

## DAVID SHEEDY FOUNDATION ARCHIVES SCHOLARSHIP

The aim of the David Sheedy Foundation/National Trust Archives Scholarship is to allow a recent graduate to utilise their skills and the resources of the National Trust to further their understanding of heritage conservation.

The scholarship is available to applicants in their penultimate year of study or newly-graduated, from tertiary education and will be part-time, over a four month period.

The scholar will be required to:

- Complete an Archives project as designed by the National Trust Archives & Library Manager
- Travel to National Trust (NSW) properties.
- Present their project to an applicable National Trust (NSW) Committee. The David Sheedy Foundation are invited to attend the presentation and meet the scholar.
- Reflect on their experience in an electronic diary.

Possible projects may include developing an oral history project, creating a Conservation Assessment of Archives at a heritage site, curating an exhibition for a display online or at a National Trust (NSW) property, or creating a digital library from the collection.

Our goal is for this scholarship to become an important stepping stone for new professionals. The scholarship adds value to the sector and ensures the knowledge held by the National Trust of Australia (NSW) is harnessed for future generations of heritage conservationists.

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

Running over four months the scholarship is a paid, part-time 2 days per week position that allows the recipient to become immersed in the National Trust of Australia (NSW) valued at \$10,000. You are required to complete a project that furthers the promotion of heritage conservation in NSW. This project will synthesize your learning and produce a tangible result. The results will also be presented by the recipient of the scholarship at a National Trust event. Any content you create will become the property of the National Trust, but you will be credited for your work.

**Role:** David Sheedy Foundation Scholarship

**Department:** Archives

**Primary Location:** National Trust Centre (NTC), Observatory Hill, Miller's Point, Sydney

**Reporting Manager:** Archives and Library Manager

**Direct Reports:** Nil

**Hours of Work:** 14 hours a week



## ORGANISATION OVERVIEW

The National Trust of Australia (New South Wales) is the state's largest community based conservation organisation. It operates a number of important museums and historic properties while also looking after a large collection of objects and archaeological artefacts.

The Trust is committed to providing educational and cultural services that will enhance public knowledge and enjoyment of these resources.

**Vision:** To bring the heritage of New South Wales to life for future generations.

**Mission:** **Advocate** for the conservation of our built, cultural and natural heritage by engaging with the community and government.

**Identify, conserve and protect** our built, cultural and natural heritage by example, advice and support.

**Educate** and engage the community by telling our stories in ways that awaken a sense of place and belonging.

## ABOUT DAVID SHEEDY

The role is generously funded by the David Sheedy Foundation  
<https://www.davidsheedyfoundation.org/>

David Sheedy had a long involvement with the National Trust (NSW), working with us from 1963 up to his death on Christmas Eve in 2018. Impressively, David wrote over 855 heritage listings for the National Trust and spent much of his time travelling around NSW to document heritage areas for these listings, and to improve knowledge. However, we may never know the true extent of David's involvement as he was uncomfortable receiving credit.

David gave his time volunteering on a number of National Trust (NSW) Committees. These Committees comprise industry professionals or experts who guide the organisation in determining heritage listings, supporting local community groups in their work and providing expert advice internally or to the public.

David was active on the Historic Buildings Committee (1975 – 1983), the Architectural Advisory Committee (1981 – 1992), the General Properties Committee (1983 – 1986) and the Railway Liaison Committee (1982 – 1993). One memory of David from a colleague on the Railway Liaison Committee described him as a humble man, "If he [David] thought someone else had made a significant contribution he would have credited them. He was that sort".

For his service and long-standing commitment to the National Trust (NSW)'s mission, David received the Voluntary Service Award in 1983, an Honourary Life Membership 1995 and the highly distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award in 2018 at the National Trust Heritage Awards.

The David Sheedy Foundation continues the work of David Sheedy with an emphasis on respect, restore and repurpose.

For enquiries or to apply for the National Trust David Sheedy Foundation Archives Scholarship, please send an up-to-date CV and cover letter along with University results (to date) and two referees to James Bosanquet, Archives and Library Manager tel. 9258 0128  
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