

Tuesday 31 May 2011

Heritage Award winners announced

Neale and Louise Flanagan's contribution to heritage was recognised on Friday night at the presentation of Indigo Shire's Heritage Awards.

The Flanagans received a voucher for one night's bed and breakfast at Finches of Beechworth for their home in Norong *Vinelea*, which was the winner of the Outstanding Contribution to Heritage award.

The event, supported by Winemakers of Rutherglen, was held at the Rutherglen Visitors Information Centre on Friday 27 May. Paul Rosa from the National Trust was guest speaker and spoke about the importance of Indigenous Heritage and the key advocacy role Local Governments play in heritage preservation.

The presentation of the 22 awards was watched by around 65 people, including Indigo Shire Mayor Cr Ali Pockley, Councillors Peter Croucher and Larry Goldsworthy, Indigo Shire staff and community members, some of which dressed in heritage costumes to celebrate the significance of the evening.

Indigo Shire Mayor Cr Ali Pockley said the awards were a great success. "The Heritage Awards are gaining momentum every year, and once again, the nominees and winners all have done a wonderful job. Heritage is very important to our Shire and community. The awards recognise people or groups in the Shire who are leading the way in preserving our heritage, and the winners are a tribute to this," Cr Pockley said.

"We received nominations in March, and then Council's Heritage Advisory Committee visited the sites before tackling the difficult task of selecting winners," Cr Pockley said.

The 2011 award recipients were:

- **Winner - Outstanding Contribution to Heritage - *Vinelea*, Norong**
Neale and Louise Flanagan – owners.
- **Winner - Heritage House of The Future**
Nico Van Nouhuys - owner/designer/builder, 3 McEvoy Lane, Yackandandah.
- **Winner - Gardens and Landscaping of a Heritage Building - *Carlyle House*, Rutherglen**
Robert Lander - owner/designer/builder.
- **Highly Commended - Gardens and Landscaping of a Heritage Building - Freeman on Ford, Beechworth**
Heidi freeman - owner, Peter Vasey - designer and Daryl Leary – builder.
- **Winner - Most Appropriate In-Fill - St Mary's Primary School, Rutherglen**
Simpsons Architects - designer and Matt Attwater - Principal.

- **Winner - Works in Historic Landscapes including Signage** – IGA Supermarket, Chiltern
Don Alchin and David Box – owners and Hilton Newitt – builder.
- **Highly Commended - Works in Historic Landscapes including Signage** - Mt Carmel Convent, Rutherglen
Janice Hinderaker and Glen Mildren - owners and Leonie Le Cornu - Artisan.
- **Winner - Best restoration of an historic building including reconstruction and additions – Commercial** – Freeman on Ford, Beechworth
Heidi Freeman - owner, Peter Vasey - designer and Daryl Leary - builder.
- **Winner - Best Restoration of a Historic Building including Reconstruction and Additions – Domestic** – *Vinelea*, Norong
Neale and Louise Flanagan - owners, Practical Building Solutions - designer and Jacobs Builders - builder.
- **Highly Commended - Best Restoration of a Historic Building including Reconstruction and Additions – Commercial** - *Carlyle House*, Rutherglen
Robert Lander - owner/designer/builder.
- **Highly Commended - Best Restoration of a Historic Building including Reconstruction and Additions – Commercial** - *Linesmans Cottage*, Chiltern
Emma and Matt Williams – owners and Rob Sawyer - builder.
- **Winner - Best Heritage Collection** – Wooragee Centenary Hall
The Wooragee Community Centre Committee of Management.
- **Winner - Open Categories – Schools** - Rutherglen Primary School
- **Winner - Open Categories – Interpretation** - Powder Magazine
Grant Collie - designer, Mick Gotz - builder, Kieran Lucas - carpenter, Parker Electrical - electrical contractor, the Burke Museum team, David Seaton - Great Leap Forward, Ervin Kos - Led Lighting and World of Wonder.
- **Winner - Maintenance and Preservation**
Mr & Mrs Ian Kerr - owners, 28 Kiewa East Road, Kiewa.
- **Highly Commended - Maintenance and Preservation** - Kiewa General Store
Mr & Mrs Wallace - owners.
- **Winner - Mover and Shaker** - Heidi Freeman.
- **Winner - Heritage Champion** - Doff Bunting.
- **Winner - Heritage Champion** - Beechworth Society of Bellringers.

- **Winner - Heritage Champion** - Stanley Athenaeum
Friends of the Stanley Athenaeum.
- **Winner - Heritage Champion** - Anne Hanson, researcher
- **Winner - Heritage Champion** - The Henry Handel Richardson Society of Australia
William Steele - researcher and producer.

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Caption: Ann Stahmer accepting an award for Carlyle House in Rutherglen from Cr Peter Croucher.