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Esther Hayter  
President  
The Paddington Society Committee  
Via email: [heritage@paddingtonsociety.org.au](mailto:heritage@paddingtonsociety.org.au)

Dear Esther,

I am writing to advise the Paddington Society Committee, as an integral part of the Paddington heritage community, of a change in ownership of Juniper Hall, which occurred on 2 February 2026.

As you know, the National Trust, together with support from the Paddington Society, broader community and government, saved Juniper Hall in 1984 by purchasing and restoring the property. In 2013 descendants of the original owners, acquired a 99-year leasehold from the National Trust through Juniper Hall Pty Ltd. The lease was strongly supported by the National Trust, its members, local council, and the broader community.

The National Trust owns a substantial property portfolio, which has ensured the conservation of many important places. A review of the portfolio is progressively being undertaken to determine the appropriate options for the long-term care, management and ownership, developing a sustainable strategy for each individual property.

Juniper Hall has been identified as no longer requiring National Trust ownership to be well managed and conserved into the future. It is listed on the State Heritage Register and is currently managed on the above mentioned 99-year lease (until 2112).

The long-term management and operations sit with the leaseholder Juniper Hall Pty Ltd and not the National Trust.

The National Trust has decided to sell Juniper Hall to a company associated with the Moran family as it is better suited to be cared for by an entity related to the descendants of the original owners. This sale will secure its future for subsequent generations and maintain its legacy as an historic property of significance.

The funds from the sale will help focus our resources where they are needed most and be invested into the National Trust's significant heritage places to help maintain these important properties.

The National Trust will continue to review any modifications or DAs for Juniper Hall, as we do for other significant development applications.

I'd like to also take this opportunity to acknowledge the Paddington Society's positive involvement in Juniper Hall, and Paddington particularly. Your involvements help ensure the conservation of our state's precious heritage.

Yours sincerely,



Debbie Mills  
**Chief Executive Officer**