close 5.00pm, Thursday, 11 April 2019. A short-list of nominations will be prepared on or before Monday 15 April 2019.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA AND CONDITIONS

The short-listed nominations will be assessed by a professional judging panel using the following Assessment Criteria, to determine successful entries.

The following assessment criteria and conditions have been prepared to allow the Judging Panel to determine whether the nominations successfully demonstrate the conservation principles and procedures outlined in the Burra Charter. Individuals, groups or organisations shall have provided evidence of having:

- Projects that encompass best practice conservation principles as outlined in the Burra Charter;
- Projects that encourage conservation of other buildings or places;
- Projects that enhance the heritage streetscape of an area;
- Projects that rejuvenate the use of a building or place;
- Projects that demonstrate a significant commitment to the conservation and preservation of the cultural heritage of the city of Orange through, advocacy, innovation, community engagement, research or on the ground action.

NB - Winning entries of the 2017 Cultural Heritage Awards are ineligible to enter the awards for the same work or category.

The Judging Panels' decision will be final.

AWARDS SCHEDULE

The highest-scoring nomination in each category, provided that it achieves a score of at least 75%, will be honored with an Award at the Cultural Heritage Awards ceremony.

The 2019 Awards Ceremony will be held on 10 May 2019 at The Dalton Room, Duntroon Woodward Street, Orange commencing at 5.30pm.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

1. Nominate property(s), Individuals, groups or organisations by filling in the application form, each nomination must be accompanied by a before and after photo (images may be emailed in a JPG format).
2. Application forms are available from <https://www.orange.nsw.gov.au/our-heritage/awards/> Orange Visitor Information Centre, Orange City Library and Orange City Council, Byng Street, Orange.
3. Each nomination must have the property owner's permission, and their signature.
4. All nominations must be handed to the Customer Service Counter of Council, for the attention of Alison Russell or emailed to arussell@orange.nsw.gov.au by the closing date, 11 April 2019.