

our commitment

Our goals are influenced by our mission, which balances the twin objectives of conservation and interpretation with public access.

We are committed to the highest standards of conservation of our sites to preserve them for future generations; we are also committed to the highest standards of interpretation of our sites for the education and enjoyment of the public.

We aim to educate without being didactic, to embrace cultural diversity and produce relevant and contemporary programs which relate to a wide range of communities.

We welcome everyone and do our best to provide services that will attract all sectors of the community.

The Mint. Photograph John Gollings



our mission

To inspire appreciation of Australia's diverse histories and cultural heritage for present and future generations by conserving, interpreting and managing, with integrity, places of cultural significance in the care of the Historic Houses Trust.

Drugs: a social history exhibition, Justice & Police Museum. Photograph Penelope Clay



our properties

Elizabeth Bay House

7 Onslow Ave, Elizabeth Bay
T 02 9356 3022
Open Tuesday to Sunday &
public holiday Mondays
10am – 4.30pm

Elizabeth Farm

70 Alice St, Rosehill
T 02 9635 9488
Open daily 10am – 5pm

Government House

Macquarie St, Sydney
T 02 9931 5222
House open Friday to Sunday
10.30am – 3pm
Access by guided tour only
Grounds open daily
10am – 4pm

Hyde Park Barracks Museum

Queens Sq, Macquarie St,
Sydney
T 02 8239 2311
Open daily 9.30am – 5pm

Justice & Police Museum

Cnr Phillip & Albert St,
Circular Quay
T 02 9252 1144
Open weekends 10am – 5pm
daily in January &
NSW school holidays

Meroogal

Cnr Worrigee & West Sts,
Nowra
T 02 4421 8150
Open Saturday 1pm – 5pm,
Sunday 10am – 5pm &
NSW school holidays
Access by guided tour only

Museum of Sydney

on the site of first Government House
Cnr Bridge & Phillip Sts,
Sydney
T 02 9251 5988
Open daily 9.30am – 5pm

Rose Seidler House

71 Clissold Rd, Wahroonga
T 02 9989 8020
Open Sunday 10am – 5pm

Rouse Hill estate

Guntawong Rd, Rouse Hill
T 02 9627 6777
Open Wednesday, Thursday
& Sunday 10am – 2pm
Access by guided tour only
Bookings essential

Susannah Place Museum

58–64 Gloucester St,
The Rocks
T 02 9241 1893
Open weekends 10am – 5pm
daily in January &
NSW school holidays

Vaucluse House

Wentworth Rd, Vaucluse
T 02 9388 7922
Open Tuesday to Sunday &
public holiday Mondays
10am – 4.30pm

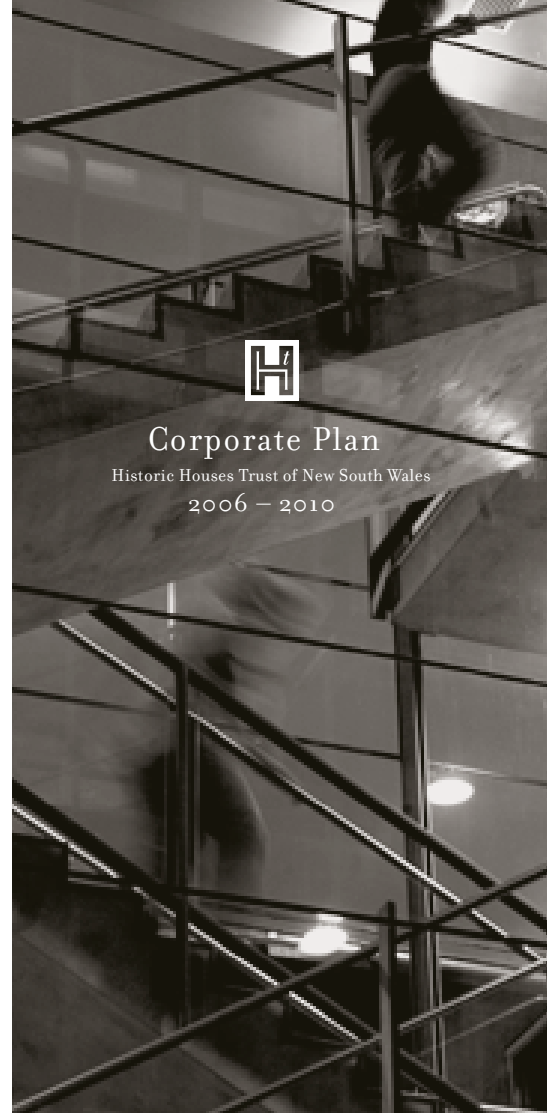
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Corporate Plan
Historic Houses Trust of New South Wales
2006 – 2010



about the HHT

The Historic House Trust is one of the largest state museums in Australia and is entrusted with the care of key historic buildings and sites in New South Wales.

Created in July 1980 to run Vaucluse House and Elizabeth Bay House, the HHT has grown to manage many diverse places. They include houses, major public buildings, a farm, gardens, parklands, a beach and significant urban spaces. The HHT holds extensive collections in each of its properties and conducts a dynamic and broad ranging program of activities.

The HHT is a leader in the conservation and management of historic places in Australia and has won many awards for its work. It is guided by the view that museums must be part of current debates in the community, open to new ideas as much as they are the repositories of important collections and the memories of the community.

Education program, Hyde Park Barracks Museum, Photograph Ross Heathcote



our goals and strategies

Goal 1

Maintain our core properties and collections and deliver associated programs

Government House, Photograph Patrick Bingham-Hall



Goal 2

Continue to develop our public profile and audience

Hyde Park Barracks Museum, Photograph Patrick Bingham-Hall



Strategy

- Research, develop and deliver relevant and contemporary exhibitions, events, publications, education programs and other projects.
- Provide public access to our properties, expertise and collections.
- Develop and implement intellectual content on the web.
- Conserve, manage and interpret our properties and collections.
- Build on our collections where appropriate.
- Encourage research as it relates to our core business.
- Investigate and develop the most effective delivery mechanisms for core programs including on-line access to intellectual property and resources.

Strategy

- Develop audiences, particularly in western Sydney and regional New South Wales.
- Actively pursue partnerships.
- Develop and implement family and child orientated initiatives.
- Build the profile of the HHT to commercial audiences.
- Engage with diverse communities especially Indigenous groups.
- Encourage publication of HHT-generated research.

Goal 3

Develop and maintain staff expertise

Rare books on display, Photograph JOM



Goal 4

Develop and manage the Endangered Houses Fund program as a new initiative

The Mint, Photograph Rick Stevens



Goal 5

Develop major capital works projects

Strategy

- Facilitate staff development through training programs.
- Provide career development and succession planning opportunities for staff.
- Develop, promote and utilise volunteers more widely in the activities of the HHT.
- Develop informal and formal opportunities to discuss, exchange and nurture ideas.

Strategy

Develop a framework for the EHF's overall operation. Identify, assess, conserve, protect and return properties back into the marketplace. Monitor completed projects. Use the EHF to demonstrate best practice conservation, design and environmentally sustainable initiatives. Promote the activity of the EHF.

Strategy

Investigate options for long term HHT storage. Plan for a new Visitor Centre at Rouse Hill estate that offers a range of facilities and income streams. Implement a range of projects at Government House responding to key existing policies.

Goal 6

Increase our earned revenue through commercial activity and philanthropy to maintain core activities

Museum of Sydney, Photograph Ray Joyce



Goal 7

Responsibly and efficiently manage our finances and public resources to improve our operational effectiveness

Elizabeth Farm, Photograph Patrick Bingham-Hall



Strategy

Review all areas of revenue to identify new opportunities. Further develop commercial hire as a means to attract revenue and alternative visitation. Investigate and capitalise on intellectual property. Expand and develop merchandise opportunities. Maintain focus on sponsorship opportunities. Support and encourage the Members and Foundation.

Strategy

Develop and implement an IT Strategic Plan. Improve analysis, accountability and subsequent monitoring of costs and benefits (including non financial benefits) of programs. Improve management and efficiency of systems and communication within the organisation. Increase utilisation of technology and innovation. Review operations and programs on a regular basis.

Vaucluse House, Photograph Patrick Bingham-Hall

