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PROTECTING PLACES OF THE PAST FOR THE FUTURE

From Abbotsford Convent to Mawson’s Hut, Fremantle Prison to Woolmers Estate, historic sites across Australia are set for improved conservation, restoration and promotion, thanks to funding from the Coalition Government.

Twenty four projects will share in more than \$4.4 million under the Protecting National Historic Sites program, designed for historic sites listed on our National Heritage List.

“The people, movements and moments that changed Australia are captured in these historic sites – they are places where we can reflect on the past and celebrate what we are today,” Minister Frydenberg said.

“This funding will give owners and managers the support they need to maintain these sites, particularly as they age, and share their stories with the community.”

Examples of projects funded include:

- \$250,000 to reopen the roof of Great Melbourne Telescope, one of the great scientific instruments of the Victorian era.
- \$250,000 to improve access and inclusiveness at Hyde Park Barracks for mobility, hearing and visually impaired visitors.
- \$70,700 to repair, replace and restore the decaying timber flooring, joists, bearers and stumps at the QANTAS Hanger in Longreach, the birthplace of Australian civil aviation.

“This funding is part of the Coalition Government’s ongoing commitment to preserving and sharing our nation’s heritage,” Minister Frydenberg said.

“Over the last six years, we have invested \$32 million to support the work of owners and managers of historic places on the National Heritage List.

“In the recent budget, a new flagship national heritage program providing up to \$5.3 million in grants each year was also announced.”

A full list of recipients for 2017-18 is at: <http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/grants-and-funding/protecting-national-historic-sites>

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