

HERITAGE COUNCIL — 2013 AWARDS

**50. Mr S.K. L'ESTRANGE to the Minister for Heritage:**

As someone with a keen interest in the heritage of Western Australia I was pleased to learn that the minister presented the Heritage Council of Western Australia's 2013 awards on Tuesday night. With this in mind, could the minister please update the house on the significant achievements being made throughout Western Australia in the protection of the state's precious built heritage?

**Mr A.P. JACOB replied:**

The Liberal–National government is passionate about supporting and promoting investment in the active use and active re-use of our heritage places here in Western Australia, and we support well thought out and sympathetic conservation work. Protecting heritage these days is no longer about just locking up buildings and turning them into museums. Conservation and re-use, and adaptive re-use, of heritage places is very important for the state's prosperity, and it contributes to the quality of life of people in our metropolitan and regional communities. It recognises and appreciates our past, while also —

*Point of Order*

**Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN:** Mr Speaker, the minister is clearly reading from a document. I ask that he table that document.

**Mr A.P. JACOB:** Mr Speaker, I have made one very brief page of mainly handwritten notes if the member wants to have a look at it later, but it's not a tabling document.

Several members interjected.

**Mr A.P. JACOB:** I will table it if the member —

Several members interjected.

**Mr A.P. JACOB:** No, I think if the member wants to see it later —

**The SPEAKER:** Is that an official document?

**Mr A.P. JACOB:** No, it is not an official document, Mr Speaker.

**The SPEAKER:** Right, well it does not need to be tabled. Please proceed.

**Mr A.P. JACOB:** No, it is not an official document, Mr Speaker.

**The SPEAKER:** And please do not read your answer, minister; please do not read your answer.

**Mr A.P. JACOB:** Yes, absolutely, Mr Speaker.

Several members interjected.

*Questions without Notice Resumed*

**Mr A.P. JACOB:** The Heritage Council's 2013 Western Australian Heritage Awards—members, it is a very brief one. I have just a couple of notes here and I just want to go through a couple of the awards. I think this is important for the recipients, and, Mr Speaker, I would seek your protection.

**The SPEAKER:** Yes, you go through a few of the awards and let us get moving; thanks.

**Mr A.P. JACOB:** No worries, Mr Speaker.

I want to particularly mention the historic town of Toodyay, which actually picked up three of the awards.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Warnbro, I call you to order for the second time. Minister, will you continue and come to the point now, thank you.

**Mr A.P. JACOB:** I will just mention a couple of the highlights because clearly members are not letting me go right through it. The full list is available on the website, and I encourage members to look at that in their own time afterwards.

The historic town of Toodyay received three awards and deserves special mention. Other winners included a stunning renovation of the Kulahea home—a private residential house in Cottesloe. For any architectural heritage aficionados, it is a home designed by George Temple-Poole—a man whose legacy is across this state. I believe it may be one of the, if not the only, remaining private residences from George Temple-Poole. A very significant project that has done huge things for the appreciation of heritage in this state is the redevelopment of the former WA Newspapers site at Brookfield Place in the member for Perth's electorate. If any members have

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not made it down there, particularly on an evening, can I please encourage them down there; it is a fantastic example of adaptive re-use.

**Mr J.M. Francis** interjected.

**Mr A.P. JACOB:** Thanks for that, minister!

One of the big winners on the night was the conversion of the WA Institute of the Blind building, which now houses the WA Ballet headquarters.

One final special mention I want to make is one that might surprise members, and it was the award for an outstanding contribution to heritage. That was won by Dome Coffees Australia, an organisation that is based here in WA. It might not be an automatic award winner that flicks off people's minds, and I certainly appreciate some of the amazing heritage projects that that company is doing across this state. It is a really good example of how the private sector can partner in and around heritage. Indeed, CEO Nigel Oakey's speech on the night was, I think, one of the most memorable speeches of the evening. I am happy to inform members further about many more of those awards. I encourage members to have a look at the website.