

WA HERITAGE AWARDS — CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Statement by Minister for Heritage

MR D.A. TEMPLEMAN (Mandurah — Minister for Heritage) [12.06 pm]: It gives me great pleasure to advise members of this house that nominations are now open for the 2019 WA Heritage Awards. If members know of an individual, group or business doing exceptional heritage-related work, I urge members to consider nominating them for the Heritage Council of Western Australia's prestigious Heritage Awards. Nominating an individual, organisation or project presents an ideal opportunity to highlight the good heritage-related work being undertaken in members' electorates. Established in 1992, the Western Australian Heritage Awards showcase excellence in revitalising heritage places, setting standards for interpretation, heritage tourism and promotion, and the conservation and adaptive re-use of places entered in the state Register of Heritage Places. The awards also recognise the passion and commitment of individuals, organisations and local governments. Nominations are open until 4.00 pm on Friday, 7 December, with finalists being announced in February 2019 and the award winners being announced at a gala event in March 2019.

Earlier this year, the 2018 WA Heritage Award winners were announced at the state-registered Burt Memorial Hall in the Cathedral Square precinct in Perth. On this special occasion, 25 finalists competed to be recognised as heritage champions, vying for awards across eight categories. The high quality of all the finalists recognised on the evening was testament to the dynamic heritage scene in our state. Time permits me to mention only a few worthy winners from the 2018 heritage awards. Ryan Mossny, co-founder of Two Feet & a Heartbeat, was recognised in the professional contribution category. Ryan has spent the past decade sharing the history and culture of Perth with tens of thousands of visitors and locals on his popular walking tours. The City of Bunbury won the category of heritage practices by a local government for its commitment to heritage and engagement with the local community. The winner in the adaptive re-use category and of the Gerry Gauntlett Award was the Cue public buildings. The former Cue post office has been rejuvenated as a vibrant community and visitor centre. This modest regional project now brings together visitors and the local community through inviting spaces that articulate the history of this fascinating gold rush-era town and its people.

Once again, I encourage members to nominate a worthy individual, volunteer or project for the 2019 Heritage Awards.