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BLUE PLAQUE PROGRAM TO CELEBRATE HERITAGE IN NSW

The NSW Government has announced that dozens of Blue Plaques will adorn buildings, heritage sites and other places around NSW in the first round of a fresh investment to unlock the State's hidden history.

Member for Vaucluse Gabrielle Upton MP said the new \$5 million program included in the forthcoming Budget is designed to showcase key heritage assets and will link to ongoing recording, storytelling and digital initiatives.

"As part of this initiative, the Government will develop a program to allow the public to nominate people and places for inclusion in the Blue Plaques program," Ms Upton said.

"We have an abundance of history and heritage to celebrate in NSW – and this is one way to do that with the support of public input."

NSW Treasurer Dominic Perrottet unveiled the first Blue Plaque at State Heritage listed Nutcote cottage, the former studio home of celebrated children's author and illustrator May Gibbs, best known for her Snugglepot and Cuddlepie series.

"This wonderful new program, modelled on the well-known English Heritage plaques program, will help unlock the stories of our heritage, key places and notable people for residents of NSW and visitors alike."

Other people and places being recognised include:

- The former Registrar General's Building in Sydney, designed by NSW Government Architect Walter Liberty Vernon;
- Caroline Chisholm Cottage at East Maitland, a hostel for homeless migrants run by campaigner and advocate for girls, women and families Caroline Chisholm; and
- Sir Edward Hallstrom, inventor, businessman, President of the Taronga Zoological Park Trust, and generous benefactor to the Taronga Zoo.

Minister responsible for Heritage Don Harwin said the NSW Blue Plaques program will be delivered through Heritage NSW.

"Programs that celebrate local stories such as this will add another opportunity for people to explore their local neighbourhoods, centres and towns, and to connect and participate with our State's heritage," Mr Harwin said.

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