

MEDIA STATEMENT



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Awards recognise passion for the past

Individuals and groups who have demonstrated a passion towards preserving and promoting the City's past have been recognised with City of Bunbury Heritage Awards.

The awards aim to raise awareness of the importance of the City's unique heritage, to advance conservation principles and practice and to acknowledge and encourage excellence in the conservation of heritage places and sites.

Awards were recently presented in two categories: City of Bunbury Award for Excellence in Heritage Building Design and Awardees Conservation Work; and City of Bunbury Award for Outstanding Heritage Promotion

The first City of Bunbury Award for Excellence in Heritage Building Design and Conservation Work (in the Public Realm) was presented to Clinton Long Project Management and Annabel Wills Architecture for the restoration of the Bunbury Anzac War Memorial.

The war memorial was restored to its former glory early in 2015 in time for the Anzac Day centenary commemorations.

The second City of Bunbury Award for Excellence in Heritage Building Design and Conservation Work (Private Residential) went to Peter Drosdowsky for the restoration and conservation of number 11 and 13 Ednie Street.

The properties are part of the rare intact streetscape of Ednie Street which comprises a row of narrow-fronted, near-identical timber and iron worker cottages.

The City also recognised Outstanding Heritage Promotion with three awardees who have dedicated many hours of hard work and passion to their projects being honoured.

The awardees included Megan Lawless for Memories of Bunbury, a popular Facebook page that generates a lot of discussion with the Bunbury community as a place to share historic photos, memories, stories and items of local interest.

Committed community member Stephen Craddock was also awarded for his ongoing role in promoting and fundraising for the Bunbury Museum and Heritage Centre.

The Museum will open later this year and already there are many objects of interest awaiting display for residents and visitors to enjoy.

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Bunbury RSL received the City of Bunbury Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Heritage Promotion for the War Memorial, which recognised their strong partnership approach to the works and promotion of the memorial in time for the 100 year commemorations.

Mayor Gary Brennan said it was important to recognise the City's historical past as it laid the foundations for the progressive City that Bunbury has become.

"The passion and perseverance demonstrated by many members of our community towards our City's rich history is what helps to make Bunbury a vibrant and diverse place to live and visit," Mr Brennan said.

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