Protecting The Territory’s Heritage Assets

The Territory’s historical assets are being kept in the best possible condition by continued funding this year for repairs and maintenance by the Northern Territory Government.

This continues the Northern Territory Government’s commitment in 2004 to spend $1 million a year for five years on the upkeep of Government-owned heritage places.

Minister for Natural Resources, Environment and Heritage Alison Anderson said it was vital the Government continued to invest in conserving the Territory’s rich and unique history for the education and enjoyment of locals and visitors.

“We’re fortunate in the Territory to have many important reminders of where we came from and how we got to where we are today,” Ms Anderson said.

“Many structures have suffered damage over the years because of the extremes of the Territory environment.

“The repair and maintenance program for heritage assets provides funding to ensure we preserve the charm and historical value of these places.”

In 2009-10, projects totalling $700,000 are planned, with $300,000 also to be paid to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure for a separate fund to pay for maintenance and urgent minor repairs.

Some of the projects which will be undertaken in the coming year include;

- $78,000 for repairs, maintenance and repainting at Brown’s Mart.
- $15,000 for the replacement of interpretive signing at Fannie Bay Gaol.
- $65,000 to stabilise mine building ruins at the Bamboo Creek Tin Mine.
- $45,000 for repairs to guttering and Alice Springs Telegraph Station.
- $90,000 for stonemasonry repairs at Aftunga Historical Reserve Police Precinct.
- $80,000 for stonemasonry repairs and stabilisation of ruins at Illamurta Springs.

Through the Heritage Grants Program, the Northern Territory Government continues to offer grants totalling $200,000 each year to private owners of heritage places to help pay for conservation works.

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