



MEDIA RELEASE

Funding open to help New England experience our national heritage

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Community groups across the New England Electorate are invited to apply for more than \$330,000 in funding through the Coalition Government's Community Heritage and Icons Grants program.

Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources and Member for New England, Barnaby Joyce said grants of between \$2,500 and \$10,000 are available to support community engagement and awareness raising activities that promote places on Australia's National Heritage List.

"The New England Electorate has one national heritage listed site - Gondwana Rainforests of Australia", Mr Joyce said.

"Overall, the 107 places on this prestigious list represent our amazing natural places, our rich Indigenous heritage, and the historic places and stories that reflect our development as a nation".

The grants are part of the Coalition Government's \$1.4 million commitment to provide opportunities for local community groups to promote the heritage values and stories of places recognised on Australia's National Heritage List.

"Our heritage contributes to our sense of place, community and personal wellbeing. It informs us about where we have come from and who we are, and is fundamental to our national identity", Mr Joyce said.

The National Heritage List records our national story and protects places so they continue being part of our shared heritage.

Some of the places on the list are not well known and the program is designed to help more people engage with these places and understand their importance and values.

The types of activities available for support through the program may include:

- development of signage, brochures and pamphlets
- development of web content, smart phone applications or virtual tours

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- development of interpretive heritage trails and walks.

Local community organisations interested in the conservation, promotion, and awareness raising of places on Australia's National Heritage List are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications for funding are open until 23 March, 2017.

Further information about Community Heritage and Icons Grants, including the application guidelines and application form, is available at:

www.environment.gov.au/heritage/grants-and-funding/community-heritage-icons-grants/2016-17

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