

# National Living Treasures

The National Trust of Australia is an organisation that seeks to preserve our national heritage. It is usually associated with old buildings and historic sites such as Old Melbourne Gaol (Victoria) and Old Government House (Parramatta, NSW).

However, old places are not the only thing the National Trust is concerned with. In 1997 the Trust announced a list of 100 living Australians that they considered to be National Living Treasures. This list includes many famous people who have had a great impact on Australia and are held in high esteem by many Australians. Also included are people who are not quite as famous but whose actions and lives have made Australia a better place in which to live.

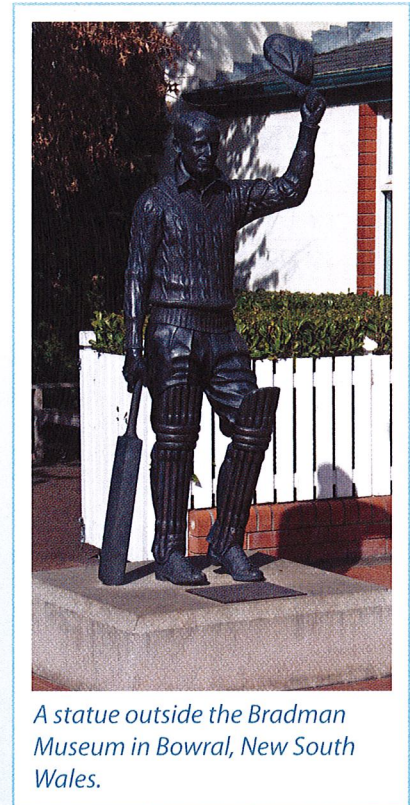
Some of the original 'Living Treasures' have died. Every few years a new ballot is held to choose replacement National Living Treasures.

## Different Fields

The National Living Treasures come from many different fields, including sport, science, religion, welfare work, politics and business. They include famous people such as cricketer Sir Donald Bradman, singer Kylie Minogue and actor Russell Crowe. The list also includes people who excel in their field but are not well known, such as violinist Richard Tognetti, novelist Tim Winton, Olympic runner Raelene Boyle, actor John Bell, scientist Fiona Wood and Aboriginal leader Noel Pearson.

## Some Living Treasures

Here are some past and present Australian National Living Treasures.



A statue outside the Bradman Museum in Bowral, New South Wales.

The Arts	
Barry Humphries	entertainer
David Williamson	playwright
John Bell	actor
David Malouf	writer
Michael Leunig	cartoonist
Peter Sculthorpe	composer
Richard Tognetti	violinist
Tim Winton	writer

Politics	
John Howard	former Liberal Prime Minister
Paul Keating	former Labor Prime Minister
Gough Whitlam	former Labor Prime Minister
Malcolm Fraser	former Liberal Prime Minister
Bob Brown	Former Greens politician
Ted Mack	former independent politician
Cheryl Kernot	former Labor politician
Jennie George	former unionist and politician

Sports	
Don Bradman	cricketer
Cathy Freeman	athlete
Evonne Cawley	tennis player
Raelene Boyle	athlete
Ken Rosewall	tennis player
Greg Norman	golfer
Dawn Fraser	swimmer
Rod Laver	tennis player

Other	
Noel Pearson	Aboriginal activist and lawyer
Faith Bandler	Aboriginal leader and lawyer
Prof. Mick Dodson	Aboriginal activist and barrister
Dr John Yu	doctor
Dr Peter Doherty	scientist, Nobel Prize winner
Rev Tim Costello	CEO of World Vision Australia
Ian Kiernan	environmentalist
The Hon Michael Kirby	former Justice of the High Court