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OUR HERITAGE - CLICK IT OR RISK IT



'Our Place At Risk' is a new campaign launched by the National Trust to encourage people to talk about heritage that is important to them and play an active part in preserving our identity and heritage.

"Helping preserve our past ensures that future generations of Australians will be able to experience our rich history, first hand," said National Trust Executive Director, John Neish.

The public is invited to submit photographs of local places, spaces and things that are special to them and are in danger of being forgotten forever and tell us all in 100 words why it is at risk and why it should be saved.

"Our view of heritage at The National Trust isn't confined to old sandstone buildings. We depend hugely on the support of people and local communities to tell us about 'gems' in their area that are at risk - especially if there is a concern about their ongoing conservation," Mr Neish said.

It could be a historic church or park, a local corner store, an old movie theatre, or even a neighbour's artwork collection – anything that captures the spirit of community today or in days gone by, and should be conserved for future generations.

Competition entrant, Nathan, sent us these pictures of his 'secret garden' which is special to him and his mates. Nathan tells us how he feels that developers have ripped through most of their 'hiding places' and destroyed a part of the old dry-stone wall. Nathan also tells us that the area was sacred to the Indigenous women as it was once a birthing place.

"This dry stone wall and the trees that have buried it and kept it safe for over a 140 years is our secret garden and link to our past. Please help us save it!" pleads Nathan.

The best entries will feature on the National Trust website – bringing your 'Heritage at Risk' concerns to a state-wide audience.

For more information on how to enter visit www.nationaltrust.com.au/ourplaceatrisk.

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