

# Our Heritage at Risk 2008

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## National Top Ten Our Heritage at Risk List for 2008 announced!

The National Trust announced the following as the Nation's most endangered heritage in October 2008:

- Catherine Hill Bay Heritage Conservation Area -NSW
- HMVS Cerberus VIC (repeat 2007 nomination)
- Large Erecting Shop and associated Moveable Rail Heritage and Blacksmith's Shop, Eveleigh Railway Workshops (repeat 2007 nomination) - NSW
- Lower Lakes and Coorong (repeat 2007 nomination) SA
- Myers Store: Lonsdale St Building (Lonsdale House) Vic
- Newcastle Waters Township - NT
- North Bank, Brisbane QLD
- Port Adelaide Boatyards (repeat 2007 nomination) SA
- Portside, Burnie TAS
- Yarralumla Brickworks – ACT (repeat 2007 nomination)

### Region at Risk: Murray Darling Basin

This Top Ten National Heritage at Risk and Region at Risk list represents a tiny sample of our heritage at risk throughout Australia. In July this year, each State and Territory Trust announced its Heritage at Risk list from over seventy nominations received from Trust conservation specialists, other heritage and community organisations and concerned individuals. Twenty-four places and moveable heritage from these At Risk lists were nominated to the National Top Ten.

The List includes natural, cultural, industrial and built heritage at risk from neglect, lack of funding, legislative failures or lack of enforcement, or inappropriate development. Once again, the Trust has also listed a region at risk: the Murray Darling Basin.

A disturbing concern is the number of repeat nominations from last year. However some of the places listed in 2007 have been saved- others unfortunately have been lost or suffered severe devaluation of heritage values.

Besides the threat of development, the most worrying trend emerging is deterioration/demolition by neglect, often leading to demolition on safety grounds or a place just falling to bits, and opening the way to new development. This can be attributed to several reasons, including lack of incentives for re-use and conservation.

The National Trust believes that for our heritage to be conserved, heritage places need to be seen as an asset, not a burden and that effective and worthwhile incentives need to be provided by all levels of government. Education of the

community about the value of heritage is also an essential part of changing negative perceptions of heritage.

The Our Heritage at Risk program is designed to raise awareness in the Australian community of the threats to our heritage and encourage all levels of government to conserve these places and collections for the future.

*For more information on the fates of 2007 Our Heritage at Risk list and 2008 Our Heritage at Risk lists go to [www.heritageatrisk.org.au](http://www.heritageatrisk.org.au)*