

## **National History Challenge 2008**

### ***Australia meets the world***

The National Trust is offering prizes in 2008 for the best research and presentation on Australia's heritage that addresses the competition theme *Australia meets the world* and the sub theme:

#### **Australia's heritage**

Each State/Territory winner will receive a prize of \$100. The overall national winner will receive an extra \$200 and attend the national presentation in Canberra

Students from Upper Primary to senior secondary level are invited to enter the **National History Challenge**.

To enter the challenge, please click here [2008 Challenge](#)

### **About the 2008 Challenge**

#### **Who can enter?**

Students from years 5 – 12 may enter the competition. The theme for 2008 History Challenge is *Australia meets the world*. Students may also enter special categories. The Trust's special category is *Australia's heritage*,

#### **What do I need to do?**

**To enter the Trust's special category, students must use resources from the National Trust-** research the Trust's classification lists or files in your state or Territory, contact a Trust office for more information or visit a [Trust website](#), or [Our heritage at risk website www.heritageatrisk.org.au](#), research Trust publications or a Trust library, or visit a Trust property – and address the subtheme *Australia's heritage* and the major annual theme. Entries will be disqualified if there is no evidence of using National Trust resources

#### **What is heritage?**

Heritage is what we value about our past and would like to conserve for the future. It is the tangible and intangible pieces of information and memory left behind to guide us into lives once lived and places and objects as they once were.

Heritage can be found in the tangible or intangible reminders of our past

- In physical buildings and monuments, or physical aspects of the natural heritage (landscapes, trees etc)

- Documentary records – letters, papers, newspapers
- Personal stories and memories passed from one person to another

Heritage may be personal, or may be significant to a whole community. Your project may look at heritage related to the lives of significant individuals or may be related to politics or events which have impacted on communities, creating nationally or internationally significant heritage.

Australia has a rich multicultural heritage. The National Trust has properties that celebrate and has classified and campaigned to conserve this significant heritage.

### **Where do I find information?**

There are many ways of researching and presenting for the National Trust Australian Heritage category of the National History Challenge.

Organisations like the National Trust care for heritage places, collections and records from the past, preserving and conserving them for future generations. These collections, records and places are a repository of information that can guide us into the future.

National Trust properties and other historic places can be visited to help you in your research and the Trust websites can be accessed via [www.nationaltrust.org.au](http://www.nationaltrust.org.au). From here you can also look at special Trust programs such as *Heritage at Risk* [www.heritageatrisk.org.au](http://www.heritageatrisk.org.au) The State and Territory Trusts and the National Office have archival material and libraries that you can study on request and many State and Territory Trusts have registers of classified places.

Other organisations, such as National Archives <http://www.naa.gov.au/>, State and National Libraries <http://librariesaustralia.nla.gov.au/apps/kss>, and museums <http://www.nma.gov.au/education/> can also be accessed via their websites or visited to assist your research for your entry in the Australian Heritage category of the History Challenge. Look up the Australian Heritage Database on the Department of Environment, Water Heritage and the Arts website <http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/index.html> for heritage places in all parts of Australia and for links to other heritage sites and lists.

**Remember:** Your research should use a number of sources, both primary and secondary, but to enter the Trust's special category you must use at least one Trust resource.

For more information contact Maree Treadwell on 6247 6766 or [mtreadwell@nationaltrust.org.au](mailto:mtreadwell@nationaltrust.org.au) or look up the National Trust website in your state or territory for specific examples from the Trust's properties, collections and files that meet the two themes.

Visit the Challenge site [www.historychallenge.com.au](http://www.historychallenge.com.au) for instructions on entering the competition.

### Important Dates

Brochures and posters on the Challenge are mailed to all schools in February and March.

March/April	Launch of Program in each state and territory
<b>25 July</b>	<b>Closing date for entries</b>
29 August	State Judging completed
15 September	Special Category State winners submitted to sponsors for judging
28 September	National Judging for general challenge
15 October	All judging completed. National winners notified
October-November	State Presentations
December	National Presentation

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### Previous winners

To see previous winning entries click on year

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[2006 Challenge](#)

[2005 Challenge](#)

### About the challenge

The Australian Council of National Trusts is a sponsor of The National History Challenge, a program run by the History Teachers' Association of Australia and supported by the Australian Government through the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

The ACNT sponsors a special category, *Australia's Heritage*. Other sponsors of special categories include The Department of Veterans' Affairs, The Australian War Memorial, The National Archives of Australia, Mt Kosciuszko Inc and the Embassy of the Republic of Poland, Canberra, The National Museum of Australia, the Sir John Curtin Prime Ministerial Library, the Asia Education Foundation, Women's History Month, the History Channel and Amnesty International. Entries for special categories must address a sub-theme as well as the Challenge theme for the year.

Students from upper primary to senior level conduct and submit research projects based on a set theme and may choose to also submit their entry into a special category. Formats include essay, audio-visual, multi-media/website, performance and museum model. Entries are judged at State, then National level. There are four National Year Level awards, overall awards for best entry for each State and Territory, and a National award for best overall entry, the winner being awarded Young Historian of the Year. Special category entries are also judged at year, state and national level.

Trust entrants have featured often at State and National short lists over the years and the Trust special category has attracted many candidates. The National Trust of Australia offer many exciting educational opportunities at its properties and in other programs and is proud to be a sponsor of the National History Challenge.