

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 644

asked on Wednesday, 11 May 2011

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MS GRACE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (MS JONES)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Living Buildings and Places Heritage Grants Program—

Will the Minister advise what benefits this initiative has to historical buildings in my electorate of Brisbane Central?

ANSWER:

I thank the member for her question and her interest in heritage places around Queensland and particularly Brisbane.

The Living Buildings and Places heritage grants program was established in 2006 to provide funding to the owners and custodians of Queensland's key heritage properties. This grants program was one of a number of initiatives, including legislative reform and a state-wide heritage survey, which the Government initiated to keep Queensland's heritage alive both now and for the future.

The grants program is vital for the protection of many places which play a major part in Queensland's history, and it helps us reflect on what it means to be a Queenslanders. Our heritage places tell us the story of Queensland, and it is these places that make Queensland unique.

The program has provided recognition and practical support to owners of some of Queensland's most important heritage places. It is these owners, through their custodianship, that preserve heritage for the broader community.

Over the past four and half years the program has supported a total of 228 projects across Queensland. These projects have included new roofs and stone repairs for churches, and timber repairs to a variety of community buildings and private residences. The program has also funded a number of conservation management plans – a tool which guides the long-term management and care of these significant places.

Places eligible for assistance under the program included places entered in the Queensland Heritage Register; local heritage places included in an approved planning scheme, National Trust properties and rural heritage places. With more than 1600 places in the Queensland Heritage Register, and many more on local government lists the demand for funding was very competitive over the three rounds of the program.

Fifteen of the approved projects were located in the Central Brisbane electorate. Funded projects included:

- \$120,000 for Newstead House to ensure Brisbane's oldest surviving residence has equitable access (which the member announced on my behalf).
- \$42,234 was committed to restoration of the verandahs of Miegunyah located at Bowen Hills. This 1880's residence is owned and operated as a house museum by the Queensland Women's Historical Association.
- \$10,000 was allocated for repair of the box guttering at the home of the Moreton Club, Bertholme in New Farm.
- \$15,000 was committed for timber restoration works at the 1920's designed Anzac Square Building, Brisbane.
- \$13,500 was allocated for a conservation management plan for St Andrews War Memorial Hospital, Administration Building on Wickham Terrace.
- \$27,100 was committed for stone works to be undertaken at St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Spring Hill.
- \$29,400 was welcomed by the parishioners of St Andrew's Uniting Church, Brisbane to rectify rising damp issues which had been identified in the grants funded conservation management plan update.
- \$10,000 enabled the development of a conservation management plan for the Bess Street Brick Cottage, Windsor.
- \$14,300 was committed to much needed brick repair and general conservation works at the 1890's Holy Trinity Church Hall, Fortitude Valley.
- \$25,000 was awarded to the owners of Brisbane's first purpose built apartment building - Craigston – to undertake urgent work to the roof.
- \$10,000 was allocated for the preparation of a conservation management plan for the large cement rendered church that overlooks the central business district the City Tabernacle Baptist Church.
- \$45,000 was allocated for the replacement of the roof on the first permanent home of the Sisters of Mercy in Queensland - All Hallows Convent, Fortitude Valley.
- \$10,000 was committed to enable the completion of timber conservation works at St Patricks Church, Fortitude Valley.

- \$7,500 was allocated for the updating of the conservation management plan for one of Brisbane's oldest surviving Anglican churches - All Saints Anglican Church, Spring Hill.

This program has come to the rescue of owners of some of Queensland's important heritage places, not only in Brisbane; but across the State. The program has been fundamental in providing much needed assistance to the owners of today's heritage places who maintain them so for the coming generations of Queenslanders.