

NATIONAL TRUST OF QUEENSLAND

Annual Report 2007-2008



Annual Report for the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

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What we care for today, we will appreciate tomorrow

President's Overview

Executive Summary

The last year has been a very busy and challenging one for the National Trust of Queensland, but we have made substantial progress.

The National Trust movement, both internationally and locally, is founded and rooted in the conservation of our natural and cultural heritage. Locally, we are vitally interested in the environment, Indigenous heritage and cultural landscapes, as well as built heritage. The National Trust of Queensland (the Trust) is committed to caring for those aspects of our society, culture and environment that we value today, and is determined to keep them safe for future generations to appreciate tomorrow.

Financially, the operating loss for the financial year 2007/8 was reduced to \$27,000 (down from \$127,000 the previous year). It is our aim that 2009/10 will see the Trust operating 'in the black' for the first time in many years.

Governance has progressed markedly, in concert with major efforts to improve Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary (the Sanctuary) and its public interface.

Membership of the Trust continued to increase during the financial year. Changes to membership categories were approved with two major categories, National Trust membership and NTQ Green Guardian membership, replacing the previous separate Trust and Sanctuary memberships.

Advocacy has been very important for the Trust, with the North Bank development on the Brisbane River making the National Top 10 Heritage at Risk list.

Looking forward, the Trust must develop a major role supporting Local Government in protecting the character and heritage of Queensland.

Our diverse range of properties must be conserved to a very high standard, which may require the development of compatible commercial activities to generate income for conservation.

The Trust's relationships with the Queensland Government and the Queensland Heritage Council are currently very constructive. However, we are very aware of the paucity of Government financial support to the Trust over many years.

The Trust is also very appreciative of the relationship we enjoyed with the previous Governor and Trust Patron, Her Excellency Quentin Bryce AC, and we are very excited by the prospect of a similar relationship with the new Governor, Her Excellency Penelope Wensley AO.

Brief History of the National Trust Movement Internationally

The founding of the international parent organisation, the National Trust in England, dates from a meeting held in the offices of the Commons Preservation Society in Westminster, London, on 16 November 1893. The heading on the invitation to the meeting was "National Trust for Historic Sites and Natural Scenery". Its aims were to establish a body "to act as a Corporation for the holding of lands of natural beauty and sites and houses of historic interest to be preserved intact for the nation's use and enjoyment".

The birth of the National Trust did not proceed smoothly, but was the result of much dedication and battling. One of the three founders, Octavia Hill, stated that "...the Trust, like St Francis of old, would be strong in its poverty, and like him, would appeal for gifts, and save many a lovely view or old ruin or manor house from destruction and for the everlasting delight of thousands of the people of these islands".

The first gift to the Trust, in 1895, was of a property from a Welsh lady, Mrs Talbot. It was a cliff above Barmouth named Dinas Oleu. This was followed in 1896 by the purchase (for 10 pounds) of the Clergy House at Alfriston and in 1896, with the acquisition of one of the last remaining sedge fens, Wicken Fen, purchased in 1899.

Soon after its formation in 1963, the Queensland Trust's first acquisitions were Wolston House, Moon's Reserve and the James Cook Museum.

On the 3rd December 2007, a Charter was signed by 60 National Trusts from around the globe, initiating the International National Trust Organisation (INTO), chaired by an Australian, Mr Simon Molesworth AM, QC.

The Queensland Trust is also building strong relationships with kindred organisations in Indonesia.

Council, Staff and Volunteers of the National Trust of Queensland

The Trust **Head Office** is very lean indeed, with a staff of five full-time equivalents, including our Executive Officer, Mr Stewart Armstrong. This very low level of staff significantly inhibits the work the Trust can undertake, and until our budget is 'in the black', appointing more staff is not possible.

With such a lean office, the Trust depends very much on volunteers and its Councillors - eight elected and two appointees as of 30 June 2008.

Dr Diane Menghetti was President until our AGM in November, at which time I, Dr John Jackson, assumed the office. I would record my grateful appreciation to Di for her help, wisdom and mentorship. Di was not only President from April 2006, but she also made a significant contribution to championing heritage in North Queensland.

Unfortunately Di, Margaret Falk and Professor Alan Rix resigned as Councillors during the year. Their roles in the Trust were very important. We particularly wish Margaret well with her health.

Peta Dennis, Ann Garms OAM and David McLaughlin were the new Councillors during 2007/8. They have all contributed very positively.

The staff and Councillors have been very supportive of the changes in the Trust. This is very much appreciated.

Volunteers are the key to the successful and efficient running of many not-for-profit organisations. The Trust is very fortunate to have 300 volunteers working at our properties and in our Branches. One hundred and sixty of those volunteers work at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. Volunteers, we salute you.



Volunteers David, Eric, Peter with Heritage Information Officer, Val Dennis.

The work of the Trust's volunteers includes:

- managing, working and guiding at our properties;
- researching places;
- advocating for heritage; and
- hopefully having fun.

Branches and Local Government

Because we aim to be a grass roots organisation, our Branches are integral to our future health.

Unfortunately, the Trust has far fewer Branches than it did a decade ago. This can best be addressed by training our local Trust members, and other interested community members, to proactively and positively interact with our Local Governments. This is a major plank of how we see the Trust operating in the future.

Changes to the State heritage legislation early in 2008 require local governments to have provisions to manage local heritage. However, many Councils do not have the funds, nor at times the will, to recognise the value of conserving the local character and community heritage. The character of our society, our towns, our cities and our landscape is an intimate reflection of the way of life that is unique to Queensland. If we neglect this character, future generations will not thank us.

So the challenge for the Trust is to work with local communities (including communities within our large cities) to conserve our local character. Together, local branches, local government and hopefully our sponsors can work to care for today what we will appreciate tomorrow.

The Trust currently has active groups in Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Gympie, and Ipswich.

Cairns Far Northern Branch: Two committee members have been on the advisory committee for the Statewide Survey identifying sites in the Cairns region. Members have continued to identify places for the National Trust Register and database and have worked closely with community groups trying to save the former Cairns Yacht Club.

Townsville: The Townsville Heritage Centre continues to be operated entirely by volunteers, some from the Branch and others external to the Branch. The Branch is very active in the protection of local heritage places and participates in several local government committees. This year's Heritage Festival, usually a week of celebrations, was extended to a whole month of local events and displays.

Branches and Local Government (Contd)

Mackay Whitsunday: Again this year, Mackay Branch has continued to concentrate its efforts on raising funds for the restoration project at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Mackay. This project was successfully concluded with the restoration of the church's unique and significant windows, the painting of the building internally and externally and the completion of a Conservation Management Plan.

Gympie: The main focus for the Gympie Branch throughout the year has been the restoration of Calton Park in Gympie. The Calton Park Restoration Project is being led by the Trust, with strong support and input from Cooloola Heritage and Tourism Inc [CHATI], the Gympie Regional Council and the Gympie Horticultural Society. In February 2008, the Gympie Branch hosted a dedication ceremony and unveiling for the Gympie Miners' Memorial Wall in Calton Park. Research into miners who had died in the Gympie goldfields [1868 to 1952] was also undertaken by Trust members.

Ipswich: One of the larger groups, the Ipswich Branch actively participated in the Ipswich City Council awards, presenting four gold awards for the Best Maintained Heritage Home category.

There has also been interest in re-establishing a Rockhampton Branch.



*Holy Trinity Church
Conservation Appeal, Mackay*

Finances

Without financial security, any organisation will die. We are determined that the Trust will thrive long term.

To that end, the Trust commissioned a strategic review by external consultant, John Giles, who was recommended by government.

Among the findings were comments that the Trust was 'below the radar', starved of funds, and hence not able to function as our members deserved.

The report estimated that successive State Government's had underfunded the Trust many millions of dollars, yet at the same time expected us to undertake many frontline and consultative functions that were unofficially and officially referred by the Government. This is unsustainable.

On the basis of the Giles Report, the Trust requested a 4 year \$4.5 million government funding programme to allow us to upgrade our properties, effectively using the monies that should rightly have been the Trust's if adequately funded. To date, that request has been unsuccessful, but we will persist.

We do not believe that we should continue to sell properties to keep the Trust financially viable. That is a self-defeating and short-sighted approach which rejects our charter. Rather, through Government assistance, private sponsorship and commercial activities, we believe we should not only conserve our buildings, but also develop compatible adjacent commercial activities that will produce a financial return to fund the ongoing conservation of these properties.

To this end, we commissioned our own Business Plan, which forms the foundation of an approach to sponsors for large donations, so that we can co-operatively work towards each property becoming a self-sufficient business unit.

We have established a Trust Foundation as a general tax-deductible fund to receive gifts, which can have sub-categories for particular projects.

In addition, our governance changes are integral to this sponsorship and development approach.

Membership changes were approved in May 2008. Admission to Currumbin Sanctuary has been grossly undervalued for many years, and there was a separate membership category for Sanctuary entry only. The new arrangements have a standard Trust membership which includes all current Australian and International benefits, but half price entry to the Sanctuary. For those who desire to visit the Sanctuary more than twice a year, the new NTQ Green Guardian Membership category also provides unlimited free entry to the Sanctuary. The prices, even though higher than previously, are still very generous to all members. The budget incorporates an approximately revenue-neutral position regarding membership income, but we anticipate increased income in future years.

In summary, our financial results have changed from an operational deficit of \$127,000 in 2006/7 to \$27,000 in 2007/8, which is far better than the budgeted deficit for 2007/08 of \$100,000. While the unexpected improvement was due to several 'one-off' factors, we are aiming to meet the budgeted deficit of \$50,000 in 2008/9, and then no deficit in 2009/10.

Governance

There has been momentum for several years to upgrade the governance of the Trust. In addition, there was a lot of negative publicity on the Gold Coast related to our governance of the Sanctuary.

These two factors coalesced to generate a new governance model that we have called Co-operative Partnership. This is a real win/win/win - a win for the Sanctuary, a win for the local Gold Coast community, and a win for the whole Trust movement in Queensland.

Time and good local communication has been the key, assisted by plenty of goodwill from the Trust Council, the CWS Advisory Board, and interested groups and individuals on the

Gold Coast. I do sincerely thank all those who contributed through significant public meetings, smaller group meetings and also privately.

The Trust Council is establishing a Board, under the existing Trust Act, to manage the Sanctuary and provide the Trust Council with advice on its other properties and finances. This Board will have a majority of independent members, and all members will have qualifications and experience relevant to professional Boards. This new Board will replace the CWS Advisory Board later in 2008. I acknowledge with gratitude the help of Mr Henry Smerdon and his fellow Advisory Board members for their dedication to the cause of the Sanctuary.

There is a high level of skill and knowledge on the Trust Council, and

this expertise can be better utilised on heritage issues, while still having responsibility for finances and properties.

For the first time in many years, the Trust and the Sanctuary are truly partners, not just in theory but in practice. This is a very positive step for the Trust in Queensland.

The governance changes are being trialled for two years. We should then be able to approach Government with definitive legislative amendments later in this period. Ad hoc legislative changes are not our focus, but rather long term changes that will benefit the Trust and its members. A review of our Rules is also needed to ensure they are in keeping with best practice.

Business Units and Properties

It is appropriate to comment generally on our Trust properties and Head Office.

The Trust must ensure that all its properties, large or small, are maintained and conserved to a high standard. We must lead by example. This ongoing maintenance is a fundamental priority for all heritage properties, and periodically can be very expensive.

Because of the financial constraints on the Trust, the conservation work on some of our properties has fallen behind. It is incumbent on the Trust to raise sufficient funds, through private and corporate gifts and government budget contributions, to enable us to conserve the properties to the standard they deserve.

But we must go further than this. We must develop income streams to enable each property, as much as is able, to function financially as an independent business unit. This means we must look at utilising underused land or buildings (which every property has to some degree) for compatible commercial developments that will return long-term income to fund ongoing conservation work.

This will necessitate a very large inflow of capital, progressively over some years, to fund the initial conservation work and the new commercial work. Then we must manage each property effectively to ensure the financial goals are met.

This separate business unit model must also apply to funding the staff needs and advocacy role of our Head Office. This funding must come from membership and associated income.

One of the roles of the new Board will be to help the Trust Council assess and develop the potential of compatible income earning developments.

A significant focus for improvement is the eco-environmental credentials of all of our properties. Starting with the Sanctuary, we aim to attain eco-friendly credentials for all our properties by improving the self-sufficiency of water and power use. This will require expenditure initially, but caring for our heritage means caring for our environment, and we intend to lead by example in this area as well.

Business Units and Properties (Contd)

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary:

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary (better known in the past as the Currumbin Bird Sanctuary) is the largest property under the management of the Trust in Queensland, and has been so since the Alex Griffiths' gift in 1976.

The Sanctuary has been in operation for over 60 years. It is a household name throughout Australia and is also well known internationally.

The Sanctuary sits very comfortably alongside our built heritage properties. It emphasises that the Trust movement is fundamentally a conservation movement, and the Sanctuary is a wonderful example of the integration of cultural and natural heritage conservation.

The CEO's position at the Sanctuary passed from Ms Michelle Monsour to Mr Jonathan Fisher during 2007/8. We are very grateful to them for their leadership and for what they and their teams achieved.

The huge potential of the Sanctuary is being realised through the ongoing important upgrades of the various features and new major projects. The Wild Island project is a great way to teach young people that environmental heritage and having fun are very compatible. The wombat enclosure, the tree kangaroo project, and Questacon are relatively inexpensive yet popular projects.

The main project for the Sanctuary is the construction of the new Wildlife Hospital. This vital community project provides an invaluable treatment and research facility for our Australian wildlife. For many years, it has operated in a rather inadequate building, but the staff and volunteers deserve our sincere thanks for the work they have done there, and we all look forward to the new facility. The hospital will be funded by public gifts and Sanctuary funds.

A review of the strategic plan has mapped out improvements that can steadily be made both to the facilities for the public and for the financial security of the Sanctuary. It is important that this icon is financially self-supporting, so that it can keep upgrading its environmental treasures.



Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary is very strategically situated at the southern end of the Gold Coast, near the airport, and well away from the theme parks at the northern end of the Coast. With the new Cooperative Partnership model, its governance will be much more efficient and the Sanctuary will be better placed to tap into the 80,000 Trust members throughout Australia, and the millions of Trust members internationally. Despite a challenging year with a small decrease in attendance numbers, the Sanctuary enjoyed an increase in revenue.

All NTQ Green Guardian members will have full access to Trust properties throughout Australia and internationally. We are partners.



Business Units and Properties (Contd)

The James Cook Museum in Cooktown is one of few Trust properties that covers its day to day running expenses, but does not cover its ongoing conservation.

This year, it has enjoyed record attendances and hosted many community events. However, it too needs to explore ways to increase income. We also need to ensure that the Trust's custodianship of the Endeavour anchor and cannon is of a high standard, our Indigenous displays are well maintained, access is improved, and the commercial potential is realised.

Ken Brooks is still leasing **Brennan and Geraghty's Store** in Maryborough. The store has been active, with the events committee arranging the successful launch of the 2008 Heritage Festival in conjunction with Fraser Coast Regional Council. Sadly, one of the

large front windows with original signwriting was broken.

Wolston House had two major open days in 2007/08: a successful Arts and Craft Fair in October 2007 and an Open Day in May, which was somewhat disappointing. The place looks wonderful, thanks largely to the excellent work of the volunteers and staff. The High Teas are proving successful.

In **Charters Towers**, the Museum is having part of its roof replaced, thanks to an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant. The Stock Exchange is iconic but needs major conservation work. The School of Mines building is being returned to Government.

The **Townsville Heritage Centre** this year celebrated the 20th Anniversary of its opening by the Governor General, Sir Ninian Stephen in 1988. Since then, it has continued to open regularly through the work of volunteers. It is only one of two Trust properties that covers its costs, thanks to support from the community and Townsville Council.

Royal Bulls Head Inn: The lease is working well with lessee Toni Hildebrand offering high teas and lunches in the main room. Patronage is growing and the high teas are also gaining momentum. Repairs to the verandah roof are underway also thanks to an EPA grant.

Atherton Chinatown has changed its opening hours and the bird shows are proving very successful.

Heritage Promotion and Advocacy

Advocacy, by example and campaigns, is fundamental to the role of National Trusts worldwide. At times, we have been too quiet, but the past year has presented us with many opportunities to let our voice be heard.

Despite the initial negative press articles in the Gold Coast media, there has been a significant shift in public opinion regarding the Sanctuary. It is now widely recognised as a heritage icon, not just a tourist attraction or park, and this makes it very compatible with the Trust's conservation base.

The Trust has run a major campaign opposing the **North Bank** development in and adjacent to the Brisbane River. This area is where European settlement began in Queensland and is one of our most significant heritage precincts. The importance of this site is finally being recognised and these values need to be protected.

The Trust has acted as a key facilitator of public discussion, with tremendous support from the public, interest groups and the media. The area needs improvement, but the Trust does not support large buildings in the River because of the adverse impact. The community has made it very clear that the River "is not a building site".

Other critical heritage issues included threats to the Cairns Yacht Club, Yungaba, Townsville's streetscapes and waterfront areas, as well as the former Chaillé's building in Esk. These issues all affect local iconic places. We are urging local councils to take moral responsibility for their local character, because "**what we care for today, we will appreciate tomorrow**".



Heritage Promotion and Advocacy (Contd)



The Trust's **Queensland Heritage Awards** programme continues to prosper. Held in partnership with the Queensland Heritage Council, and sponsored by Bendigo Bank and Treasury Casino, this year's Awards again drew more nominations than the previous year. Fourteen awards in three categories were presented by the Honourable Lindy Nelson-Carr MP, Minister for Environment, at a ceremony held on 13 September 2007. The overall award, the John Herbert Memorial Award, was won by the Noorla Boarding House and Hotel, Ingham.

"Coming to Queensland" was the theme of the 2008 National Trust of Queensland **Heritage Festival**. The Festival, which ran from 11 to 18 May, featured over 150 events across Queensland. The spectacular opening ceremony was held in Maryborough in conjunction with the Fraser Coast Regional Council, for which we are very grateful. The Festival was once again generously supported by the Queensland Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

Identification of Places

The Northern Regional Heritage Committee continued to actively identify heritage places. Thirty-one places in the former Douglas Shire were identified or re-validated. Seven of these places were then entered in the Register of the National Trust, along with Earl Court in Cairns. Three places in Mossman were recommended for

nomination to the Queensland Heritage Register (QHR). The Trust's database now includes 4007 reported, identified and registered places in Queensland.

The former National Bank, Mossman, was nominated to the QHR. Nominations are being prepared for five other places. A number of QHR nominations made previously by the Trust and others are now subject to new processes. As a consequence, the Trust responded to letters and advertisements indicating it continued to support the nomination of twenty-six places.

The local Trust Branches and groups dealt with many heritage enquiries over the year, and the Heritage Information Officer also dealt with 207 enquiries and actions in 2007/08.

Developments since the end of the Financial Year.

The Trust work has progressed actively since the end of the 2007/8 financial year. Financially, we are on budget.

The new membership categories commenced on 1st August 2008, and have generally been well accepted. For the first time, there is a membership income sharing arrangement with the Sanctuary and this means that local members can be assured that local funds are kept locally.

The contract for the \$1.3 million Wildlife Hospital has been signed and the first sod was turned by our new Governor and Patron.

In response to the Trust's campaign, the Government decided not to proceed with the North Bank project. The Trust is continuing to advocate for improvements to the area, but not in the Brisbane River.

There are also many other advocacy issues that are continuing into the new year.

"What we care for today, we will appreciate tomorrow".

Dr John Jackson
President



Heritage Festival Launch, Maryborough May 2008

Treasurer's Report

The year 2007/08 has produced a better financial result for the National Trust of Queensland. While still operating with a deficit, the organisation fared better this past year than it has done for a decade.

There were a couple of one-off gains that brought about this improvement, the most notable being a \$39,000 distribution from our Queensland Community Fund coming from investment sales capital gains finally being released. Usually, this distribution is around \$14,000 per annum.

However, in relation to Trust activities, the major revenue boost came from membership income. This was up 11% on the previous year, which, in turn, was up 7% on the preceding year. These increases are largely attributable to the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary's promotional campaigns aimed at increasing domestic visitation.

Since the end of the 2007/08 financial year, membership changes have been implemented and it is anticipated that these changes will have a positive impact on revenue.

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary experienced another challenging year with significant rainfall occurring in key holiday periods, particularly the Christmas school holidays. Despite a 1% decrease in attendance numbers from the previous financial year, the Sanctuary recorded a 5.3% increase in revenue and was able to control increases in expenses to achieve a respectable bottom line.

By utilising responsible strategic and business management initiatives in conjunction with the new membership structure, the Trust is confident the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary will continue to improve its financial position over the coming years.

For our other properties, valuations again soared in 2007/08, with a further \$1.1M being added to the value of this portfolio of properties. In contrast, the cost of keeping these properties open to the public came down slightly, with the Hou Wang Temple at Atherton reducing its opening hours from 1 May this year.

Also worth noting is the 15% increase in merchandise sales at our James Cook Museum in Cooktown. This is largely due to the energetic manager and her enthusiastic staff improving customer service to Museum visitors.

Donations to the Trust, by way of our Appeals, more than doubled compared to the previous year. Not all of this is attributable to our major appeal, the St John's Cathedral Completion, as 3 new appeals that came on board during the year generated a lot of new activity.

Through its many activities, the Trust is achieving its goal of increasing the community's awareness of our heritage buildings and places across Queensland.

All-in-all a better year financially.

S Sheaffe, Treasurer

Sponsors and Partners

The National Trust acknowledges and thanks the following major sponsors and supporters:

- Bendigo Bank
- Conrad Treasury, Brisbane
- Queensland Department of the Premier and Cabinet
- Queensland Heritage Council

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary would also like to thank its major sponsors and partners for their continued support:

- Cadbury Schweppes
- Gold Coast Tourism
- Night Owl Convenience Stores
- RACQ Insurance
- Streets Ice Cream
- Von Bibra Holden

Heritage Conservation Appeals

All Saints, Wickham Terrace, Brisbane
Booval House, Booval, Ipswich
Brisbane Polo Club, Naldham House
Chinese Australian Historical Association
Christ Church, Milton
Cressbrook Station, Toogoolawah
English Speaking Union, Palma Rosa,
Hamilton
Graceville Uniting Church, Brisbane
Holy Trinity Church, Fortitude Valley
Holy Trinity Church, Mackay
Moreton Club, Bertholme, New Farm
Sacred Heart Church, Townsville
St Andrew's Uniting Church, Ann St,
Brisbane
St Andrew's Anglican Church, Vulture St,
South Brisbane
St Andrew's Church, Bundaberg
St Brigid's Church, Red Hill
St Brigid's Church, Rosewood
St James' Cathedral, Townsville
St John's Cathedral, Brisbane
St Luke's Church, Toowoomba
St Mary's Catholic Church, Beaudesert
St Mary's Catholic Church, Ipswich
St Mary's Anglican Church, Kangaroo Point
St Monica's Cathedral, Cairns
St Paul's Anglican Church, Ipswich
St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Spring Hill
St Paul's Cathedral, Rockhampton
St Thomas' Anglican Church, Toowong

Grants

The following grant funds were received during the 2007/08 financial year:

- Commonwealth Government National Trust Partnership programme \$76,437.
- Queensland Government grant-in-aid \$50,000.
- Townsville City Council \$5,000 for ongoing maintenance at the Townsville Heritage Centre and \$1,000 for the Centre's 120th Anniversary celebrations.
- Life Be In It \$520 for garden maintenance at the Townsville Heritage Centre.
- Charters Towers City Council \$500 for supporting local visitation to the Charters Towers Museum.
- Brisbane City Council \$2,210 for upgrading the Trust's Heritage database.
- National Library of Australia \$11,000 Assessment of the Chinese collection at Atherton Chinatown.

Council

Patron

Her Excellency, Mrs Quentin Bryce AC,
Governor of Queensland

Elected

Dr Diane Menghetti	President (to November 2007 Also retired Nov 2007)
Dr John Jackson	Councillor President (from November 2007)
Major Austin Hogan	Senior Vice- President
Dr Dorothy Gibson-Wilde	Vice-President
Mr Geoff Smith	Vice-President (to November 2007)
Mrs Janet Hogan	Honorary Secretary
Mr Stephen Sheaffe	Treasurer
Mrs Margaret Falk	Councillor (to February 2008)
Ms Christine Storry	Councillor (to November 2007)
Mrs Ann Garms	Councillor (from November 2007)
Ms Peta Dennis	Councillor (from November 2007)
Mr David MacLaughlin	Councillor (from November 2007)

Appointed

Dr Ian Galloway, Director, Queensland Museum

Prof Alan Rix, representing the University of
Queensland (to February 2008)

Mrs Glenda Sheaffe, representing the
Royal Historical Society of Queensland

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary Advisory Board

Mr Henry Smerdon	Chairman
Mr Don Channer	Board Member
Ms Sarah Cobb	Board Member
Mr Chris Mills	Board Member
Mr John Taylor	Board Member
Prof Alan Rix	Board Member (to February 2008)
Major Austin Hogan	Board Member (to September 2007)
Mr Stephen Sheaffe	Board Member (from September 2007)



Branches and Chairpersons

Northern Regional Committee	Dr Dawn May
Cairns and Far Northern Branch	Dr Janice Wegner
Townsville	Dr Dorothy Gibson-Wilde
Mackay	Ms Lynne Robson
Gympie	Mr Bob Fredman

National Trust of Queensland Staff

Head Office

Executive Director	Mr Stewart Armstrong
Finance Manager	Mr Ken Harper
Accounts Payable Clerk	Ms Jenny Kelly (part-time)
Heritage Information Officer	Dr Valerie Dennis (part-time)
Membership Secretary	Mrs Sharon Kleinschmidt
Communication and Administration	Ms Sue Finnigan

Property Managers

James Cook Museum	Ms Helen Crampton
Atherton Chinatown	Mrs Noelene Mays (to April 2008)
Charters Towers Museum	Ms Sally Harper
Wolston House	Ms Jenny Kelly (part-time)

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary

Mr Jonathan Fisher	Chief Executive Officer (from February 2008)
Ms Michelle Monsour	Chief Executive Officer (to February 2008)
Mr George Costi	General Manager, Commercial & Operations
Mr Darren Larkin	Financial Controller (from June 2008)
Mr Kevin Ahrens	General Manager, Corporate Services (to May 2008)
Mr David Luxton	General Manager Sales and Marketing
Mr Matthew Hingley	General Manager, Wildlife
Ms Ann Hubbard	Manager, Retail
Mr Michael Kennedy	Manager, Food and Beverage
Ms Jenny Lunney	Environmental Manager
Dr Michael Pyne	Senior Veterinarian

Queensland Heritage Awards 2007

QUEENSLAND HERITAGE COUNCIL AWARDS

Gold

- Roma House, Lady Bowen Precinct, Brisbane, Queensland Department of Housing.

Silver

- Loudoun Dam Restoration Project, Irvinebank, Department of Natural Resources and Water.

Highly Commended

- All Saints Church - Stone and External Elements Conservation and Repair.

NATIONAL TRUST COMMUNITY AWARDS

Silver

- Darling Downs Biographical Register to 1900, Toowoomba and Darling Downs Family History Society Inc.
- Queensland Rail Heritage Volunteers, Townsville.
- Ringsfield House, Nanango, Nanango Shire Council.

BENDIGO BANK CONSERVATION AWARDS

Gold

- Conservation Planning, Torres Strait WWII Sites, Torres Shire Council.
- Local History Publications: Ridge to Ridge, recollections from Woodridge to Park Ridge, Logan City Council Libraries.
- Noorla Boarding House and Hotel, Ingham, Jennie Ginger and Joe Sproats.

Silver

- Dorothy Jones Library, Tully, Cardwell Shire Council.
- MacArthur Museum, Brisbane.

Highly Commended

- Burke and Wills Camp 119, Renovation and Upgrade, Burke and Wills Historical Society.
- Fort Lytton National Park Theatre in Education Project, Wynnum, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service.
- Edwards Family Grave Restoration, Toowong, Martha Sirovs.

JOHN HERBERT MEMORIAL AWARD 2007

Noorla Boarding House and Hotel Ingham, Jennie Ginger and Joe Sproats