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Heritage Awards to celebrate unique heritage

Indigo Shire's Heritage night of nights is fast approaching, with the winners of the Indigo Shire Committee's Heritage Awards to be announced at a ceremony at the Rutherglen Visitors Information Centre on Friday 27 June, starting at 6pm.

Organisers are expecting the night to be bigger and better than ever, with Paul Rosa from the National Trust as guest speaker and the Rutherglen Primary School making an appearance on the night.

Indigo Shire Mayor Cr Ali Pockley said the awards have been judged, and now it is just a matter of announcing the winners to the community. "It is very exciting. We had some great entries and some tough choices. It is difficult because when you are dealing with heritage buildings, there is only so much you can do. The winners have put in a lot of effort and achieved great results in the name of heritage, and we are looking forward to presenting them with the awards," Cr Pockley said.

"The awards aim to recognise the hard work carried out by residents and businesses in the conservation of our heritage. 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 things that we want to recognise," Cr Pockley said.

"The awards have been running for a number of years, and we thought it was time to refresh the categories. 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," Cr Pockley said.

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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