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Shake up for Indigo Shire Heritage awards

After a stellar year in 2010, Indigo Shire's Heritage Advisory Committee's have shaken up their annual Heritage Awards, adding new categories and merging old categories. With nominations now open for 2011, the awards are expected to be bigger than ever.

The new awards are expected to appeal to a greater number of people in the Shire, with new awards such as 'Heritage Mover and Shaker/Hero award' which aims to recognise a person or group leading the way in preserving heritage.

Indigo Shire Council Manager of Planning and Sustainable Development Katie Rizzuto said that after the introduction of the category 'Heritage Houses of the Future' in 2010, which sparked a lot of interest, it was time to refresh all the categories. "The older awards focused on the past, but we wanted to look towards possible future heritage. Some of these new awards will take into account the fresh face that heritage can take on, while still keeping a building's heritage value. It is difficult because when you are dealing with heritage buildings, there is only so much you can do, but the winner of this award will have put in a lot of effort and achieved great results in the name of heritage," Ms Rizzuto said.

"The awards aim to recognise the hard work carried out by local residents and businesses in the conservation of our heritage. We encourage nominations not just from property owners, but anyone interested in heritage and our community. There are so many heritage buildings across the shire that are maintained to keep their heritage value, but also move forward with the times, and these are the sort of nominations that we would like to see," Ms Rizzuto said.

Last year's awards saw a range of winners, from homes to businesses from across the shire and organisers are hoping for even more variety this year.

The awards are open until Monday 21 March 2011 and will be presented at the awards ceremony to be held in Rutherglen on Friday 27 May 2011.

The categories for the 2011 Heritage Awards are:

- **Heritage Houses Of The Future**
- **Gardens And Landscaping Of A)Heritage Building, B) Cultural Landscape**
- **Most Appropriate In-Fill**
- **Works In Historic Landscapes Including Signage**
- **Best Restoration of an Historic Building Including Reconstruction and Additions**
- **Voluntary Activities Associated With Heritage**
- **Best Heritage Collections**
- **Schools And Open Categories – Heritage Study/Research Project**
- **Heritage Mover and Shaker/Hero – Project Based, Attitudinal etc – A Committee Award to recognise someone in the community acting on behalf of Heritage.**



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Nomination forms will be available from all Indigo Shire Council Service Centres, on Council's new website www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au or phone the Yackandandah Office 02 6028 1100 to get a hard copy. Nominations should be sent to Chairman, Indigo Shire Heritage Advisory Committee, c/o Katie Rizzuto, Manager Planning and Sustainable Development, PO Box 75, Yackandandah, 3749.

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Caption: Joy Phillips' house was the joint winner of the 'Heritage Houses of the Future' award in 2010.