

# CONSERVATION OF BRUSH FARM HOUSE IN EASTWOOD

## Project Update

as at Thursday, 15 February 2007

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### Program - Target Dates

- Phase 1 (West wing, central wing, new roof over the entire building, rear verandah, front verandah and balcony) - due for completion by end March 2007
- Phase 2 (East wing and hall) - due for completion by mid April 2007
- Public opening - anticipated in late April 2007

### Project Budget

- Total estimated cost of Phase 1 and 2 (building works only) - \$3.3 million with funding from:
  - ❖ City of Ryde \$1,950,000
  - ❖ Australian Government \$500,000
  - ❖ NSW Heritage Office \$50,000
- Phase 3 (landscaping front garden, fencing, car parking, lighting, etc.) - currently unfunded

### Current Status

- Proposed conservation and adaptation works are nearing completion
- Overall progress: Phase 1 – 90% complete, Phase 2 – 80% complete
- Some delays occurred due to inclement weather and additional replacement works on the roof, floor structure which were required due to extensive termite damage
- Total anticipated project cost: On budget, with a potential saving of \$100,000
- Works currently in progress or due to be completed over the coming weeks include:
  - Dismantling of scaffolding and construction of roof over the rear verandah, access ramps and hand rails
  - Repair or replacement of fire places and staircases
  - Fit-out works to tea rooms and catering kitchen, polishing of staircases and timber floors, painting to walls, ceilings, doors and windows, and installation of hardware
  - Installation of light fittings, lighting control system, fan-coil units, floor console units, air-conditioning diffusers, data and communication control units, etc.
  - External works such as paved areas, down pipes, installation of fire hydrants and storm water lines, retaining walls, etc.
  - Commissioning of electrical, mechanical, hydraulic and fire protection systems

### Status of Other Issues

- With regard to the use of basement for heritage tours, a Section 96 application to be lodged to amend the DA conditions
- Negotiations on the use of first floor and legal access to site agreed in principle with DCS
- An open day for public will be held on 17 and 18 March 07 during the heritage week