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National Executive Reports

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Peter Phillips

I have pleasure in presenting the President's report for 2006. After the excitement of the General Assembly in Xi'an last year, it might have been supposed that 2006 would be a little less eventful. However, activities both here and overseas have seen us as busy as ever.

Executive Committee

I must first thank all the members of the Executive Committee who have given so generously of their time and expertise this year. During 2006 the Committee managed to maintain representation from all states and territories, assisted partly by fortuitous relocations of some of its members. At the time of writing, the Committee members are Caitlin Allen (NSW), Elizabeth Close (NT), Alan Croker (NSW), Timothy Hubbard (Vic), Susan Jackson-Stepowski (NSW), Agnieszka Kiera (WA), Helen Lardner (Vic), Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy (Qld), Leah McKenzie (ACT), Robyn Mullens (Vic), Jason Pruszinski (SA), Kelly Rippingale (WA), Peter Romey (Tas), Lori Sciusco (NSW), Anita Smith (Vic) and Elizabeth Vines (SA). Elizabeth Close and Timothy Hubbard were co-opted to the Committee at the last AGM.

Kristal Buckley, immediate past President and now International Vice-President of ICOMOS, has also attended Executive meetings and kept the Committee up to date between meetings with international matters. I thank her not only for this, and all the work she does at the international level, but also for her advice and counsel to me personally on the duties of the Presidency. One of the issues the Executive is currently dealing with is the maintenance of corporate memory, which is a challenge for any committee that is required under its rules to have a constant turnover of membership. The Committee is well into the task of revising the Policies and Procedures Manual, which will greatly assist those coming on to the Committee as well as those considering doing so.

Jason Pruszinski has recently notified the Committee of his resignation, and Robyn Mullens, whose current term expires at the

AGM, will not be standing for re-election. We are very sorry to lose them both, and thank them for all their hard work during the year, including hosting two very successful Committee meetings in Melbourne and Adelaide.

Peter Romey will also not be standing for re-election as he has completed the maximum three consecutive terms on the Committee. Peter has been an invaluable member of the Executive, especially in his role as Chair of the Publications Committee that oversees *Historic Environment*, and also as our indefatigable Tasmanian state representative. In the last year Peter has been a very active Vice-President, whose wise counsel has been much appreciated by me and other committee members. We are very grateful to him for all the time and energy he has devoted to Australia ICOMOS over many years, and thank him for agreeing to remain involved with the Publications Committee during the transfer to the new editorial team.

Finally, I must thank Kate Cowie for continuing to act as our Public Officer and enabling us to fulfil our corporate obligations each year. I would also like to thank Sue Jackson-Stepowski for the many hours of work she has devoted to assembling this Annual Report.

Secretariat

The Secretariat continues to operate on a part time basis from our home at Deakin University, and we are as always most grateful to the University, and especially to Professor Bill Logan and his staff at the Cultural Heritage Centre for Australia and the Pacific, for making available to us such a congenial and economical home. Nola Miles, the Secretariat Officer, manages to achieve a great deal of work within the limited time we are able to give her, and provides an efficient and friendly service to all our members and customers. For many of these, both here and overseas, Nola is the public face of the organisation, and we thank her for all she does to maintain our professional and commercial reputation,

including the compilation and distribution of the weekly e-mail news which is read worldwide. Thanks also to Peter Romey for assisting with reviewing articles for inclusion in the e-news.

Each time the Committee meets in Melbourne, those who are able to come a day early spend it working in the ICOMOS archives store at Burwood. Thanks to a generous donation of shelving from Robyn Mullens, we now have the archives and our store of publications arranged so that they are all accessible. A first catalogue of the archives has been completed, and Helen Lardner has been working through the contents of individual boxes to add detail to our membership database. We are aware that there are probably still some records in the possession of past Executive Committee members, and again urge anyone who has them to contact the Secretariat.

Brian Long has continued to maintain the Australia ICOMOS web site during the year, and Sue McIntyre-Tamwoy has been providing him with updated material and at the same time drafting a brief for an improved web site. Thanks to both of them.

Finances

Australia ICOMOS has continues to operate on a sound financial footing. As reported in the Treasurer's report, despite a substantial loss on the *Corrugations* conference, we have managed to finish the financial year with only a small deficit. This has been possible through the generous assistance of the Australian Government, not only through its triennial grant under the GVEHO program but also through its support for the annual conference and its reimbursement of overseas travel expenses for our International Vice-President. We are very grateful to the Department of the Environment and Heritage and the Minister, Senator Ian Campbell, for their continuing support.

We are always aware that the support we receive from the Commonwealth and Deakin University cannot be taken for granted, and we are therefore working to consolidate our reserves so that if the financial climate changes in the future we are able to maintain our services to members. We have reluctantly increased membership subscriptions this year to cover the change in currency in which our subscription to ICOMOS International in Paris are paid. This

change was brought in at the General Assembly last year with Australian support, as it removes some of the financial uncertainty that the central organisation has been facing and allows it to budget more confidently each year.

Although the computerised accounting system has greatly improved our financial reporting and scrutiny, the scope of our financial activity now results in a considerable book-keeping load. We are currently looking at ways of dealing with this so that the Treasurer is not overwhelmed.

I must thank the auditor, Peter Gosling of Elliott House Pty Ltd, who reviews the books each year and provides many helpful suggestions on how we can improve our financial records.

Membership

The Membership Report indicates that we have attracted a number of new members during the year. Interest in membership of Australia ICOMOS has been rekindled partly through the Xi'an reunions that have been held in most states to exchange memories about the General Assembly and associated tours of China. These events are made possible by the hard work of many of our existing members who organise and assist with such State-based events.

The potential for international exchange and experience is one of the main aspects of ICOMOS membership that differentiates it from the other organisations that cultural heritage professionals can choose to join in Australia. The Executive Committee is actively working to increase the availability of overseas experience, which because of our geographical isolation is not as readily obtainable as it is elsewhere in the world. A number of Australian members are listed on the International register of members qualified to undertake World Heritage evaluation and monitoring missions. We will be re-advertising shortly for expressions of interest in being added to this list. Other existing programs include the Australia-US ICOMOS Summer Intern scheme. The opening up of the membership of International Scientific Committees will provide another opportunity for increased Australian involvement in the international work of ICOMOS.

I am pleased to report that John Mulvaney, one of our most eminent members, was

made an Honorary member of Australia ICOMOS at last year's Annual General Meeting in Melbourne.

Representations

The main activity during the year was the completion of the Productivity Commission inquiry into the Conservation of Australia's Historic Heritage Places. Australia ICOMOS prepared a response to the Commission's draft report (drafted by Duncan Marshall) and appeared in person (represented by Duncan Marshall, Richard Mackay and myself) at the second round of public hearings. While I believe that the second Australia ICOMOS submission contributed to altering the Commission's draft recommendations, in the end we and other cultural heritage organisations were disappointed in the final report, which in our view was not representative of the submissions received by the Commission. The Department of Environment and Heritage is in the process of preparing a response to the final report, and the National Cultural Heritage Forum and Heritage Chairs and Officials of Australia and New Zealand are also preparing responses, in the process looking to make use of the many insightful comments and good suggestions made in the submissions.

Other representations made during the year included letters to the Queensland Premier concerning heritage items damaged and at risk following Cyclone Larry, and to the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment and Heritage concerning some issues of the application of heritage criteria in relation to the Belconnen Naval Station.

Australia ICOMOS has also responded to several requests for submissions to Government, on matters as diverse as the NSW Department of Environment and Conservation's Cultural Heritage Strategic Policy, future data collection by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in the area of Cultural Heritage and the Arts, and a proposed Australian Sustainability Charter being considered by the Commonwealth House of Representatives Standing Committee on the Environment and Heritage. We have also made a submission, prepared by Mike Pearson, on proposed changes to the Commonwealth EPBC Act. My thanks go to all those who have drafted submissions or assisted with comments during the year, including those mentioned above and Sue Jackson-Stepowski, Sue

McIntyre-Tamwoy, Caitlin Allen, and our submissions co-ordinator Leah McKenzie. I am particularly grateful to Duncan Marshall, who has been of the greatest support to me and other ICOMOS members in his monitoring of events in Canberra, and his advice and counsel in all matters to do with our relationship with government.

National Cultural Heritage Forum

The Forum met in August, its last meeting having been in November 2005. Australia ICOMOS continues to provide the Chair and Secretariat for the Forum, with Sue-McIntyre-Tamwoy taking over from Kristal Buckley as the Secretary during the year. Sharon Sullivan again chaired the August meeting, which was also attended by me representing Australia ICOMOS, ably assisted by Duncan Marshall. The Forum, which includes representatives from most of the cultural heritage bodies in Australia, had a briefing session with officers from the Department of Environment and Heritage led by Peter Burnett, followed the next day by meetings with the Departmental Secretary David Borthwick, and the Minister, Senator Ian Campbell. The recently released final report of the Productivity Commission was one of a number of topics discussed, and the Forum has established a sub-committee to prepare a response to it.

World Heritage

The main activity during the year was the visit of the International ICOMOS mission to assess the nomination of the Sydney Opera House for World Heritage listing. Australia ICOMOS had previously been asked to comment on the draft nomination and on the draft management plan. Sheridan Burke, Peter Romey and I met the assessor, Dr Muramatsu (Japan), and responded to his questions on the operation of the heritage system in Australia and NSW, and the role of Australia ICOMOS.

Australia ICOMOS is contributing to work on the nomination of the Convict Sites, which is being co-ordinated by the Department of Environment and Heritage and planned for completion in 2007. We have also discussed with the Department the need to nominate new items to the Tentative List of World Heritage places, so that nominations for these can be prepared in the future. Further information on World Heritage matters, and the activities of the Australia ICOMOS World Heritage reference group, is provided elsewhere in the Annual Report.

International

Australia ICOMOS has again been active in the international ICOMOS community. Kristal Buckley was elected a Vice-President at last year's General Assembly and has pursued her responsibilities with vigour, as indicated in her report. She and I attended the annual Advisory Committee meeting in Edinburgh this year. The Advisory Committee is made up of the Presidents of the National Committees and the Chairs of the International Scientific Committees. The gathering in Edinburgh also included a meeting of the International Scientific Council (the new body established at last year's General Assembly to co-ordinate the work of the ISCs) and meetings of regional groups. The Asia Pacific regional meeting was chaired by Kristal Buckley, with the assistance of Marilyn Truscott as rapporteur, and included representatives from China, South Korea, Japan and Australia. All of us mentioned the success of the General Assembly in Xi'an as a catalyst for renewed ICOMOS activity in the region. ICOMOS UK and the Edinburgh World Heritage Site Management Committee are to be congratulated for organising a most successful meeting. At the final session, John Hurd was elected as the new President of the Advisory Committee.

This year's Advisory Committee was also notable for the establishment of a number of working groups to carry the work of the Committee forward between annual meetings. The need for these groups and the brief for their work resulted from the survey of National Committees recently carried out by International Vice-President Gustavo Araoz. This survey, incidentally, showed that Australia ICOMOS is one of the largest and most active National Committees in the ICOMOS family. Another milestone at this year's event was the first meeting of the International Financial Strategy Task Group established at the General Assembly.

ICOMOS China has recently held a celebration to mark the anniversary of the Xi'an Declaration and the establishment of the new ICOMOS International Cultural Centre in Xi'an. The event was attended by Peter Romey representing Australia ICOMOS, and Kristal Buckley and Sheridan Burke as present and immediate past International Vice-Presidents for the region. The new Centre represents a great regional opportunity for Australia ICOMOS members to increase their international experience in

the future, and we are keen to offer our Chinese colleagues whatever support we can.

Regional activity

Australia ICOMOS attended the Regional meeting in July, hosted again by South Korea, which was held in association with a meeting of the International Scientific Committee for Cultural Tourism. The meeting is reported on in detail elsewhere in the Annual Report.

Australia also responded to the earthquake in Yogyakarta this year by collecting donations to aid reconstruction work.

Publications

Peter Romey's report includes details of the work of the Publications Committee. Our publications continue to generate a significant portion of our annual income, although we also provide complimentary copies to assist in regional heritage training, notably to the UNITAR World Heritage training program in Hiroshima conducted by Duncan Marshall.

I must sincerely thank Aedeon Cremin, General Editor, and Linda Young, Reviews Editor, for all of the work they have put in over many years to maintain and improve our refereed journal, *Historic Environment*.

The *Burra Charter* suite of publications continues to be reviewed and updated. We have recently prepared a new version of the explanatory brochure *Understanding the Burra Charter*, and will be reactivating the Burra Charter Working group in 2007 to update the *Guidelines*. We have recently responded to requests to translate the *Burra Charter* into Polish and Filipino, and we are delighted that the Charter continues to assist in cultural heritage practice worldwide.

Education and training

A successful seminar was held in Sydney on Legal Issues relating to heritage. Those attending included many NSW local government heritage advisers, in Sydney for their annual gathering hosted by the Heritage Office. Thanks to Sue Jackson-Stepowski and Lori Sciusco for organising this event.

We are planning a series of seminars on World Heritage in conjunction with the development of the Tentative List.

Conferences and events

Last year's *Corrugations* conference was a success in every department except attendance. One of a number of reasons for this is that it occurred only a month or so after the General Assembly in Xi'an, which had been attended by a large Australian contingent, many of whom were unable to find the time and money to attend another ICOMOS event so soon afterwards. This will obviously be an issue for us in future years, and we are addressing it by looking at the timing and nature of the conference we will run in the same year as a General Assembly. In partial preparation for this, next year's conference in Townsville on Extreme Heritage will be held in July. We are hoping that the location will attract delegates from the Pacific region, so that links especially with newer members and committees in our region can be strengthened.

A very successful dinner was held in Sydney in February to honour the achievements of Sheridan Burke, who had recently completed her term as International Vice-President for the Asia-Pacific region. As I said at the time, Australia ICOMOS could do more to celebrate the achievements of the organisation and its members, and we will be looking for opportunities to do so in the future.

International World Heritage Day, the theme of which for this year was Industrial Heritage, was celebrated with a number of events in Australia, including guided tours of White Bay Power Station in Sydney.

A number of events have been held around the country to allow those who went to China last year to meet and exchange memories and holiday snaps. These have been very successful not just as reunions for those who were fortunate enough to be there, but also as a stimulus for existing and potential members to become more involved in ICOMOS activities.

Future activities

Tasks for the coming year include:

- The completion of an updated Policies and Procedures manual, to enable us to function more effectively as an organisation
- The production of a new draft of the *Burra Charter Guidelines* for review
- Working with others to nominate new items to the World Heritage Tentative List
- Developing and launching the new web site

In all of these, and in the many other tasks that we do, the Executive Committee is deeply grateful to all of those ICOMOS members who assist us by becoming involved in State-based events, helping out with responses to submissions, or even just contacting us with good ideas. May I thank all of you for helping us to maintain the reputation of Australia ICOMOS both here and in the international community.

October 2006

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lori Sciusco

The audited financial report for the year ended 30 June 2006 is included with this annual report. These Financial Statements have been prepared and audited by Elliott House Pty Ltd, Chartered Accountants.

The financial year of 2005-2006 resulted in a deficit of \$2,712.00 for Australia ICOMOS. This deficit can be attributed mainly to a loss of over \$15,000 on the 'Corrugations' Conference in 2005. The loss was directly related to attendance figures being lower than expected, possibly due to the high attendance of members at the X'ian General Assembly the month prior to the 2005

annual conference. Another contributing factor to the 2005-2006 deficit includes the writing off of a large overseas order for the Illustrated Burra Charter that failed to reach its destination in South Africa.

The deficit is in stark contrast to the \$32,758.00 surplus of the previous financial year. Total member's funds at the end of the 2005-2006 year were \$93,425.00 compared to \$96,137.00 for the financial year ending 2004-2005. The table below provides a summary of the movement of funds over the last five years.

Financial Year	2005-2006	2004-2005	2003-2004	2002-2003	2001-2002
Description					
Operating Profit (Deficit)	(\$2,712.00)	\$32,758.00	\$12,355.00	(\$14,474.00)	\$9,114.00
Total Members Funds (at the end of the financial year)	\$93,425.00	\$96,137.00	\$63,379.00	\$51,024.00	\$65,498.00

Highlights of the 2005-2006 financial year include:

- Steady sale of the *Burra Charter* and the *Illustrated Burra Charter*.
- Continued triennial funding from the Department of Environment and Heritage under its Grants to Voluntary Environment and Heritage Organisations (GVEHO).
- Continuing support and secretariat services for the National Cultural Heritage Forum (NCHF) with the assistance of Commonwealth funding.
- Obtaining of Commonwealth assistance for overseas travel for the role of International Vice President.

The 2005-06 deficit has been offset by the receipt since 30 June of copyright funds associated with reproduction of Australia ICOMOS publications, and the recovery of GST paid on previous GVEHO funding. There has also been continued improvement of accounting procedures including the follow up of outstanding invoices. We are therefore expecting a return to profitability in 2006-07.

As stated in the 2004-2005 Treasurer's report, payment of subscriptions to ICOMOS International will change in 2007 from US dollars to Euros to minimise the impact of currency fluctuations on the finances of ICOMOS International. As a result, subscription fees were reviewed and rates increased for 2006-2007. The increase in fees is an issue taken seriously by the current Executive Committee and the intent is to keep fees as steady as possible.

Both our income and expenditure exceeded budget forecasts for the 2005-2006 year,

and adjustments have accordingly been made in the budget for the current year. The principal item for this year is the annual conference, which always represents a major risk factor for the organisation as well as a great opportunity. We are very grateful to the convenors and organising committee who have put so much voluntary time into making these events successful. At the time of writing, the Fremantle conference has reached its break-even attendance target and we are hopeful of a good financial result.

As has been stated in previous annual reports, one of the challenges for the Australia ICOMOS Treasurer is that most of our annual income is received in the first few months of the financial year, while many of the expenses are paid in the last few months. This requires careful management of cash flow. The Executive Committee continues to seek sources of income that help to even out this imbalance, and also ways in which it can use this income to provide improved services to members. However, Australia ICOMOS still has limited opportunities for raising revenue, and relies to a great extent on the voluntary labours of its Executive Committee and members to keep its costs under control.

I would again like to thank the Secretariat Officer, Nola Miles, whose administrative skills contribute greatly to the management of our finances. We remain very grateful to Professor Bill Logan and Deakin University, for continuing to provide a home for Australia ICOMOS, and helping us to keep our operating costs low.

October 2006

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Sue Jackson-Stepowski, Secretary and Elizabeth Vines, Minutes Secretary

Deakin University has continued to provide an excellent home for the Australia ICOMOS Secretariat, and we are grateful for the ongoing support and commitment to Australia ICOMOS by Professor William Logan, the Cultural Heritage Centre for Asia and the Pacific, and Deakin University.

We have remarkable expertise in our Secretariat with Nola Miles, who achieves an amazing amount in only two days per week, usually Thursday and Friday. Nola undertakes a range of duties including processing all forms of paper-based and digital correspondence, distributing information to members, taking and dispatching orders for publications, dealing with finances and liaising with the Treasurer, answering enquiries from the general public and the executive committee, plus production of the weekly e-mail newsletter. Nola is also the returning officer for the Executive Committee nominations and elections. Nola's duties also include, in consultation with the Membership Secretary, organising membership renewal notices and handling payments, maintaining the membership database, processing membership applications, and distributing cards from International ICOMOS.

Australia ICOMOS continued to act as the Secretariat for the National Cultural Heritage Forum during the past year, with invaluable support from our Deakin University office. The weekly Australia ICOMOS e-mail news continues to be a valuable communication tool, and is read worldwide. Brian Long continues to maintain the web site.

Executive meetings began with a brief meeting to elect office bearers following the 2005 Melbourne AGM during the conference *Corrugations: the Romance and Reality of Historic Roads*. Four other meetings of the Executive Committee were held during the year, commencing in Sydney on 18-19 February, followed by Melbourne on 27-28 May, Adelaide on 26-27 August, and Fremantle on 9 November, prior to the 2006 annual conference *Challenge and Change: in Ports, Their Towns and Cities*. The meetings were well attended, and covered a broad and ambitious agenda. An innovation this year by the Minutes Secretary, Elizabeth

Vines, has been to draft minutes progressively during each meeting. An e-group service is utilised to deal with matters arising between meetings and to inform Committee members of issues.

For hosting the Executive meetings we thank Lori Sciusco and Heritage Concepts Pty Ltd for providing the venue for the Sydney meeting, Robyn Mullens and the Archaeology Repository Laboratory of Heritage Victoria for the Melbourne meeting, Jason Pruszinski and Woodhead Architects Pty Ltd for the Adelaide meeting, and Agnieszka Kiera and Fremantle City Council for the Fremantle meeting.

The elected Executive Committee comprised members from all states and territories, with the exception of the Northern Territory (NT) and Australian Capital Territory (ACT). Elizabeth Close was co-opted to the Executive Committee to provide NT representation. We will miss Adelaide-based Jason Pruszinski who has resigned mid term due to family commitments. Each Executive Committee member, and co-opted member, has a number of areas of responsibility, and we rely on their significant commitment, as well as that of members in different parts of Australia, to advance Australia ICOMOS business and organise meeting venues and events.

An annual working bee was held in May at the Secretariat storage facility to further refine the retrieval and archiving of Australia ICOMOS records. Local ICOMOS members have since continued work on the archives.

The Executive Committee welcomes the assistance of ICOMOS members in undertaking its duties, and acknowledges especially the assistance provided by Duncan Marshall and Kristal Buckley. Also acknowledged are those that sit on various state-based committees on behalf of Australia ICOMOS. Various state-based events and volunteers are acknowledged in each State representatives' report.

The Executive Committee is always keen to improve its services to and communications with members. As has occurred in the past, the incoming 2006-2007 Executive

Committee will welcome your ideas and suggestions about ways to continue to improve any aspect of our work. If you would like to become more actively involved in Australia ICOMOS, please contact Sue on

stepowsk@tpg.com.au, Nola at the Secretariat or your state or territory representative.

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MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Helen Lardner

Membership 2005-2006

Membership of Australia ICOMOS has continued to grow slowly but steadily this year. The ability of Australia ICOMOS to lead cultural heritage conservation in Australia and contribute to international practice relies on the strength of our membership. As usual a large number of members have contributed to the activities of Australia ICOMOS enabling its high professional standing to continue in Australia and overseas.

The weekly Australia ICOMOS e-mail news service continues to inform members of national and international activities and heritage issues, as well as providing networking and employment opportunities. Members also get the benefit of subscription to the Australia ICOMOS refereed journal *Historic Environment* and discounts at ICOMOS functions and conferences and on ICOMOS publications.

This year Australia ICOMOS fees were increased, mostly to offset the increased cost resulting from the requirement that international fees now be paid to the Paris bureau in Euros. After careful review of the budget, it is hoped that the membership fees will remain constant for the next few years. As encouragement for new members to join and receive the member's discount on attendance at the national conference, membership fees were kept at the existing level for new applications until November 2006. New members joining after 1 January in any year will not need to pay another annual subscription until July of the following year.

A high proportion of members are full international members, receiving newsletters from ICOMOS headquarters in Paris and international membership cards. Only these members are entitled to use M.ICOMOS after their name. Such members are reminded that they must have paid their fees

by the Annual General Meeting in November to enable their names to be forwarded to the International ICOMOS bureau in Paris for their international card and membership benefits. This year the age limit for the Young Professional category, which provides all the benefits of full membership for half of the full membership rate, was lifted from 28 to 30 years of age.

Full international membership is available to experienced heritage professionals but many members join Australia ICOMOS as Associates before they qualify for full membership, for example as students. Associates may also be people who do not have cultural heritage as their core professional focus or do not need the international component of the membership. Another category of members is Subscribers, including libraries and individuals who wish to be informed about Australia ICOMOS activities. Australia ICOMOS also has a small number of corporate members. Membership figures by categories are shown below.

Membership by category: August 2006

Full Members	296
Retired Members	29
Honorary Members	6
Young Professionals	7
Associate Members	30
Student Members	13
Corporate Members	16
Subscribers	22
Library Subscribers	34
Total	453

Membership Policy

This year the individual membership categories for Australia ICOMOS have been reviewed to make clear the choices available to potential members. The policy sets out eligibility for the membership types, benefits of each type and application requirements. The full policy will shortly be available on the web site and the application procedures and

forms will be updated to reflect this new policy.

Membership activities

Each year Australia ICOMOS holds a national conference which is supplemented by activities at a state and territory level. One of the aims of Australia ICOMOS is to have membership across the whole country. This year's conference *Challenge and change in ports, their towns and cities* is being held in Fremantle, WA. It is hoped that the conference will provide opportunities for more Western Australians to become involved in Australia ICOMOS.

Applications for members to join the Australia ICOMOS Executive Committee are encouraged from all states and territories. This is important because an elected member acts as a representative for their state or territory and organises local activities. Local activities enable good networking and recognise that some members may not have the opportunity or desire to engage with ICOMOS at the international or national level. In the past twelve months, some local activities were based on presentations from ICOMOS members who attended the 2005 General Assembly of ICOMOS in Xi'an or travelled in China. In addition, dinners were organised in association with the Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney meetings of the Executive

Committee, the Sydney event being held to honour Sheridan Burke's contribution to ICOMOS. Details of other regionally based events are included in reports from the State representatives. Australia ICOMOS is working towards more of these activities to meet members' needs. The membership by States and Territories is shown below:

Membership by States and Territories:

August 2006

NSW	38%	SA	8%
Vic	22%	WA	7%
Qld	9%	Tas	4%
ACT	8%	NT	1%
Overseas	3%		

Ongoing membership projects

Two new membership projects have been started and will be continued during next year. Firstly, the Executive is considering what benefits are available in Australia for members and how these can be improved. The second project looks at ways to further acknowledge the contribution of members to Australia ICOMOS.

Australia ICOMOS is grateful to the members for their ongoing commitment and efforts, and welcomes feedback and suggestions by e-mail to h.lardner@hlcd.com.au.

October 2006

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Peter Romey, Convenor, Publications Committee

During 2006 the Publications Committee communicated sporadically over publications issues, but as usual the most important work was done by Aedeon Cremin in her role of General Editor of the Australia ICOMOS journal *Historic Environment*.

Historic Environment

The journal is refereed and intended to be published as three issues each year. Two issues are generally based on conference papers, and are funded from conference profits or other income associated with the conferences. The third issue is unthemed to enable Australia ICOMOS members to publish on topics other than those covered by the conferences - these papers may be solicited by the General Editor. The unthemed issue is funded by Australia ICOMOS.

Dates of publication are theoretically May, September and December, though in practice delays may arise especially where contributors are slow in providing papers and in responding to feedback from referees. Unfortunately the issue of conference papers from the 2004 annual conference at Port Arthur ***Loving it to Death*** (Vol.19.2) planned for early 2006 was delayed by a combination of factors. The issue was finally published in October.

The Australia ICOMOS funded general issue ***Nature, Culture, Heritage*** (Vol.19.2) was fortunately able to be brought forward to fill the gap. The volume contained a number of excellent papers on a range of topics.

The final issue planned for 2006 will

comprise the papers selected from the railway heritage conference held at the University of New England in late 2005, although because of the delays to Volume 19.2 referred to above it may be early 2007 before the issue is published. The railway heritage conference was supported by Australia ICOMOS.

Members of Australia ICOMOS are invited to offer papers for publication in *Historic Environment*. For more information please contact Nola Miles at the Secretariat.

Members' comments

From time to time Australia ICOMOS members contact the Secretariat or State Representatives wishing to raise that they consider important and within the jurisdiction of the organisation. A recent example is a note received from a member expressing concern about the need to more fully recognise 20th century Antarctic heritage.

In some cases the matter can be dealt with by tabling for discussion at an Executive Committee meeting or by directing the member to a relevant ISC or external organisation. Nevertheless, there is currently no obvious place in either the e-mail News (intended for the dissemination of information) or *Historic Environment* (a refereed journal with a considerable pre-publication lead time) for an exchange of members' views on matters that are within the area of interest of Australia ICOMOS.

During 2006 the Executive Committee has been considering options for a manageable forum to allow for an exchange of opinion amongst members. The most suitable model appears to be to a separate e-network similar to the NSW Heritage Advisors Network, and it is possible that the initiative will be established in late 2006 or early 2007.

E-newsletter articles

The Australia ICOMOS e-mail News continues to be a popular and relevant initiative with members. Throughout 2006 Secretariat Officer Nola Miles at Deakin University has managed to produce the e-mail News on a weekly basis, and there is abundant evidence that it receives very wide

distribution indeed, reaching ICOMOS members in a number of other countries particularly the USA. Peter Phillips and Peter Romey undertake an informal editorial role in advising the Secretariat on the appropriateness of items submitted for publication in the e-newsletter. It is apparent that the wide distribution of the newsletter is an attractive option for the dissemination of subtle advertising or other inappropriate material.

The success of the e-newsletter is very much due to the hard work of Nola Miles, and Australia ICOMOS members acknowledge her significant contribution.

Burra Charter video

The successful Burra Charter film had previously only been available in VHS format, and the original master tape had unfortunately been mislaid. During 2006 a second master was located and the process to making the video available in DVD format has commenced. The first copies will be available for sale at the Fremantle conference.

Personnel Changes

Unfortunately (for Australia ICOMOS at least), *Historic Environment* General Editor Aedeon Cremin advised in early 2006 that she intends to retire from the role at the end of the year. Expressions of interest from members interested in taking on the role were invited through the E-newsletter, and an announcement in regard to the new Editor is anticipated before the end of 2006.

In mid 2006 Book Review Editor Linda Young also announced that she is unwilling to continue in the role due to other commitments. Fortunately longstanding Australia ICOMOS member Marilyn Truscott has volunteered to take on the role, and this was accepted by the Executive Committee.

Australia ICOMOS members will acknowledge the very significant contribution made by both Aedeon and Linda to making *Historic Environment* the quality journal it is today, and thank them for their commitment and generosity.

October 2006

CONFERENCE CO-ORDINATOR REPORT

Timothy Hubbard

Annual conferences are a critical component of the Australia ICOMOS schedule. They allow specific topics to be explored and debated in detail. They bring us together to share more than just professional experience and expertise. They bridge the gap between us and people in other agencies. They span across and between continents, raising the profile of Australia ICOMOS nationally and internationally. Your support for the conference program is important.

2005 Conference – *Corrugations, the Romance and Reality of Historic Roads*

The 2005 Conference was held successfully in Melbourne, at the new RACV Clubrooms, from Friday, 25th to Sunday, 27th November. The keynote speakers were: Dr Max Lay, who is Professorial Fellow at Melbourne University, a distinguished author on roads and a past president of the RACV; and Mr. Paul Daniel Marriott, who is a founder of the biennial Historic Roads conferences in the US, a member of US ICOMOS and a member of the International Committee on Cultural Routes (ICOMOS-CIIC).

The conference was opened by Mr. Tom Harley, Chairman of the Australian Heritage Council. Nearly one hundred people attended, both members and non-members of ICOMOS, and many were international visitors. Some thirty papers were delivered in three main streams, as well as the excellent keynote addresses. A limited number of these will be published as refereed papers in our journal, *Historic Environment*. The proceedings are available on CD for purchase from Australia ICOMOS. An important workshop, lead by the Department of Environment and Heritage, was held on the Thresholds and Criteria for Places of National Significance. The Department was also a major sponsor. A film night followed the opening function, and pre-and post-conference tours supported the program. The speaker at the conference dinner was Dr Andrew Brown-May who had just published his *Encyclopaedia of Melbourne*. Prof Graeme Davison, author of the very pertinent book *Car Wars*, was the rapporteur. The conference convenor was Dr. Timothy Hubbard.

2006 Conference – *Challenge and Change in ports their towns and cities*

The 2006 Conference will be held in Fremantle, at the Fremantle Town Hall and nearby venues, from Thursday 9th to Saturday 11th November. The historic and vibrant City of Fremantle, which along with the DEH is a major sponsor, is a particularly pertinent location for such a conference. As the President states in his invitation to attend, 'Fremantle is a great place for such a conference, as it holds a unique place in the history of Western Australia and is an historic centre for commerce, culture and community life as well as a transport hub for the state and nation.'

The keynote speakers will be:

Dr Brian Shaw, Senior Lecturer in Human Geography in the School of Earth and Geographical Sciences at the University of Western Australia;

Jonathan Coad, an historian and archaeologist who has recently retired as an Inspector of Ancient Monuments for English Heritage; and

Dr Jacek Dominiczak, an architect and educator, who is affiliated with the Academy of Fine Arts in Gdansk, Poland, where he leads the Architecture Design studio and "architecture+dialog" Postgraduate Design Program, initiated in 2003.

Emeritus Prof Geoffrey Bolton, Chancellor of Murdoch University, will introduce the conference and its location, Fremantle. He has held chairs of history at four Australian universities, and was foundation professor of Australian Studies, University of London, 1982-85. Dr Carmen Lawrence, an Australian Labor Party state and federal politician and President of the ALP from 2004, will be the dinner speaker. She has been Federal Member for Fremantle since 1994, following her historic role as Australia's first woman Premier. The conference Rapporteur will be Dr David Dolan. He is Chairman of the National Trust of Australia (WA) and a councillor of the Heritage Council of Western Australia.

The program includes three keynote addresses and a forum discussion to be chaired by Sheridan Bourke, as well as forty-four very diverse papers delivered in four streams, one of which focuses on Fremantle. The streams are both practical and theoretical, and address major ports and smaller ports around Australia and internationally. The program is supported by many pre-and post-conference tours, and a one-day post-conference workshop led by Dr Jacek Dominiczak. The conference convenor is Agnieszka Kiera.

The conference has been planned in association with the complementary 10th Cities and Ports International Conference to be held in Sydney on 6th -9th November. A limited number of papers from the conference will be published as refereed papers in our journal, *Historic Environment*.

2007 Conference – *Extreme Heritage- Managing heritage in the face of climatic extremes, natural disasters and military conflicts in tropical, desert, and polar landscapes*

Planning has commenced for next year's conference to be held at James Cook University, Cairns in mid-July 2007. The University has already informally indicated its substantial practical support and financial sponsorship. The time has been chosen to maximise the benefits of Far North Queensland's climate. There should be a call for abstracts in November. More details will be available at the 2006 conference in Fremantle, on the Australia ICOMOS web site and in the members' e-newsletter. The conference convenor is Dr Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy. The Australia ICOMOS AGM will be held separately later in the year, after the audited annual accounts have been prepared.

2008 Conference

Our thoughts are already turning to the 2008 conference. Because it will occur in the same year as the next ICOMOS General Assembly, the conference is likely to be held earlier in the year than usual. To help spread the load and to maximise the benefit, we are looking for potential partners. The National Trust of Australia (Vic) has indicated preliminary interest in holding a conference on the emerging topic, Intangible

Heritage and is interested in a partnership with ICOMOS. The Society of Architectural Historians of Australia and New Zealand will be holding its 25th conference in Geelong in mid-July at Deakin University, but the topic is yet to be confirmed. We are now in discussions with the National Trust and SAHANZ about having back-to-back conferences. If the conference is held at this time, the Australia ICOMOS AGM will again need to be held later in the year.

2008 ICOMOS 16th General Assembly

The ICOMOS 16th General Assembly will be held in Quebec, Canada in late September 2008. Full details are yet to be announced, however, planning is firming around the following dates: preliminary meetings from 27th to 29th September (including the Advisory Committee, Scientific Council, and Executive Committee); and the General Assembly from 30th September to 4th October (including Opening Ceremony, Scientific Symposium, tours, General Assembly and Elections).

It is hoped that the excellent representation of Australia ICOMOS members at the 15th General Assembly in Xi'an, China can be repeated, for the sake of those attending and for Australia ICOMOS generally.

Web site

Information about proposed conferences and seminars held by Australia ICOMOS or with our support is generally posted on the web site. The latest information can be obtained from the Secretariat, from the members' e-newsletter or from the conference co-ordinator.

Cooperation with external agencies

We continue to liaise with external agencies which share our values in the promotion of matters of mutual interest. These include other national chapters of ICOMOS, particularly US ICOMOS and NZ ICOMOS, heritage agencies in the Pacific, the US National Trust for Preservation and the US Historic Roads conferences. Ideas for future conferences and suggestions for improving the conference program should be directed to the conference co-ordinator.

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AUSTRALIA ICOMOS WORLD HERITAGE REFERENCE GROUP

Anita Smith, Convenor, World Heritage Reference Group

Membership

The Australia ICOMOS World Heritage Reference Group is a group of 14 members of Australia ICOMOS who have knowledge of or experience in working with the UNESCO World Heritage system. Membership of the group is open to all Australia ICOMOS members. The Reference Group is consulted in matters concerning World Heritage sites here or elsewhere for which the input of Australia ICOMOS may be requested and in matters concerning the role of ICOMOS as the advisory body to the World Heritage Committee on cultural sites and cultural values in natural sites.

Meetings

The group does not meet formally or face-to-face. Input and comment is usually through e-mail.

Activities during 2005-2006 financial year *Sydney Opera House Nomination*

The main activities for the Reference group over the past year have concerned the nomination of the Sydney Opera House for inscription on the World Heritage list. In early August 2005 we were approached by NSW Heritage Office to send a representative to attend the stakeholder briefings about the nomination and the management planning for the site.

In mid-August the World Heritage Reference Group members were advised that the Department of Environment and Heritage had invited Australia ICOMOS to comment on the draft nomination document. We received the document from the Department of Environment and Heritage in mid-September. This was circulated to a small number of the Reference Group who had indicated their interest and availability. Each sent very comprehensive comments which were collated and forwarded to the Department.

In early December we were again approached by the Department to comment on the revised draft. With only two days to do so, several members of the reference group provided detailed comments that were duly forwarded to the Department – thanks to those souls who did this in such a short time! The nomination was forwarded to the

World Heritage Committee in Paris at the end of January.

On both occasions, officers of the Department of Environment and Heritage expressed their gratitude for our timely response, and we in turn expressed our appreciation for having been invited to comment.

In June this year we were advised by the NSW Heritage Office that the ICOMOS mission to evaluate the nomination of the Sydney Opera House would occur in September 2006. An e-mail was sent to members of the group advising them of this and asking who would be available to meet with the Expert sent by ICOMOS. Peter Romey and Sheridan Burke (both of whom are in Sydney and have an excellent knowledge of the Opera House) and our President, Peter Phillips, agreed to meet with the Expert.

World Heritage of Human Origins Conference

In May 2006 Australia ICOMOS was approached by Michael Westaway, executive officer Willandra Lakes World Heritage Area, to be involved in a conference he is organising on the *World Heritage of Human Origins*. It will be held in April 2007 to discuss the important role that landscapes and sites associated with human origins play in informing us of how we became human. The conference will bring together people from world heritage properties in Australia, Spain, Kenya, Ethiopia, South Africa, Georgia, China and Indonesia, with the aim of discussing the importance of these places and their conservation, and research in these areas, as well as the social and political issues associated with the sites, and the communication of their important stories to the general public. As convenor of the World Heritage Reference Group, I spoke at length with Michael about potential involvement of Australia ICOMOS, in particular running a panel session discussing the development of future nominations, and the role of ICOMOS in the world heritage process.

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NATIONAL CULTURAL HERITAGE FORUM (NCHF)

Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy

Australia ICOMOS currently provides the secretariat for the National Cultural Heritage Forum. Until 2006 the Chair of the Forum was Associate Professor Sharon Sullivan and the secretarial support was provided by Kristal Buckley. In July 2006 the role of Secretary was transferred to Dr Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy, and as of September 2006 the position of Chair has passed to Kristal Buckley.

The National Cultural Heritage Forum comprises delegates from the major heritage non-government organisations, and government representatives from the Heritage Chairs and Officials of Australia and New Zealand and the Australian Heritage Council. Australia ICOMOS is one of these non-government organisations and is represented by its President, Peter Phillips. The Forum acts in an advisory capacity to the Commonwealth Minister for Environment and Heritage, Senator Ian Campbell, and is intended to meet twice yearly with the minister and senior officials of the Department of Environment and Heritage to discuss a range of issues of

mutual interest. The most recent meeting of the NCHF was held in Canberra in August 2006. Issues discussed included proposed amendments to the EPBC Act, History and its teaching, the National and Commonwealth Heritage Lists, and the disappointing final report from the Productivity Commission.

Outcomes of that meeting included a commitment to hold a workshop to review the strategic Vision of the Forum, and the establishment of working committees on:

- A budget proposal for a Cultural Heritage Fund
- Proposals for initiatives based on public and government submissions to the Productivity Commission
- Proposals for future annual Heritage themes.

The next meeting of the NCHF will be held in late 2006 as a workshop on the strategic Vision statement.

INTERNATIONAL REPORT

Kristal Buckley, International Vice-President

It is my privilege and pleasure to report to the members of Australia ICOMOS on my activities as International Vice-President, and on the key achievements and initiatives of the international organisation for 2006.

If being part of an international organisation is one of the greatest strengths of Australia ICOMOS, finding meaningful and effective ways for Australian members to participate in the global and regional dialogue and activities is one of its greater challenges. It is clear to me that many Australia ICOMOS members value and seek out these opportunities. In presenting this report, I also issue an invitation to all Australian members to contribute their knowledge, expertise and energy for heritage conservation to the worldwide program of ICOMOS wherever possible.

Structure of ICOMOS International

I know that the workings of the international organisation are not understood by all members. In brief, the structure is as follows:

- The General Assembly is the sovereign body of ICOMOS. It meets every three years. It comprises all ICOMOS members, establishes the programs and elects the Executive Committee.
- The Executive Committee is the managing body of ICOMOS. It is made up of the 8-member Bureau, 12 elected members, and 5 co-opted members. The President of the Advisory Committee also attends, and there are often observers from our close partner organisations such as ICOM, ICCROM and TICCIH. The Executive Committee meets twice each year and oversees the

programs and budget of the organisation.

- The Bureau is made up of the President, Secretary-General, Treasurer-General and the five Vice-Presidents. It oversees the programs of the organisation between sessions of the Executive Committee. It often meets prior to the Executive Committee meetings, and also meets mid-year to ensure that progress continues throughout the year.
- The Advisory Committee is made up of the Chairs of all the National Committees and International Scientific Committees. It meets once each year, and makes recommendations concerning program priorities. In September 2006, John Hurd (UK) was elected President of the Advisory Committee for a 3-year term, and Dosso Sindou (Ivory Coast) was elected the Vice-President.
- The Scientific Council is a new structure established through the adoption in 2005 of the Eger-Xi'an Principles to improve the effective participation of the specialist International Scientific Committees in all aspects of the international work of ICOMOS. The Scientific Council is made up of the Chairs of all ISCs or their delegates. Three Coordinators were elected in September 2006: Pamela Jerome (USA), Michal Firestone (Israel) and Sofia Avgerinou-Kolonias (Greece). The Executive Committee has invited one of the Coordinators to attend its meetings in order to ensure improved liaison.
- The International Secretariat, located in Paris, coordinates the implementation of the programs. The Director of the Secretariat, Gaia Jungeblodt, is assisted by six other staff. The ICOMOS Documentation Centre is an important function of the Secretariat, and two staff manage the World Heritage program of ICOMOS.

During this triennium, the ICOMOS Executive Committee consists of the following people: President, Michael Petzet (Germany); Secretary-General, Dinu Bumbaru (Canada); Treasurer-General, Giora Solar (Israel); Vice-Presidents: Gustavo Araoz (USA), Tamas Fejerdy (Hungary), Carlos Pernaut (Argentina), Guo Zhan (China), Kristal Buckley (Australia); Members: Ray Bondin (Malta), Andrew Hall (South Africa), Axel Mykleby (Norway), Gilles Nourissier (France), Yashuyoshi

Okada (Japan), Hae Un Rii (Korea), Angela Rojas (Cuba), Benedicte Selfslagh (Belgium), Hristina Staneva (Bulgaria), Lazar Sumanov (Macedonia), Boguslaw Szmygin (Poland), and Javier Villalobos (Mexico).

At the first meeting of 2007, we hope to welcome five additional members via co-option. This is a statutory provision made to minimise geographical imbalance in our membership, and it is expected that the new members will be from Africa, the Middle East and Central Asia.

The Executive Committee (with others invited as needed) also makes up the ICOMOS World Heritage Panel. The World Heritage Panel meets early each year to finalise the ICOMOS recommendations for all the cultural and mixed site nominations that will be considered for inscription by the World Heritage Committee later that year.

As this Annual Report well illustrates, ICOMOS also has a number of International Scientific Committees which focus on particular aspects of the world's heritage or areas of technical expertise. These Committees are the houses of specialist expertise, and should be an avenue for international participation for more of our members. This is one of the goals of the resolutions made at the last General Assembly, and should come to fruition over the coming year.

Meetings 2006

New meeting and minuting procedures adopted by the Executive Committee at the beginning of the year means that a record of decisions is available on the ICOMOS web site. Although a small organisational change, this has greatly improved the communications within the organisation. Australian members are encouraged to look at these documents, and to contact me to discuss any issues of interest or concern.

The meetings I attended as ICOMOS Vice-President during 2006 were:

- 14-15 January 2006: World Heritage Panel, Paris.
- 14 January 2006: ICOMOS Bureau, Paris.
- 16-17 January 2006: ICOMOS Executive Committee, Paris.
- 10 June 2006: Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting, Seoul, Republic of Korea
- 11-13 June 2006: ICOMOS International Cultural Tourism Committee Workshop,

Impact of Mass Tourism on Historic Villages: Identifying Key Indicators of Tourism Impact. Andong, Republic of Korea

- 16 June 2006: Meeting of the ICOMOS Scientific Council & ICOMOS Bureau, Rome
- 16 June 2006: discussions between ICOMOS Bureau and ICCROM, Rome
- 17 June 2006: ICOMOS Bureau, Rome
- 9 September 2006: ICOMOS Scientific Council, Edinburgh
- 9 September 2006: ICOMOS Bureau, Edinburgh
- 10-11 September 2006: ICOMOS Advisory Committee, Edinburgh
- 10 September 2005: meeting of the Asia-Pacific Regional Group, Edinburgh
- 12-13 September 2006: ICOMOS Executive Committee, Edinburgh
- 20-21 October 2006: Scientific Symposium to Commemorate the 1st anniversary of the 'Xi'an Declaration'
- 18 & 22 October 2006: meetings with representatives of Chinese institutions to discuss the establishment of the ICOMOS International Conservation Centre in Xi'an, China.

Priorities for the Triennial Work Plan for 2005-2008

The triennial work plan for ICOMOS is made up of all the resolutions of the General Assembly, recommendations from Regional Meetings, ongoing operations of the organisation, and many new initiatives identified by the Executive Committee.

The development of the Work Plan and tracking of progress has been guided by the Secretary-General Dinu Bumbaru. In its fullest form, it is a substantial document, which provides the basis for our reporting to the Advisory Committee each year, and ultimately to the General Assembly. It is seen by the Executive Committee as a continually evolving document.

In a departure from the arrangements of the previous triennium, the President has charged each of the Vice-Presidents with specific 'portfolios' in addition to their regional interests. These are: World Heritage (Tamas Fejerdy), Training (Carlos Pernaut), ISCs and National Committees (Gustavo Araoz), Special Projects (Guo Zhan) and Membership (Kristal Buckley).

A summary version of the Work Plan for 2005-2008 is being prepared and will be available via the web site soon.

Although there are countless activities undertaken by the international organisation during the course of each year, 10 priority initiatives have been agreed by the Executive Committee for the period 2005-2008.

- Strategic Planning for the future of ICOMOS
- Establishment of the Scientific Council & strengthening of the Scientific Program
- Establishment of the Membership Database
- Review of the ICOMOS Charters
- World Heritage Program activities, including a high-level review
- Establishment of the ICOMOS Foundation
- Establishment of the ICOMOS International Conservation Centre in Xi'an
- Development of the concept and operation of an ICOMOS Observatory
- Planning for the 16th General Assembly
- Financial Strategy for the long-term well-being of ICOMOS

These are briefly discussed in this report, and I have tried to highlight aspects which may be of particular interest to Australia ICOMOS. However, please contact me if you would like more information on any aspect of the international work of ICOMOS.

A large part of the Work Plan, and of the agenda for each of our meetings is the establishment and maintenance of various institutional partnerships and affiliations at the international level. These include: UNESCO (in relation to a variety of programs and Conventions), ICOM, ICCROM, the World Tourism Organisation, International Committee of the Blue Shield, TICCIH, UIA and Docomomo – just to name a few!

Finances

The many Australian members who participated in the 15th General Assembly last year will know that while the financial situation of ICOMOS at the international level has stabilised, there is a need to continue to build a stronger financial future.

Some initiatives discussed at the General Assembly have been implemented. For example, all National Committees will be

invoiced in Euros from 2007, the financial reporting has been improved, contact has been made with National Committees with substantial arrears in their payments, and negotiations with UNESCO regarding the contract agreement for the World Heritage activities are in progress.

One initiative proposed by the Advisory Committee in 2005, and adopted by a resolution of the General Assembly was to establish a *Financial Strategy Task Group* under the leadership of the Treasurer-General. A number of National Committees have provided the initial membership of the Task Group: Australia, France, South Africa, Sweden, Bulgaria, the United States and Norway. It had its first meeting in Edinburgh in September, chaired with great skill by Benedicte Selfslagh, and the first tasks toward a well considered Financial Strategy for ICOMOS have commenced. Australia ICOMOS President, Peter Phillips, has been a productive contributor to this effort.

Another initiative arising from the resolutions of the 14th and 15th General Assemblies is the creation of the *Victoria Falls Solidarity Fund*. Its aim is to support the inclusive participation of our global membership in each General Assembly through a transparently managed assistance fund. Many National Committees (including Australia) have supported this resolution. ICOMOS Belgium has been particularly active in getting the fund started through a levy applied to their membership renewal fee. Here in Australia, voluntary donations to the Fund have been sought from members during the recent round of membership renewals. Your generosity in supporting the Fund this year, and in the lead-up to the 16th General Assembly in 2008 are very much needed and appreciated.

Planning for the Future of ICOMOS

At the 15th ICOMOS General Assembly last year, ICOMOS also celebrated its 40th year. In doing so, we began to acknowledge the many ways that the organisation has evolved during that period.

As a consequence, the current Executive Committee wishes to initiate a process of developing a vision and strategic plan for the future of ICOMOS. What kind of organisation should ICOMOS be and become? Where should ICOMOS focus its energies? What structures and operational arrangements will

better serve ICOMOS? What do younger professionals look for from ICOMOS?

Our work is beginning along three fronts. The first is the reform of the Scientific Program through the establishment of the Scientific Council and the changes to more inclusive International Scientific Committees (discussed below).

The second process which has been initiated aims to gain a better understanding of the circumstances and aspirations of the membership, and the possibilities for reform to support the operation of our National Committees worldwide. To this end, Vice-President Gustavo Araoz conducted an e-mail survey of all National Committees earlier this year, with a wealth of interesting results (a summary report will appear in the next ICOMOS News).

Finally, there are plans to conduct a strategic planning retreat for ICOMOS as part of working toward a longer term vision for the organisation. Hopefully this process will begin to take shape during 2007. I'll keep Australian members informed about that as the details start to emerge.

Scientific Program Reforms

A great deal has been achieved in the past year to implement the Eger-Xi'an Principles. These primarily concern the strengthening of the scientific program of ICOMOS and reform to the structure and operations of the International Scientific Committees. The newly created Scientific Council met in June and September and has established an e-mail 'Listserv' to facilitate good communications.

I have already mentioned the landmark election of the three coordinators to lead the Scientific Council. Following advice from the Legal Committee in September, the ISCs should be in a good position to revise their statutes to broaden their worldwide membership. It is my hope that by this time next year, many more Australians and members in our region will have had the opportunity to join ISCs and to fully participate in their work.

Despite the current short-term focus on governance issues, the work of the Scientific Council is not just procedural, and several areas for cross-committee cooperation have been identified. These include contribution to the work of ICOMOS in relation to Climate

Change & Cultural Heritage, and the Historic Urban Landscapes initiative of UNESCO. The Scientific Council has also established a liaison with the Canadian Organising Committee for the 16th General Assembly to ensure maximum integration and participation by the International Scientific Committees in the Scientific Symposium.

Establishing the new arrangements has been challenging, but well handled. We should all thank and congratulate Vice-President Gustavo Araoz, the new leadership of the Scientific Council and the many members worldwide who have persevered with this very worthwhile element of the year's work to improve the standing and effectiveness of ICOMOS.

ICOMOS and World Heritage

ICOMOS is an advisory body to the World Heritage Committee for cultural heritage matters. The work arising from this role is varied, but includes the assessment of nominations, conducting 'reactive monitoring' missions to places already on the List (to produce 'State of Conservation' reports), and a range of philosophical and technical matters.

It is fair to say that the performance of these duties by ICOMOS will always be contentious and vulnerable to criticism. However, it is also important for ICOMOS to maintain its independence and professional standards, listen to its critics and to reflect on the opportunities for continuous improvement in its procedures.

In this area of our work, there are three important new initiatives of the current Executive Committee.

The first has been the establishment of a *World Heritage Working Group* to work closely with the ICOMOS World Heritage staff and advisors on all aspects of the World Heritage program. This represents a strengthening of the support given by the Executive Committee to its World Heritage program. The Working Group is chaired by Vice-President Tamas Fejerdy, and includes Executive Committee members with a wealth of expertise and experience in the operations of the World Heritage system: Benedicte Selfslagh, Guo Zhan, Giora Solar and Hristina Staneva. The President and Secretary-General are *ex officio* members of the Working Group.

Second, a paper on *Policy for the Implementation of the ICOMOS World Heritage Mandate*, was prepared by the World Heritage Panel in January 2006 (and is available on the ICOMOS web site). It describes the measures and working arrangements adopted by the World Heritage Panel to avoid potential conflicts of interest and perceptions of bias.

Third, a small review 'blue ribbon' panel of three persons with excellent insights to the World Heritage system will be appointed shortly to advise the Executive Committee further on short- and long-term improvements to the internal processes of ICOMOS – both procedural and philosophical.

Next year the World Heritage Committee will meet in our Region – in Christchurch, New Zealand. It is at this meeting that the nomination for the Sydney Opera House will be resolved, and there is an intention to highlight the heritage of the Pacific at that meeting. It should be a landmark event for the Region.

Doctrinal Texts for 2008

The ICOMOS Statutes require all draft Charters to be considered by the Advisory Committee one year before they are submitted to the General Assembly. So, there will be several texts for Australian members to comment on in the coming year, and it will be important that this input is coordinated in a timely manner.

Most of these are being developed by International Scientific Committees with Australian members.

- The *Cultural Routes Charter* is being developed by the ISC for Cultural Routes & Itineraries. A well developed draft was circulated for information to the General Assembly in 2005. The chair of the committee is Maria Rosa Suarez-Inclan Ducassi (Spain), and the Australian member is Sandy Blair.
- The *TICCIH Charter on the Conservation of Industrial Heritage* has already been developed by TICCIH, and the resolutions of the 15th General Assembly promote cooperation between ICOMOS and TICCIH. The mechanism for steering this process in coordination with TICCIH has not yet been established. Helen Lardner is a member of both TICCIH and the Australia ICOMOS Executive Committee and has

offered to coordinate the Australian input.

- The *Charter on Heritage Interpretation and Presentation* (the 'Ename' Charter) is being developed by the newly established ISC. A well developed draft was circulated to the Advisory Committee in September, 2006. The chair of that committee is Neil Silberman (Belgium), and there are four Australian members: Bill Nethery, Linda Young, Cath Renwick and Michele Summerton.
- A *Charter on Intangible Cultural Heritage*, based on the 2003 Kimberley Declaration (which was presented to the 2003 Advisory Committee and General Assembly in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe) is being developed by the newly established ISC. The chair of that committee is Andrew Hall (South Africa), and the Australian member/Committee Vice-President is Marilyn Truscott.

In addition to these new texts, the Executive Committee has recognised the need to review all the existing charters and to resolve inconsistencies. The ISC on Conservation Theory has been asked to undertake this task.

Membership Database & Volunteers Program

As I mentioned earlier, the President has specifically assigned to me the portfolio associated with Membership. I have been slow to grapple with the possibilities and priorities in this area during the year, but have a few specific initiatives to report.

First, thanks to the brilliant organisational skills of Gilles Nourissier, a new and very powerful *membership database* is now under development. This will support the day-to-day activities of the International Secretariat and also provide the basis for selecting members for various missions or other tasks. Gilles has secured funding for the development work from the French Fondation Patrimoine.

As a first step, the membership details from a couple of national committees and one ISC are being used to road test the operation of the database. However, it should be ready for widespread use in 2007, allowing a simpler transmission and updating of member details, and much improved information on the interests and expertise of members, including publications and professional achievements.

Second, following on from the efforts of former Vice-President Sheridan Burke, an ICOMOS *International Volunteers Program* was agreed by the Executive Committee in September. I know that many Australian members will welcome the opportunity to link up with various international projects on a 'pro bono' basis, particularly within the Asia-Pacific region. So, please watch out for further information during 2007 about how to join in. While Sheridan Burke has agreed to participate as the Volunteer Program Coordinator in its initial phases, we are very keen to have some extra help with the formulation of the program. Please contact me if you would like to devote some energy to helping us set things up!

ICOMOS International Conservation Centre – Xi'an (China)

In October 2006 I was pleased to attend the conference held to mark the 1st anniversary of the adoption of the 'Xi'an Declaration' by the 15th ICOMOS General Assembly. Also attending for Australia were Sheridan Burke (former International Vice-President) and Peter Romey (Vice-President of Australia ICOMOS).

Our visit to Xi'an also enabled us to attend the inauguration of the first ICOMOS International Conservation Centre (IICC), which was celebrated as part of a spectacular public ceremony.

The Director-General of the Centre is the ICOMOS Vice-President from China, Guo Zhan, and he is supported by a Steering Committee made up of representatives of the various Chinese authorities involved and ICOMOS (International).

A substantial building located in the complex of the Xiaoyan Ta (Small Goose Pagoda) is planned for the Centre. The Centre's mission is to support the work of ICOMOS through projects, research and training, with a focus on the Asia-Pacific region. Identified program areas include: Implementation of the Xi'an Declaration (particularly in urban contexts in China and in the region); Cultural Heritage of the Silk Road; and Traditional Knowledge & Conservation Science. The Centre has the support of the Xi'an Municipality, Shaanxi Province, the Chinese national government and ICOMOS China.

It is early days for the IICC in Xi'an, and there are many issues needing further

consideration. Certainly all its possibilities cannot yet be clearly seen. However, the enthusiasm for its potential has been expressed by Australia ICOMOS, and it is hoped that it will provide a means for project-based cooperation between Australia, China and other Asia-Pacific committees.

ICOMOS Foundation

Members attending the 15th ICOMOS General Assembly may recall the announcement made by President Michael Petzet that donations for an endowment to establish an 'ICOMOS Foundation' based in China had been received from two German companies – Dragerwerk AG and L. Possehl & Co. mbH.

The work to establish the Foundation has taken awhile and is still under way. The legal, financial and operational issues are complex for an organisation that has not embarked on this kind of structure before. However, I can report that it will be based in Macao, and that the draft Statutes will be ready for consideration by the ICOMOS International Executive Committee when it next meets in January 2007.

At this stage, the planned purpose for the Foundation is to support the work of ICOMOS, particularly for heritage at risk, and it is likely that it will have a focus on the Asia-Pacific region. To be successful, it will need to attract additional investments.

This is a new direction for ICOMOS, and one which brings both concerns and hopes for the future. Working through these continues to require a high degree of persistence, and I must record my regard for the support and patience of ICOMOS Vice-President Guo Zhan, and our Chinese colleagues in Beijing and Macao as we do that.

Publications, Newsletter & web site

All materials arising from the 15th ICOMOS General Assembly in Xi'an, China are available on the ICOMOS web site, including the resolutions, the 'Xi'an Declaration', the Eger-Xi'an Principles (concerning the Scientific Council and the operation of the ISCs), and the election outcomes. The proceedings of the Scientific Symposium were distributed to all delegates in hard copy and CD-Rom while in China.

The following publications were issued during the year by ICOMOS. The hard copy

publication is in limited quantities, but more importantly each of these is published to the web also (go to www.icomos.org).

- 'The World Heritage List: Filling the Gaps – An Action Plan for the Future
- Underwater Cultural Heritage edition of the 'Heritage at Risk' series

The ICOMOS News has benefited from the make-over steered by Ray Bondin and Gaia Jungeblodt. It is now issued in separate English and French versions, which has allowed the postage and production costs to be reduced (as well as improved the look of the newsletter). The International Secretariat also issues occasional e-mail news bulletins.

To an extent, the publications program is limited by the modest financial resources of ICOMOS. However, several important initiatives are currently underway, including:

- 'Members Handbook', which will initially be published to the web.
- An Open Access Electronic Archive initiative is being developed by Jose Garcia, Director of the ICOMOS Documentation Centre.
- further issues within the 'Heritage at Risk' series

World Monuments Day – 18 April

World Monuments Day is celebrated each year on the 18th of April. A theme for particular attention is selected each year to focus the sharing of experiences across national and regional boundaries.

In 2006, the theme was *Industrial Heritage & Heritage of Production*. The ICOMOS International Secretariat set up a web site to track activities and outcomes, and the resulting effort was extremely impressive and informative.

The themes for 2007 and 2008 have been identified already to give everyone more time to think about and plan their activities. The 2007 theme is *Cultural Landscapes & Monuments of Nature*, and the 2008 theme will be *Religious Heritage & Sacred Place*.

Both themes are likely to be of relevance and interest for Australia, and I am sure that the Australia ICOMOS Executive Committee will welcome suggestions and offers to host events from all members.

Activities in the Asia-Pacific Region

Two of the largest new initiatives for ICOMOS are occurring in our region and

have been the focus of a great deal of contemplation and discussion by the Executive Committee during the year. These are the ICOMOS Foundation and the ICOMOS International Conservation Centre in Xi'an – both discussed earlier in this report.

There are three additional areas of regional work that I would like to briefly touch on for the information of Australia ICOMOS members.

First, and once again, Indonesia experienced a severe natural disaster with loss of life and livelihood and with great impacts on cultural heritage. In May 2006, a severe earthquake occurred in the vicinity of Jogjakarta. Once again, an instance of disaster has shown what we can do using our global networks and firm friendships. Our ICOMOS Indonesia colleagues, led by Professor Laretna Adishakti of the University of Gadjah Mada provided an early and thorough assessment of the cultural heritage impacts which was circulated throughout the world and to partner organisations. Through the network established by the International Committee for the Blue Shield, some funding through the Prince Claus fund was provided for specific projects of recovery. And of course, many in the 'ICOMOS family' – including Australia ICOMOS - responded by sending heartfelt messages of solidarity and generous financial donations to ICOMOS for projects in Jogjakarta.

Second, the Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting was held in June in the Republic of Korea. This was the second such meeting, following the Regional Conference on Managing Tourism in Historic Towns and Areas in Asia in Seoul in 2005. This time, a new format was tried – to combine the Regional Meeting with a workshop of an ISC, in this case the ICOMOS International Cultural Tourism Committee, chaired by Graham Brooks from Australia.

This new format was a great success, enhancing both the aims of the Regional Meeting and the ICTC Workshop, and ensuring a great mix of participants. The group was able to spend some time at two historic villages included in the Republic of Korea's Tentative List – Yangdong and Hahoe. Graham Brooks and I have circulated a report about the meeting, and our report and the 'Andong Recommendations' agreed by the joint

meeting are available on the Australia ICOMOS web site.

It is possible that the 2007 Regional Meeting will again be hosted by ICOMOS Korea. We are starting to discuss the possibilities, so watch out for more information.

Finally, we continue to offer our support to our colleagues in the Pacific Islands in the formation of ICOMOS Pacifika. This International Committee of ICOMOS was approved by the Executive Committee in Xi'an last year, and there have been ongoing discussions with PIMA about the practical aspects and membership. I hope that the coming year will bring some further good news, and that we will find a means of supporting the participation of Pacific Island colleagues in the Australia ICOMOS conference being held in Cairns next July.

During August 2006, Anita Smith and I travelled to New Caledonia as part of a private research project. While we were there, we had a number of meetings with cultural heritage staff in each Province. A number of suggestions emerged regarding possible collaborations with Australia ICOMOS which we hope to follow up during 2007.

Calendar for 2007

ICOMOS has a crowded international calendar, and Australian members are advised to consult with the calendar of events shown on the web site (www.icomos.org) for a full listing.

The meetings of the International Executive Committee and Bureau for 2007 are as follows:

- 19-23 January 2007: Executive Committee/Bureau/World Heritage Panel Meetings, Paris
- 18 April 2007: World Monuments Day: 'Cultural Landscapes & Monuments of Nature'
- April 2007: ICOMOS World Heritage Working Group meeting, Paris
- May/June 2007: Regional Meeting, Korea [to be confirmed]
- June 2007: ICOMOS Bureau Meeting [place and date to be decided]
- 23 June – 1 July 2007: World Heritage Committee, Christchurch, New Zealand
- September/October 2007: ICOMOS Advisory Committee, Capetown, South Africa

16th General Assembly, Quebec City, Canada (September 2008)

The 16th General Assembly will be held in 2008 in Quebec, Canada. Planning is now well underway. The theme was confirmed as outlined in Xi'an: *Ou se Cache L'Esprit du Lieu* or *Finding the Spirit of the Place*.

We have received regular updates from the President of ICOMOS Canada, Michel Bonnette, and have been extremely impressed with the progress of arrangements. The dates are firming around 30 September-4 October 2008, with the meetings of the Advisory Committee, Executive Committee and Scientific Council scheduled for 27-29 September 2008. All ISCs will be asked to hold a business meeting in Quebec, and time for these will be included in the program. There are a number of other associated events being considered – including a Forum for young professionals.

Very soon, the organising committee will issue a worldwide call for 'opinions' on the theme. This will be sent to National Committees, International Scientific Committees and selected partner organisations. The short 'opinion' pieces will then be used to shape the reference document and the questions posed by the Scientific Symposium in the Call for Papers. Everyone is encouraged to respond creatively to the 'call for opinions'.

The location and theme of the 17th General Assembly (2011) is yet to be decided. Materials to shape expressions of interest are being prepared by the International Secretariat and the Secretary-General. There has been one offer already, and there will be an opportunity for other offers to come forward during this year before a final decision is made.

International Activities of Australia ICOMOS members

As one of the strongest and highly regarded national committees, there are many ways that Australian members have participated in the international work of ICOMOS. These include the many Australian members of ISCs, and the participation of the President of Australia ICOMOS, Peter Phillips in the annual meeting of the Advisory Committee and its various working groups.

It is a source of confidence for me to work from the basis established by so many

Australian members that contribute to the work of ICOMOS at the international level. Here is a brief list of just a few of the people who have taken the 'Australian way' of seeing the world and its heritage into the international spheres of our organisation during 2006:

- Michael Pearson participated in a UNESCO meeting on behalf of ICOMOS held to discuss the impacts of climate change on the world's cultural and natural heritage (Paris, March 2006).
- Duncan Marshall acted as an expert/resource person on behalf of ICOMOS at the World Heritage sites training course run by the Hiroshima Office for Asia and the Pacific of UNITAR (Hiroshima, Japan, March 2006).
- Australian members have played a very active and influential part in the establishment of the ICOMOS Scientific Council. Robyn Riddett and Marilyn Truscott have attended meetings during 2006, and Robyn very ably chaired the Edinburgh meeting (and has since been co-opted to the coordination group for the Scientific Council). Brian Egloff, Graham Brooks and Sheridan Burke have also been active contributors to the ISC 'Listserv' of the Scientific Council.
- Anita Smith has provided advice to the ICOMOS World Heritage advisors regarding the planned thematic study on cultural landscapes of the Pacific.
- Marilyn Truscott continues to serve ICOMOS in a variety of ways, including as a member of the Publications Committee.
- Graham Brooks, Chair of the ICOMOS International Cultural Tourism Committee has represented ICOMOS at a number of prestigious international meetings, and played a leading role in the successful joint meeting of his committee and the Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting in Korea.
- Peter Romey and Sheridan Burke attended the recent conference held to celebrate the 1st anniversary of the 'Xi'an Declaration' in China.
- Sheridan Burke and Louise Cox were leading participants in an important meeting of the newly formed ISC on 20th century Heritage with Docomomo and the UIA on the preservation of 20th century architecture in Moscow.
- Several Australian members had the privilege of participating in World

Heritage evaluations during 2006 (including both evaluation and monitoring missions).

It is a wonderful privilege to serve the international organisation as an elected member of the Executive Committee and to follow on from the respected achievements of other Australians. It has also involved a huge 'learning curve', and I have benefitted substantially from the kind advice of many colleagues.

My sincere thanks are offered to the President Peter Phillips, and the members of the Executive Committee of Australia ICOMOS for supporting my candidature for Vice-President and for the commitment of support for the current international triennium. I have attended each meeting of the Australia ICOMOS Executive Committee in an *ex officio* capacity, and have provided written reports to each meeting about the international programs and emerging issues of interest to Australia.

Even more valuable to me has been the opportunity to share my experiences with Australian members and seek suggestions

and opinions about how things are going. Thanks to all of you, and particularly to the wise advice and mentoring generously provided to me by former International Vice-President Sheridan Burke, and to others with substantial insights into the workings of the international organisation: Marilyn Truscott, Robyn Riddett, Bill Logan, Brian Egloff and Anita Smith. I cannot thank you all enough for your support.

Along with Australia ICOMOS, I am extremely grateful for the generous financial support for my travel provided by the Australian Minister for the Environment & Heritage, Senator Ian Campbell and the Heritage Division of the Department of the Environment & Heritage in Canberra.

Finally, my personal thanks are due to my family and immediate work colleagues who have endured the chaos of my schedule during 2006 with such good grace. I hope that everyone has an enjoyable summer and returns refreshed for 2007.

October 2006

International Scientific Committees

TWENTIETH CENTURY HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Sheridan Burke - Co-President, Twentieth Century Heritage ISC

Background

In recognition of its increasingly extensive involvement in conservation issues relating to Twentieth Century heritage, in 2005 ICOMOS formed an International Scientific Committee to focus on the conservation, management and interpretation issues confronting the heritage places of the Twentieth Century.

Establishment

The statutes, objectives and list of 20th century ISC foundation members were ratified by the ICOMOS Executive Committee in February 2005. The statutes are being revised in accordance with the Eger-Xi'an Principles. Invitations to nominate voting members were sent to all national ICOMOS committees and ISCs, Docomomo and TICCIH. The 20th century committee

held its first meeting at the ICOMOS General Assembly in Xi'an, China in October 2005.

The new committee is multi-disciplinary by its very nature, whilst recognising the diversity of regional and cultural expression of twentieth century heritage. The membership is open to ICOMOS members with established expertise in the various fields of twentieth century heritage, and young professionals are specifically encouraged to participate

Definitions

The committee considers that 20th century heritage includes buildings, structures, urban ensembles and plans, cultural landscapes, and industrial and historic archaeology incorporating all forms of heritage, tangible and intangible. It has its origins in the 19th

century and includes the products of more recent times.

Operations

Much of the committee communication is electronically based, with an annual meeting/conference. At its first meeting in Xi'an, China, an interim management group was nominated. The working languages are English and French. The office bearers are: Christiane Schmuckle Mollard and Sheridan Burke: co-presidents; Dr Xavier de Anda Alanis (Mexico): vice-president and treasurer (to be confirmed); Gunny Harboe (USA): secretary general; Kyle Normanton (USA) and Susan Macdonald (Australia): database, e-serve

Objectives

The 20th century heritage committee will aim to promote the value and conservation of heritage of the twentieth century and its creators; and to develop activities to support the active conservation of twentieth century heritage. This may include a charter, guidelines, criteria, twentieth century heritage at risk reports and meetings and activities with other interested bodies. We specifically aim to actively contribute to the archive of twentieth century heritage, for example, through collecting oral history, video interviews with relevant heritage professionals etc.

Activities/Networking

This year I spoke at a major Heritage at Risk conference in Moscow, and participated in meetings with Discomon President Maristella Casciato to jointly advocate the conservation of the home and studio of Konstantin Melnikov. We met with the mayor of Moscow, and proposed an advisory agreement for supporting Moscow's Twentieth Century Heritage, much of which is at risk.

This year also the ISC provided advice to ICOMOS on matters and missions relating to twentieth century heritage and the world heritage convention.

In November I delivered a keynote speech at the Modern Asian Architecture Network mAAN annual conference in Tokyo, talking about some of the initiatives here in Australia to conserve 20th century heritage.

20th century co-president Christiane Schmuckle Mollard represented the ISC at the Advisory Committee meeting in Edinburgh in September and at the Docomomo AGM in Istanbul in October.

Meetings were held with Dr Shin Muramatsu, mission expert for Sydney Opera House world heritage nomination.

A programme of heritage alerts, issues in collaboration with Docomomo and UAI is under consideration

Australian Membership

Susan Macdonald, Sydney has actively assisted the Committee this year, and at the initial meeting in Xi'an last year. Other interested Australia ICOMOS members would be most welcome to be in contact with us. As many AI members are also Docomomo members, we will find much of mutual interest.

Cooperation with External Agencies

The committee is essentially a group of volunteers and we must match our actions with our resources. Hence, the 20th century heritage committee will seek to collaborate with and contribute to the work of other ICOMOS scientific committees and partners whenever possible.

An agreement has recently been entered into with UIA on collaborating on issues of mutual interest in twentieth century heritage conservation, and an agreement of Principles already exists with Docomomo.

Publications

A conference publication is anticipated later in 2007.

Web site

The Committee's web site is under construction by Kyle Normandin.

Meetings

We look forward to working with many interested individuals and groups - and to our first international conference, in Chicago in June 2007.

October 2006

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR ARCHITECTURAL PHOTOGRAMMETRY HERITAGE DOCUMENTATION

(CIPA) Cliff Ogleby, Vice President and Australian Delegate

Membership

Membership of CIPA is governed by the Statutes and By-Laws. There is an Executive Board of 12 members, 6 from ICOMOS and 6 from the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing. There is also an extensive network of National Delegates (which are conventionally proposed by the local chapter of ICOMOS or ISPRS) and a few members who come from countries where there is yet to be an ICOMOS presence.

Meetings

CIPA holds a major Symposium every 2 years, along with joint meetings and workshops. The last CIPS Symposium was held in Torino (further information at <http://www.cipatorino2005.org/>), the next will be in Athens in 2007. All CIPA Symposia produce proceedings which are available from the Symposium organisers.

The RecorDIM meetings and Round-tables are a joint initiative of CIPA and the Getty Conservation Institute (refer to the web site <http://extranet.getty.edu/gci/recordim/>).

CIPA holds an Executive Board meeting every year, in conjunction with either an ICOMOS or ISPRS event. In addition, Executive Board members are in continual e-mail contact.

Finances

The finances of CIPA are managed by the Treasurer via a bank account with ICOMOS. Money is raised through Sustaining Members' donations, a sale of conference proceedings and a small percentage of conference fees. The money is used primarily to assist delegates from less wealthy countries to attend the CIPA Symposia.

Publications

Each CIPA Symposium produces a bound set of conference papers, either published

as an ICOMOS or ISPRS document. Details on these are available on the web site.

CIPA also has a policy of making as many of these papers as possible available for download from the CIPA web site.

Web site cipa.icomos.org

Cooperation with external agencies

CIPA cooperates with a number of allied international bodies, as well as other ICOMOS Scientific Committees. These include but are not limited to

- ICOM - International Council of Museums
- ICCROM - International Center for the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property
- SPIE - International Society for Optical Engineering
- FIG - International Surveyors' Federation
- IAG - International Association of Geodesy
- European Heritage Network
- European Association of Remote Sensing Laboratories

Future activities

The next CIPA Symposium is already planned for Athens in 2007. The web site is <http://www.survey.ntua.gr/hosted/cipathens2007/>.

The next CIPA workshop is being held at the end of October 2006, in conjunction with VAST, Eurographics and the Cyprus Department of Antiquities (www.vast2006.org)

Operating Charter

CIPA has a set of Statutes and By-Laws (available on the web site) that have been approved by both ICOMOS and ISPRS.

October 2006

INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL HERITAGE MANAGEMENT (ICAHM) Brian Egloff

Membership

The membership of ICAHM is undergoing a major shift to meet with the requirements of the Eger-Xi'an principles. It is doubtful if that shift will take place any time soon given the lack of resources for the ICAHM Secretariat and the unwillingness of anyone else to take on the responsibilities.

ICAHM has prepared a draft set of principles and submitted them to both International ICOMOS and to Australia ICOMOS and has yet to receive any comments or feedback. Consequently, it is proceeding to circulate the draft principles to its membership once it can reactivate its web site.

Meetings

ICAHM held more than twelve hours of AGM meetings at the General Assembly of ICOMOS in Xi'an. The minutes of those meetings are included in the ICAHM Annual Report.

The annual executive meeting was held in June in Washington, D.C hosted by Gustavo Araoz of US ICOMOS. The full minutes of this meeting have been included in the ICAHM Annual Report, a copy of which has been provided to Australia ICOMOS. Marilyn Truscott will be the ICAHM delegate to both the Advisory Committee meeting and the Scientific Council meeting to be held in mid-September in Scotland.

Networking

Meetings have been held with the World Bank and with the United States State Department sectors of illicit artefact trade and the Ambassadors Fund. ICAHM is developing a working relationship with the French archaeological association and would like to do so with Hellenic ICOMOS.

Publications

Papers delivered at WAC 5 by members of ICAHM are included in *Of the Past for the Future*, edited by Neville Agnew and Janet Bridgland, Oxford University Press.

Web site

Considerable difficulty is being experienced maintaining the ICAHM - ICOMOS web site. The secretarial duties of ICAHM with the

additional burden of transforming the organization to meet with the Eger-Xi'an Principles have imposed such a burden that the present secretary is unwilling to continue unless real support is provided. Some support has been offered by the Vice President North America, Douglas Comer, through his company Cultural Site Research and Management.

Cooperation with external agencies

ICAHM has in train a proposal to form a major alliance with the Archaeological Association of France. That matter is being followed-up by Willem Willems the Vice-President Europe. As indicated below, ICAHM also has links with the Getty Conservation Institute.

Future activities

ICAHM had planned to have a major conference and its 2007 AGM at either the World Archaeology Congress in Jamaica or with Hellenic ICOMOS. The WAC 6 congress has been cancelled and communication with Hellenic ICOMOS is faltering. No alternative venue has been selected at this time.

Operating Charter

ICAHM has an international charter dating to 1990 that is listed on the International ICOMOS web site. Brian Egloff, President of International ICAHM is a Guest Scholar at the Getty Conservation Institute (September and October of 2006 and April through July of 2007) where he will be working on guidelines for the international charter.

Needs

To implement the new International Scientific Committee formation, ICAHM requires secretarial assistance. Marilyn Truscott has proven to be of considerable help but the few of us can only do so much. If there are other members of Australia ICOMOS that would wish to help with organisational matters their participation would be welcomed given that under the new principles there can be multiple formal voting members from individual countries.

September 2006

ICOMOS INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON CULTURAL ROUTES (CIIC)

Sandy Blair, Assistant Vice President Asia-Pacific CIIC

Membership

The Australian member is Dr Sandy Blair. The CIIC president is Maria Rosa Suarez-Inclan.

Meetings

The CIIC met at its annual general meeting in conjunction with the ICOMOS General Assembly in China in 2005. I attended this meeting and was re-elected as Assistance Vice President for the Asia-Pacific region.

Publications

The main focus recently has been on preparing inventory forms 'Record for Identification of a Cultural Route' for all parts of the world as a resource for world heritage nominations. See also 'The CIIC Scientific Magazine' at www.icomos-ciic.org.

Web site

The address is: www.icomos-ciic.org.

Future activities

A meeting is scheduled for Almaden and Madrid, Spain, November 15-17 2006. I am unable to attend. The theme is *Mining and Industrial heritage: impact and Importance for Cultural routes of Universal Value*.

Operating Charter

A draft charter on cultural routes including a definition and methods for identification and protection, and promotion, was tabled at the General Assembly in 2005.

November 2006

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE ON INTERPRETATION AND PRESENTATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE SITES (ICIP) Michele Summerton on behalf of ICIP Members

Australian members of ICIP are pleased to present their first Annual Report on this newly constituted committee.

Concern for the importance of communicating heritage values and information to the general public has prompted the formation of this ICOMOS Committee. Governments, heritage and cultural tourism authorities, private firms, educational institutions and the broader public are becoming increasingly aware that the interpretation of heritage sites may significantly contribute to their appreciation, understanding and sustainable conservation.

The aim of this Committee is to promote, consistent with the aims of ICOMOS, ways to discuss and define the basic guidelines and principles of site interpretation in relation to authenticity, intellectual integrity, social responsibility, and respect for cultural significance and context, through the use of appropriate techniques and technologies

(ICIP Statute 2, 2006). The Committee further 'seeks to encourage a wide public appreciation of cultural heritage sites as places and sources of learning and reflection about the past, as well as valuable resources for sustainable community development and intercultural and intergenerational dialogue' (ICIP Mission Statement, 2006).

Inaugural Meeting

The Committee President, Neil Silberman, convened the first meeting of the ICOMOS-ICIP on 24 March 2006 at the Provincial Capitol Building, Ghent, Belgium. Attended by ten members, it was held during the third International Ename Colloquium in Ghent. The following agenda points were discussed:

- Procedural issues connected with the transition to the new Eger-Xi'an principles
- Nomination of ICIP Committee Officers.
- Criteria for selection of Expert Members.

- Selection of additional members following implementation of the Eger-Xi'an principles.
- Future activities and actions.

Bureau Officers elected for Term 2006-07

The following officers were elected on 24 March 2006 to act as the ICOMOS-ICIP Bureau:

President: Neil Silberman, (USA, Belgium)

Vice President: Emerging Interpretive

Technologies: Alonzo Addison (USA)

Vice President: Role of Interpretation in

Physical Conservation: Clemens Guido

De Dijn (Belgium)

Vice President: General Interpretation

Methods and Policy: John Jameson

(USA)

Secretary General: Zeynep Ahunbay

(Turkey)

Treasurer: Mireya Munoz (Bolivia)

The main activities of the Scientific Committee are divided into three main themes under the direction of the elected Vice Presidents. The Bureau is responsible for the overall financial and programmatic management of the work of ICIP and for establishing within the Committee the appropriate task groups to ensure its proper functioning.

Australian members

Australians are well represented on the Committee, which currently comprises 48 international members. Five Australian voting Committee members were confirmed in June 2006: Sheridan Burke (NSW), Bill Nethery (NSW), Cath Renwick (NSW), Michele Summerton (Vic) and Linda Young (Vic).

Finances

The activities of the Committee are financed by subsidies and grants obtained by the Committee from international and national bodies including ICOMOS National Committees in each country concerned, as well as by donations, sponsorships and funds obtained by the initiative of the Committee.

Secretariat and web site

The Secretariat of the Committee is maintained at the Ename Centre for Public Archaeology and Heritage Interpretation, Abdijstraat 13-15, B-9700 Oudenaarde, Belgium. It can be contacted at: icomos-icip@enamecenter.org. Information about ICIP, officers, membership and committee

activities can be found at the web site: icip.icomos.org/ENG/home.html.

Ename Charter

One of the major tasks of the ICOMOS-ICIP Committee is to prepare the ICOMOS Charter on Heritage Interpretation (ICOMOS Ename Charter) for general circulation to the ICOMOS community. Many Australia ICOMOS members provided insightful comments on the third draft International ICOMOS Ename Charter during 2005. Thanks go to Kristal Buckley and Sheridan Burke for co-ordinating Australia's response. Sheridan has been involved in the process from the very beginning and the Charter owes much to her insights and initiative. As discussion on the Charter has proved to be contentious, the International Executive Committee decided in 2005 that further consultation within the membership during the coming triennium would be necessary.

Since its formation this year, ICIP has moved swiftly on progressing preparation of the Ename Charter. In July a fourth draft was circulated to the full ICIP membership for review and comment. Australian members participated in this exercise and look forward to a further round of review, which is scheduled before the end of 2006. It is hoped that a finalised text can be submitted for consideration by the ICOMOS Executive Committee at its January 2007 meeting. The Committee's ultimate goal is for the adoption of a doctrinal charter on interpretation by the ICOMOS General Assembly in 2008.

The international ICOMOS Ename Charter draft objectives and principles accord with the philosophy of cultural heritage conservation that underpins the *Burra Charter*. The 1999 edition of the *Burra Charter*, the fourth edition since its adoption in 1979, recognised the importance of interpretation in the dimension of conservation practice. The Ename Charter expands on the *Burra Charter's* definition of interpretation, and its guidance for employing interpretation in the process of conserving and managing significant places.

More information on the history of the ICOMOS Ename Charter Initiative can be found on: www.enamecharter.org.

Activities

Specific activities of the Committee in furtherance of the basic study of

interpretation methods and philosophies will include: sponsorship of international workshops and colloquia on interpretation; training activities; site visits and assessment studies at ongoing projects worldwide; publication of scholarly studies including workshop proceedings and monographs; and the publication of operational guidelines on interpretation standards and procedures for communities and heritage professionals.

Activities during 2006 have included:

- ICOMOS-ICIP foundation meeting, 24 March, held during the third International Ename Colloquium, Provincial Capitol Building, Ghent, Belgium
- ICIP Emerging Technologies Working Group Meeting, 'Interpretation Standards at World Heritage Sites', 27 September, UNESCO World Heritage Centre, Paris. This meeting was held to discuss possible avenues of

collaboration between ICOMOS-ICIP and the UNESCO World Heritage Centre in the study, assessment and development of interpretive guidelines and best practices for World Heritage Sites and to expand collaboration in the technical area of interpretation and presentation with relevant heritage organizations.

Activities planned for 2007 include:

Annual General Meeting, March 2007 (date & location to be determined)

- ICIP-endorsed session on Interpretation Standards and Definitions during the Second Annual Interpreting World Heritage conference, 25-27 March 2007, Vancouver, Canada.

October 2006

LEGAL, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE (ICLAFI)

Graeme Wiffen

Membership

ICLAFI, Legal, Financial and Administrative Issues International Scientific Committee of ICOMOS, is a committee of lawyers, both academic and practitioners. Graeme Wiffen is the Australia ICOMOS Representative on ICLAFI. The members represent national committees. There are no corresponding members.

Meetings

The Committee's main activity is its annual meeting, which takes the form of a seminar on legal aspects of heritage preservation and conservation, followed by a business meeting. The Committee puts considerable effort into not allowing the practice of annual meetings to lapse. ICLAFI met in Brussels in November, 2005 and will next meet in Hiroshima in November, 2006.

Work program

Topics and problems to be discussed on a comparative international level include:

- Listing of monuments and historic buildings (constitutive versus declaratory nature of listing)
- Definition of monument and historic building (scope of protection)

- Integrity of a monument or historic building (protection of fixtures and fittings)
- Protection through planning; public participation in planning and listing processes
- Regulation of threats to monuments and historic buildings
- Differences between private and governmental threats
- Differences between private and government-owned monuments or historic buildings
- Protection of the surroundings of monuments
- Enforcement measures in the protection of monuments and historic buildings
- Impact of international legislation and domestic legislation
- Effectiveness of the UNESCO recommendations on cultural heritage (1958-1966)
- Independence of conservators within administrative structures
- Economic impact of financing conservation and restoration (grants, tax incentives, others)
- Teaching of law and administration in training conservators.

Networking

The Committee continues to investigate how it might work with the wider ICOMOS membership, and has made a number of submissions to the international ICOMOS Executive. During 2006 we continued our work in assisting in the preparation of statutes for new national and ISC Committees, particularly in light of the Eger - Xi'an Principles. We are systematising this work and are investigating whether some form of model statutes would be useful. An initial step is a survey of other ISCs.

Finances

The ISC member organising the annual meeting raises local finance. ICLAFI has no other funds.

Publications

The organiser of each meeting takes on the task of publishing the papers. A CD of the papers from the 2004 meeting in Bulgaria has been distributed. In Brussels in 2005 papers addressed the legal regulation of archaeological investigation. They are being published with help from the Belgian State of

Flanders. In 2006 we are looking at the legal provision for buffer zones around heritage places.

Web site

The Committee has set up its new web page, linked to the ICOMOS site. It will include papers from our annual meetings.

Cooperation with external agencies

The seminar section of ICLAFI's annual meetings is usually in association with a local University and heritage group.

Future activities

Future activities are the 2006 meeting in Hiroshima, and continuing to work with national committees and ISCs on their statutes.

Operating Charter

The Committee has decided for the present not to initiate the preparation of a Charter on heritage and law.

October 2006

RISK PREPAREDNESS (ICORP) and the AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE BLUE SHIELD (ANCBS) Robyn Riddett, Member on Risk Preparedness

Membership

The Australian member is Robyn Riddett, who is also the inaugural convenor of ANCBS.

Meetings

A meeting of ICORP members was held in Xi'an in 2005. ICORP members attended the first Scientific Council meeting in Rome 2006. A meeting of ANCBS was held by teleconference in May, 2006. A formal founding meeting of ICORP scheduled for October 2006 was not held and plans are being formulated to hold this in early 2007.

Networking

The new ICOMOS Scientific Council now provides an excellent opportunity to network with other scientific and national committees and also through a connection with ICBS. The Scientific Council has adopted Global Climate Change and the Effects on Cultural Heritage as its first major project and ICORP is participating. There is also scope for ANCBS input. Robyn Riddett has been co-

opted as Secretary-General of the ICOMOS Scientific Council.

Web site

The Scientific Council requires all scientific committees to have a page on the ICOMOS Web site. This is already in the ICORP work plan and it will be addressed within the next twelve months. The same will apply to ANCBS which is listed on the ICBS web site.

Cooperation with external agencies

The ANCBS is an alliance of the four 'Pillar' Organisations of the ICBS, as they operate in Australia: the International Council on Archives (ICA); the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS); the International Council of Museums (ICOM); and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). The committee is interested in involving representatives from Australian professional associations such as the Australian Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Materials, Australian Library and Information

Association, Australian Society of Archivists, and Museums Australia. The Collections Council of Australia Ltd hosts the Secretariat. At the request of the archives sector a letter was written to the Prime Minister in April about threats to archival repositories in Dili.

Future activities

A priority for the ANCBS is to be incorporated so as to have legal protection and allow autonomy in raising funds. As cultural heritage is not mentioned by the established major emergency response

bodies in Australia, ANCBS needs to work towards a position where it can be useful in disaster response and recovery, as it may affect cultural heritage.

Operating Charters

Relevant charters include the Burra Charter; the Eger-Xi'an Principles, The Hague Convention on the Protection of Cultural property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954), and the Second Protocol (1999)

October 2006

INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL TOURISM COMMITTEE (ICTC) Graham Brooks, Chairman of ICTC

Membership

Membership categories are being reworked as part of the revision of Committee Statutes in accordance with the Eger-Xi'an Principles. Committee statutes are expected to be finalised at the next Annual Meeting in June 2007.

Future Australian members are expected to include Murray Brown, Hilary du Cros, Lyn Leader-Elliott, Gordon Grimwade, Paul Dignam, and Ian Kelly.

Regretfully, the Australia ICOMOS Cultural Tourism Committee was closed down in 2006, owing to the inability of its Chair to sustain the needed energy and activity. An opportunity was taken to transfer willing members into the expanded membership of the International Committee in accordance with the Eger-Xi'an Principles.

Meetings

The main Committee Meeting for 2006 was held in Seoul, South Korea in June 2006, in conjunction with the ICOMOS Asia Pacific Regional Meeting. The ICTC Annual Meeting and Workshop was kindly sponsored by Korea ICOMOS and several Korean government agencies. The papers delivered at the Regional Meeting, including several by ICTC members were published by Korea ICOMOS.

The ICTC Workshop visited a number of historic villages and examined cultural tourism management issues that emerge when small historic towns and villages gain national and international exposure, such as

World Heritage Inscription. The meeting was the best attended ICTC meeting in the history of the Committee.

Networking

Strong networking has been continued with key international agencies including UNESCO World Heritage Centre, UN World Tourism Organisation, Getty Conservation Institute and UNESCO Principal Adviser for Culture in Asia and the Pacific.

Finances

The Committee has funds of £3,600, held on the Committee's behalf by UK/ICOMOS. These funds will be partially applied to the preparation of the ICTC Web site and partially for the proposed June 2007 ICTC Workshop in Canterbury, UK.

Publications

The key publication by ICTC remains the *ICOMOS International Cultural Tourism Charter*, 1999. The Charter has now been translated into French, Spanish, German, Dutch, Swedish, Hungarian, Greek, Mandarin Chinese and Bahasa Indonesian, increasing its facility to assist many ICOMOS members in their work.

Web site

A web site is currently being prepared.

Cooperation with external agencies

Cooperation with external agencies has resulted in a wide variety of activities, whereby Committee members participated in key missions throughout the year. These have included:

- World Heritage monitoring mission to Borobudur, Indonesia, February 2006
- World Heritage Archaeological Site Management Conference, Granada, Spain, February 2006
- Cultural Tourism Management Training Workshop for Site Managers of China's 31 World Heritage sites, Lushan China, May 2006
- ICOMOS Scientific Council Workshop with ICCROM, Rome June 2006
- World Heritage Cultural Tourism Training Summer School, Institute for Tourism Studies, Macao, July 2006
- UNESCO Cultural Tourism Evaluation Mission to the earthquake devastated island of Nias, off Sumatra, Indonesia, September 2006
- External Review Panel of European Commission PICTURE Cultural Tourism Project, September 2006
- OECD: "Supporting the Development of Competitiveness of Tourist Destinations", Porto, Portugal, November 2006
- Third International Expert Monitoring Mission for Ajanta – Ellora WH Sites in India, November 2006

Based on discussions held in Lushan, China, in May, cooperation is emerging between IUCN, UNWTO, UNWHC and ICTC to draft a set of tourism management principles that can apply equally for natural and cultural heritage sites. This activity will continue into 2007.

Future activities

The major ICTC activity in 2007 will be the Annual Meeting and Workshop to be held in Canterbury UK. Committee members will probably be represented at the US/ICOMOS Cultural Tourism Conference in San Francisco in April 2007.

ICTC will continue to work on a set of cultural management principles that can be incorporated into the Management Plans of sites that have been nominated for World Heritage Inscription.

Operating charter

The ICOMOS International Cultural Tourism Charter retains a close reference to the concept of "Heritage Significance" as a foundation of its methodology.

October 2006

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR UNDERWATER CULTURAL HERITAGE (ICUCH) David Nutley

Background

ICUCH was founded in 1991 by ICOMOS Australia. The founding president was Graeme Henderson, who at that time was Director of the Western Australia Maritime Museum.

The committee is composed of 24 international experts in underwater cultural heritage. They currently represent eighteen countries. The goal of the committee is to assist ICOMOS International and UNESCO in promoting the protection and sound management of submerged cultural resources.

The first mandate of the ICUCH committee was to develop a charter to guide the management and protection of submerged cultural resources. The completed document became known as the ICOMOS Charter (1996). The status of this document was confirmed in 2001 when it was incorporated as the Annex to the UNESCO International

Convention for the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage. It has thus become the standard guide to the ethics and practices of underwater cultural heritage management throughout the world.

ICUCH is available to provide advice to all countries, organizations and individuals interested in the protection and sound management of cultural resources found underwater.

Membership

The Australian member is David Nutley, with Australian corresponding members Jeremy Green and Bill Jeffery.

Meetings

ICUCH met in on 18th and 19th October 2005 in Xi'an China in association with the ICOMOS General Assembly.

Key issues discussed included:

- The role of ICUCH in supporting the UNESCO funded underwater archaeology training school in Galle, Sri Lanka. ICUCH is continuing to liaise with the organisers in Sri Lanka and in providing links to relevant ICUCH members who can assist in the program.
- The impact and schedule of the Eger – Xi'an Principles for the International Scientific Committees of ICOMOS was discussed and planning to implement the new Principles is underway.
- Threatened underwater sites booklet (discussed below under Publications)

In July 2006, ICUCH was invited to and participated in an international workshop studying the question of constructing an underwater museum in Alexandria, Egypt. The 2006 annual meeting of ICUCH will be in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

Publications

Threatened underwater sites, a joint UNESCO/ICUCH booklet (now in print) on best practice management of sites subject to natural and/or human impact, was funded by UNESCO. Thirty articles were published from a range of authors representing countries from around the globe. The booklet was designed, in particular, to assist countries who have ratified or who are considering ratifying the UNESCO Convention on the protection of the underwater cultural heritage. Each of the articles helps to illustrate the relationship of the Convention to management of underwater cultural heritage. The publication is being distributed to key organisations and there may be some copies available for sale. The publication can also be downloaded from the ICOMOS web site.

Future activities

The 3 year project agenda includes:

- Support and marketing of the UNESCO convention, including advising countries considering ratification of the support available from ICUCH, and sending congratulatory letters to countries following ratification. ICUCH may have a role in assisting countries to develop policy for underwater cultural heritage following ratification of the UNESCO Convention
- Nautical Archaeological Society (NAS) training and support. ICUCH continues to be committed to providing support for the NAS training program, but has very limited funding resources. The major

form of support is in the form of providing links to potential ICUCH members who can assist at particular venues.

- World Heritage underwater heritage listing. ICUCH notes the need to focus on getting underwater cultural heritage to be seen as valid for World Heritage listing, ie *accord de principe*. ICUCH's role is one of supporting countries considering nominating sites for listing and of initiating or nominating sites itself. The priority is to support instances where specific countries have initiated or are ready to initiate such a nomination. The Red Bay Project was cited as a potential example. In addition, the suggestion by Louis Ng (Antiquities & Monuments Office, Hong Kong) during his ICOMOS conference presentation that the Maritime Silk Route of South-east Asia had potential for World Heritage listing was seen by the ICUCH members as having substantial merit and worthy of ICUCH support.

ICUCH is seeking to develop a promotion/communication plan and actions, including establishment of a promotion and communications coordinator position within ICUCH, with responsibility for coordinating communication amongst members. This would primarily involve:

- Periodic contact ie- bi-monthly, and assisting in keeping members 'in the loop'
- Coordinating the completion of the ICUCH web site
- Transmitting the minutes of meetings and annual reports of members
- Coordinating joint publication projects such as the threatened sites booklet
- Encouraging members to submit papers for presentation at the 2008 ICOMOS General Assembly in Quebec.

Operating charter

The 1996 ICOMOS General Assembly in Sofia adopted the ICOMOS Charter on the Protection and Management of the Underwater Cultural Heritage. This Charter is now incorporated as an Annex to the 2001 UNESCO Convention for the Protection of the underwater cultural heritage. Both the Charter and the Convention are consistent with the principles of the Burra Charter.

October 2006

INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE FOR HISTORIC TOWNS AND VILLAGES (CIVVIH) Ian Hocking

Membership

The Australia member is Ian Hocking, bureau member. There are no Australian corresponding members at present. The Committee requests interested members to nominate as corresponding members.

Meetings

The 2006 Committee Meeting and Scientific Forum of CIVVIH was upset this year due to the unexpected death of our Finnish host, Anna Nurmi-Neilsen, in early January 2006. ICOMOS Finland were unable to pick up the arrangements made by Anna, within the timeframe required. As a consequence the Annual meeting and the Annual Forum were held in different places during the year.

The Annual Meeting was held as an extension of the Euromed Conference held in Patras, Greece, during the third week of March 2006, when most of the European representatives were present.

The Annual Forum was held as an extension to the Lodz, Poland, conference on the rehabilitation of industrial regions. This conference was held jointly with ISoCaRP, the European Institution of Planners for Heritage Places and Regions. CIVVIH and ISoCaRP had been planning a joint conference for several years and this meeting provided the opportunity to realise that ambition.

2006 was therefore an irregular year for CIVVIH, owing to the need to reorganise its meeting schedules when the planned Finland arrangements had to be aborted.

CIVVIH and World Heritage

CIVVIH will continue to report on World Heritage sites which represent themselves as World Heritage cities/towns. About one third of the sites listed on the World Heritage List are historic cities/towns, which thus comprise about 285 of the 865 world heritage listings for cultural heritage sites.

CIVVIH is mindful of the World Heritage Committee strategy to be representative of all regions, environments, cultures and periods. To this purpose CIVVIH encourages the formation of regional committees to

enhance the opportunities for under-represented places to be more equitably considered for World Heritage status.

CIVVIH is currently working with several other heritage agencies to define and reconcile the concept of Urban Cultural Landscapes, as this term has gained considerable traction in World Heritage assessment circles in recent times.

The case of Dresden, entered on the World Heritage list in 2004 as an urban cultural landscape and its placement on the World Heritage at Risk list in 2005 demonstrates the need for objective and ongoing monitoring of World Heritage sites.

In 2006 several members of CIVVIH have been elevated to commentators on World Heritage listing assessments within their regions. Australia's representative, Ian Hocking, has been providing commentary on a World Heritage listing in southern China.

Finances

CIVVIH has no budget and its work is carried out voluntarily by its membership with the aid of sponsorship, when available.

Publications

Publication of evaluation reports: In 2004 CIVVIH resolved to further the exchange of knowledge about evaluation of sites and asked ICOMOS to publish evaluation reports. This matter is still being pursued.

Report on Fortified Towns: This important report for Europe is soon to be published. It also establishes a model for fortified towns throughout most regions of the world.

2006 Publication: ICOMOS Turkey is publishing CIVVIH's 2005 proceedings from the meeting at Istanbul, on CD-ROM.

Statutes

In 2005 CIVVIH adopted 'the Nancy draft', with minor change, as a revision of its Statutes. ICOMOS has launched both a review of and a series of co-ordination meetings between its International Scientific Committees, which will require further review of the statutes of CIVVIH.

Limitations on terms as voting members

Base lines were established for all voting members of 3 x 3 year maximum terms from the date of members' nomination by their national bodies. Once elected to the Bureau, members may serve 3 x 3 years maximum after their election to the Bureau. The Bureau may co-opt other members and representatives of regional Sub-Committees, as considered appropriate.

Ian Hocking, Australia's nominated representative, was elected to the Bureau in 2005 and would be eligible to serve 3 x 3 years on the Bureau from that date.

Australia should nominate corresponding members to CIVVIH from 2007.

Web sites

CIVVIH's international web site was unsponsored during 2006, but has been maintained by ICOMOS Canada, under the guidance of one of CIVVIH's Vice-Presidents.

Ian Hocking, in his role as CIVVIH Bureau member with responsibilities for Asia/Pacific is hopeful of achieving support for a Regional Asia/Pacific web site for ICOMOS International Scientific Committees, utilising the architecture of the World CIVVIH web site. The web site would enable regional national committees and ISCs to have web pages on the site. It is hoped to have the web site operable during 2007.

Cooperation with other organizations

CIVVIH and ISoCaRP encourage the introduction of conservation into planning processes. CIVVIH has requested OWHC/OVPM to support CIVVIH urban conservation experts participating in its meetings.

Future activities

Three year plan: CIVVIHs triennial plan was presented to the co-ordination meeting of International Scientific Committee's in Edinburgh in September 2006. The co-ordination of ISCs spearheaded by Gustavo Araoz has been very active this year and promises to yield considerable benefits to the effectiveness of ISCs if it can be maintained.

The Secretary of CIVVIH, Michal Firestone, was elected to the Steering Committee of the Co-ordination Committee.

2007 Annual Meeting: In 2007 CIVVIH will return to its regular Annual Meeting and Forum format in either Finland or Hungary. The Annual Forum will have special forum sessions on values relating to World Heritage sites and Urban Cultural Landscapes.

2008 Annual Meeting: The 16th General Assembly of ICOMOS will take place in Quebec, Canada, in 2008. CIVVIH will hold a three-day annual meeting in Canada prior to the General Assembly. Details are yet to be determined.

Operating Charters and relationship to *Burra Charter*

CIVVIHs activities are referenced to relevant Charters. For example, the discussion of Urban Cultural Landscapes will involve reference to possibly a dozen operating charters. As the Asia/Pacific regional network of ICOMOS develops, the *Burra Charter* is likely to be a more widely referenced document.

October 2006

INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE FOR CULTURAL LANDSCAPES (IFLA) Juliet Ramsay

Membership

The Committee consists of an executive committee of 21 voting members; 23 contributing non-voting members, 12 non-voting advisory board members and 12 non-voting honorary members. Juliet Ramsay is the voting member for Australia (e-mail:

julietdmramsay@hotmail.com). Members of the Committee are:

Voting members:

Luigi Zangheri (President), Italy
Sonia Berjman (Vice President), USA
Peter Goodchild (Vice President), UK

Shintaro Sugio (Vice President for Asia and the Pacific), Japan
 Monica Luengo (Vice President for the Mediterranean), Spain
 Juliet Ramsay, Australia
 Michel Gilbert, Belgium
 Nancy Pollock-Ellwand, Canada
 Novak Zdenek, Czech Rep.
 Michel Racine, France
 Kristof Fastaf, Hungary

Margherita Azzi Visentini, Italy

El Faiz Mohamed, Maroc
 Saul Alcantara, Mexico
 Mette Eggen, Norway
 Barbara Werner, Poland
 Cristina Castel Branco, Portugal
 Margarita Montanez, Uruguay
 Patricia O'Donnell, USA
 Homa Irani Behbahani, Iran
 Marie Jeanne Geerts (Secretariat), Belgium

Non-voting members:

Mabel Contin, Argentina
 Eva Berger, Austria
 Annette Freytag, Austria
 Kenneth Taylor, Australia
 Paul Deroose, Belgium
 Ana Rita Sa Carneiro, Brasil
 Han Feng, China
 Hwang Keewon, Korea
 Carlos Yankilevich, Costa Rica
 Hens Hendeliowitz, Denmark
 Cord Panning Germany
 Georges Anagnostopoulos, Greece
 Mohammed Rafique Mughal, India
 Alberta Campitelli, Italy
 Analiza Maniglio Calcagno, Italy,
 Juan De Orellano Rojas, Peru
 Jose Tito Rojo, Spain
 Torbjorn Suneson, Sweden
 Aygul Agir, Turkey
 David Jacques, UK
 Hal Moggridge, UK
 Yim, Uruguay
 Darwina Neal, USA

There is also an Australian advisory group for ICOMOS-IFLA International (Scientific) Committee for Cultural Landscapes, and a number of networking contacts, including Catherine Brouwer, Wendy Dwyer, Jane Lennon, Marilyn Truscott, Iain Stuart, Stuart Read, Meredith Walker, Elaine Lawson, Ken Taylor (IFLA member of the ISC), Christina Voss, John Adam (New Zealand ICOMOS), Catherine Evans, Susie Hoppe, Colleen Morris (AGHS), James Hayter (IFLA), and Han Feng (ICOMOS China)

Scientific activities

ISC Meeting in Xi'an

The meeting was chaired by the President Luigi Zhangheri and major agenda items for discussion were the Eger Charter and the Statutes of the Committee. The committee is to propose a 3 year work programme. Ken Taylor gave a presentation on cultural landscapes with specific reference to the Asia-Pacific Region. Members were asked to contribute information on their national cultural landscapes for a display travelling around Europe.

ISC Annual Meeting in Coimbra (May 2006)

The final statutes of the ISC were presented and finalised. Minutes of the meeting have not yet been distributed.

General activities

Members of the committee review and report on World Heritage cultural landscapes (Juliet Ramsay is currently undertaking one of these reviews). A meeting will be held in Verbania on 5 October 2006. The next annual meeting of the committee will be in Norway in September 2007.

Proposed Regional Committee (May 2006)

In May 2006 James Hayter of the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) convened a meeting to discuss the possibility of establishing an eastern regional working group of ICOMOS-IFLA International Committee for Cultural Landscapes. The region proposed was Asia, Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific countries. The meeting was attended by IFLA members James Hayter, Di Menzies, Di Lucas and Neil Simpson, ICOMOS members Juliet Ramsay, Meredith Walker and Susie Hoppe, and the Australian Garden History Society president Colleen Morris. The group put forward ideas on possible activities for the committee such as cultural landscape awareness raising and training initiatives. James Hayter will discuss the intentions and options of the group at an IFLA meeting in October 2006.

International Symposium on World Heritage Conservation at Tonji University, Shanghai 7-10 June 2006

This was attended by Juliet Ramsay. Many papers stressed the importance of the historic spaces, local spaces and global influences. Global concern about living landscapes and the 'cleaning up' of cultural landscapes to create pristine settings for World Heritage places was noted. It was

noted how heritage is moving from single items to groups of places and to comprehensive heritage involving the intangible. Papers by Chinese speakers outlined the traditional understanding of landscape scenery and the need for protection of the landscape that was integral with the cities, such as the borrowed scenery of the setting landscapes and the integration of mountain features that have been recorded in ancient poems. The very tall buildings of modern urban development are dissociating people from their tradition visual contact with mountains and associated intangible heritage values.

Submissions

Various letters have been written commenting on development proposals detrimental to heritage cultural landscapes.

Publications

IFLA is preparing guidelines for the conservation of heritage gardens.

Web site

A web site is proposed through IFLA with Patricia O'Donnell as proposed webmaster.

Cooperation with external agencies

IFLA is a partner organisation with the Le Notre Thematic Network Project in Landscape Architecture. The Australia ICOMOS working group primarily operates through e-networking. It includes the individuals noted below some of whom are associated with other organisations.

Future activities

Inventory of Historic Gardens

To fulfil a request from IFLA, an inventory of Australian heritage gardens is currently being prepared.

Understanding Heritage Gardens Workshop

In co-operation with the AGHS (ACT Branch) planning is in progress to run a workshop for heritage garden managers in the ACT in 2007.

Operating charter

The ISC drafted the *Florence Charter 1982* for historic gardens.

September 2006

INTERNATIONAL POLAR HERITAGE COMMITTEE (IPHC) Michael Pearson

Membership

At January 2006 membership of the IPHC consisted of the following National Representatives (now called Expert Members under new membership criteria):

Susan Barr	Norway
Peter Boyarski	Russia
Javier Garcia Cano	Argentina
Paul Chaplin	New Zealand
Louwrens Hacquebord	Netherlands
David Hart	South Africa
Håkan Jorikson	Sweden
Jean-François le Mouël	France
Cornelia Lüdecke	Germany
Michael Morrison	United Kingdom
Doug Olynyk	Canada
Michael Pearson	Australia
Glenn Sheehan	USA
Rubén Stehberg	Chile

Corresponding and Associate members (now Associate Members under new membership criteria) are: Jaco Boshoff (South Africa), Geoff Ashley (Australia), Angie McGowan (Australia), Fred Goldberg

(Sweden), Sherrie-Lee Evans (Australia), Julian Bickersteth (Australia), and Nigel Watson (New Zealand)

Meetings

A meeting of the IPHC was held in Xi'an during the ICOMOS General Assembly in October 2005, attended by 6 members, one associate member, and 4 observers (3 Australians and a Canadian).

A further meeting of the IPHC was held in Munich in October 2006. This was made possible by the enthusiastic support of our German representative Cornelia Lüdecke, and was financially supported by:

- The German Society for Polar Research,
- The Schimank-Foundation Institute for the History of Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Technology, University of Hamburg,
- The Environmental Research Station Schneefernerhaus,
- The German Weather Service

- (Garmisch-Partenkirchen),
- The Meteorological Institute (Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich), and
- ICOMOS Germany.

The meeting was attended by 9 national representatives (including Mike Pearson for Australia). Michael Petzet, ICOMOS International President, attended the conference for a period on the Tuesday morning when he welcomed delegates and spoke about the changes occurring in ICOMOS International. Members gave presentations on recent work: Pearson on work on sealing sites in the South Shetland Islands, Hacquebord on Snow Hill and Paulet Island huts, Evans (by paper) on a new CMP for Mawson's Huts, Olynyk on climate change impacts on Canadian Arctic sites, Jorikson on Kap Thorsen in Svalbard. and le Mouël on work on sites in the French sub-Antarctic islands.

Changes in Statutes affecting membership criteria

A revised version of the Eger Principles that guide the functions of International Scientific Committees within ICOMOS had been produced at the last ICOMOS General Assembly in Xi'an and these were used as the basis for changes to the IPHC statutes. As a result, whereas previously National Committees appointed one member to the IPHC, membership will now be open to a wider range of professionals actively working in the polar heritage field, either as Expert Members (being ICOMOS members) or Associate Members (not necessarily ICOMOS members, but able to contribute to the work of the IPHC). Both membership types will be nominated by the IPHC Executive Committee and voted on by the Expert Members.

A number of Australia ICOMOS members

have expressed interest in becoming Expert or Associate Members, and these nominations are being forwarded to the Executive.

Finances

The IPHC Secretariat continues to be supported financially by a grant from the Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage (Riksantikvaren). These funds are managed by ICOMOS Norway and the Directorate.

Activities

Database of meteorological stations from the first International Polar Year (1882-83)

German IPHC Expert Member Cornelia Lüdecke is coordinating a project to compile a coherent record of the sites associated with the First IPY in a single database. This record would be a valuable contribution to protecting this heritage. 11 nations cooperated in the First IPY in 1882-83, with 12 stations built in the Arctic and 2 in the southern hemisphere. IPHC members and others are contributing material to the database and the database design. The aim is that the project should be in some published form in time for the IPY (2007-08).

IPHC IPY Conference, Point Barrow, Alaska
Planning is proceeding for an IPHC sponsored conference to coincide with the International Polar Year (2007-8), to be held at Barrow, Alaska, in October 2007. The general topic of the conference will pick up on one of the ICOMOS Scientific Council suggestions 'What is the spirit of the place', as it applies to polar heritage places.

Further information about the work of the IPHC and general polar heritage information can be obtained at the IPHC web site at www.polarheritage.com.

October 2006

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE ANALYSIS & RESTORATION OF STRUCTURES OF ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE (ISCARSAH) Susan Balderstone

Membership

There is no current Australian voting member. Susan Balderstone is the Australian corresponding member, having completed three 3-year terms as a voting member.

At the Barcelona meeting in 2005 a new Chair, Pere Roca was elected to replace founding Chair Giorgio Croci. Under the constitution many other voting members and office bearers were also due for replacement as they had held office or voting rights for

the nine years since the ISC was established. However to ensure continuity it was agreed that David Yeomans should continue as Secretary for a further year. Androniki Militadou, a continuing member of the executive was elected Treasurer. New members of the executive were Patricia Emmitt, Paulo Lourenco, Michael Pittas, Heinrich Schroeter and David Look.

Meetings

The ISC for Analysis and Restoration of Structures of Architectural Heritage (ISCARSAH) met in Cyprus in February this year. Another meeting will take place in New Delhi in association with the International Conference on Structural Analysis of Historical Constructions (V) in November.

In Cyprus, a number of new members nominated by their national ICOMOS committees were welcomed in place of previous voting members. These are Kari Avellan of Finland, Eli Goldberg of Israel and Mehrdad Hejazi of Iran. Australia is yet to nominate a new Australian voting member to replace Susan Balderstone.

The meeting was followed by a one-day workshop, *Structural Restoration of Structures of Architectural Heritage, Recommendations of ICOMOS-ISCARSAH*. This was an opportunity to meet and present the work of the committee to local professionals and was very well attended.

The next full annual meeting of the committee will be held in Oak Park, Illinois from 27th-29th April 2007.

Future activities

A number of proposals for future activities were discussed including the need for undergraduate education in historic preservation, particularly for engineers. ISCARSAH Chair, Pere Roca has previously outlined likely tasks as being:

- technical discussions motivating further improvements of the *Recommendations*,
- involvement of the committee in research projects or relevant studies on ancient structures, and
- common activities related to education and training in structural restoration.

Operating Charters

The work of ISCARSAH continues to revolve around the *Principles and Recommendations for the Analysis, Conservation and Structural Restoration of*

Architectural Heritage. The *Principles* were ratified at the ICOMOS International General Assembly in Zimbabwe in 2003. In view of concerns some members had with the content of the *Principles* as ratified, and ongoing work on the *Recommendations*, time was spent at meetings in 2004 (Athens) and 2005 (Barcelona) on discussion of these documents. In particular the need for the *Recommendations* to refer to other documents, especially other ICOMOS documents, had been suggested in a number of comments. The relationship of the document to the International Standard on Assessment of Existing Structures, ISO 13822 is also problematic. The ISCARSAH *Recommendations* document generally is necessarily at odds with Structural Design Codes such as the EURO codes and codes used in UK, Australia, USA and NZ but needs to accommodate this in some way if it is to have any real application. Comments and suggestions on how to do this had been provided by Australian ICOMOS member Dick van der Molen in response to circulation of the document. These were discussed at Barcelona but the issues were not resolved. However a draft text was approved, to be edited by the Secretary, David Yeomans and circulated before the next meeting of the committee.

The draft *Recommendations* document has been circulated widely for comment, and has been translated into Romanian, Portuguese, Spanish, Greek, Japanese and Hebrew to assist dissemination to non-English speakers. Working groups have been set up in Israel, Cyprus, UK and Germany to address specific aspects such as historic construction methods, seismic effects and structural safety in historic buildings. Preliminary papers on these aspects had been presented at the 2003 meeting in Rome, and updates were presented at subsequent meetings in 2004 and 2005.

The revised text of the *ISCARSAH Recommendations* was circulated to members before the Cyprus meeting and was approved. However, subsequent discussion on the issues related to the International Standard on Assessment of Existing Structures, ISO 13822 revealed that some further changes are likely to be required. The Canadian member, Lyne Fontaine is leading the effort to collaborate with the ISO 13822 committee.

October 2006

INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON SHARED BUILTHERITAGE (SCAT) Amanda Jean

SCAT aims incorporate inter-regional and international cooperation in accordance with the Colombo 1995 declaration on Mutual Heritage. The objectives of SCAT are:

- to identify and value/revalue monuments, sites and landscapes of mutual heritage;
- to stimulate and pioneer preservation and restoration/renewal project;
- to encourage integration into planning and development programmes;
- to publish and present (in seminar and expert meetings) the result of research, design, and advisory work
- to provide technical assistance in relevant areas and sites.

The original ISC name was changed from 'colonial' to 'shared built' on advice from the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Due to consequences following the 2005 Tsunami, Mr. Ashley de Vos from Sri Lanka sought leave from his international activities as International Secretary of SCAT. The position is now occupied by Dr. Siegfried Enders from Darmstadt, Germany. In June 2006 Dr Enders and SCAT chairman, Peter van Dunn, participated in an ICOMOS meeting in Rome dealing with scientific committees' organisation. Following this meeting new Statutes were drafted, influenced by the Eger-Xi'an principles of 2005, with a draft definition on shared built heritage: *'Shared built heritage consists of historical urban and rural structures or elements, resulting from multi-cultural influence'* and a mission aiming to *'support public and private organizations world-wide in safeguarding, management and documentation of shared built heritage and promote and encourage its integration in today's social and economic life'*. However, this needs to be expanded to incorporate rural structures and indigenous landscapes, and to include a world perspective as half the world's population lives in rural and remote places and the committee has a wider focus than European colonial relationships.

The Amsterdam based secretary, Benedict Goes, participated in a meeting on the same

subject in Edinburgh (Scotland) in September. Peter van Dunn will present a paper on the revitalization of Jakarta (Batavia) as a former colonial harbour town at the Australia ICOMOS National conference in Fremantle from 9 to 13 November 2006.

Membership

Australian members are Amanda Jean and Sue Jackson-Stepowski.

Meetings

There were no formal national or international SCAT meetings during the year. Informal meetings have been held in Amsterdam and Darmstadt with limited international announcement.

The promotion of shared heritage in the development and implementation of trans-national projects focusing upon cultural heritage as an economic policy is recognised by many governments around the world and is associated with inter-regional forums of co-operation between member states.

For example, as stated in *"Mutual Cultural Heritage: Policy Framework"* prepared by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, common cultural heritage is becoming an increasingly important part of international cultural policy that is used to help achieve political and social goals between nations, and is actively promoted and funded by their government. Other examples of major funding towards Trans-national Shared Cultural heritage projects exist in many regions around the world such as the "Trans-national heritage in nationalized historiography" focusing on Southeast Europe. Through trans-national cooperation, thirteen partners from Belgium, Germany, the Netherlands and the UK will jointly invest €2.6 million to develop together the first European network dedicated to industrial heritage. Hadrian's Wall, a UK World Heritage Site in its own right since 1987, has been joined by the Upper German-Raetian Limes to form the first section of a major trans-national World Heritage Site, Frontiers of the Roman Empire. As it develops, the

Site will provide the potential to unite the people of many countries in Europe, the Middle East and North Africa in a common shared heritage.

Networking

Local, State and Commonwealth Australian Government Agencies, Museums, Universities, Indigenous and non-indigenous Community Groups in Australia, Chinese Societies and Old Colonialist Clubs and Pioneer Societies representing former British colonists and settlers, are all organisations with potential to contribute to the understanding of shared built heritage.

The cultural identity of individuals and groups is often seen as fixed, monolithic and confined to a specific national-political context, but in an increasingly globalised world the concept of trans-national heritage or shared cultural heritage is becoming a reality. Yet controversies surrounding the complexities of shared historical heritage are very common. Major challenges are due to tensions between group and individual, and to the impact of modernity on indigenous people and traditional societies, as well as the many different possessive and economic interests. Forums such as the "Cultural Heritage and Human Rights" workshop held in USA in March this year explore these ongoing challenges. Equally, conferences on the interpretation of the histories and narratives of the scattering and displacement of people in different times to different places as exiles, émigrés, refugees, indentured migrants, slaves, colonists, or settlers, and the dispossession of indigenous people due to stressful economic and social conditions, the injustices of colonialism, famine, environmental disasters, wars, economic expansion and forced international dispersal are all vital to understanding contemporary concepts of shared heritage.

2005 General Assembly meetings

Australia ICOMOS member Sue Jackson-Stepowski attended SCAT meetings in Qingdao and Xi'an, China in 2005.

Prior to the 2005 General Assembly in Xi'an, China, SCAT proposed to organise a formal forum in Qingdao, China. Due to several circumstances however delegates gathered for a less formal meeting and viewed the early 20th century Germanic heritage of Qingdao. The Germans who founded Qingdao as a harbour city remained only for

a relative short period (less than twenty years), but their structural and cultural influence was quite large. In what is today a large naval and commercial harbour with maintenance ship yards, the German architectural influence is found around the centre of the 'old' town – the railway station, dwellings, garden suburb and churches. The Germans also introduced beer production and the Tsingtao beer remains very well known throughout China: the old brewery is now a 'beer' museum. Whilst a large amount of Qingdao heritage remains and is well kept, some residential areas, especial those for low income people, are in a poor state. Qingdao Municipality was busy renovating some of these dilapidated residential areas including the building stock, public spaces, the inner courts of housing blocks and investing in sewerage.

In Xi'an, the ISC meet to discuss the Tshwane proposal which then formally arrived at the office of ICOMOS Netherlands. Peter van Dunn and Benedict Goes have organised a forum meeting with the Tshwane Building Heritage Association in January 2007 in Tshwane (official name for the former Pretoria). In March 2006 Peter van Dunn visited Pretoria for discussions with representatives from the Municipality of Pretoria, the University of Pretoria (especially the Architecture Department) and the heritage association. The South African ISC on Shared Built Heritage is represented by Anton Jansen and Professor Karel Bakker. The theme of the forum on 22-25 January 2007 is 'How do we share our heritage post apartheid?' and it will be opened by the Mayor of Tshwane. The forum will also be the yearly meeting of the ISC on Shared Built Heritage.

Future activities

An informal meeting will be held at the Australia ICOMOS National Conference in Fremantle, in November 2006.

In Australia, this year a major focus on shared heritage is the Mungo Festival which celebrates the cultural and scientific significance of the World Heritage Site, the Willandra Lakes system in New South Wales and includes presentation of the world views of the three traditional indigenous owners of the Willandra, the Paakantyi, Mutthi Mutthi and the Ngiyampaa people. The Festival focuses on a series of symposiums that started in September 2006 with a major scientific conference involving natural and

cultural themes addressing People-Land Interaction, and will end in April 2007 when an international conference on the World Heritage of Human Origins will be organised, supported by Wenner-Gren Foundation, Australia ICOMOS and the Australia Government. The call for papers is due to close on 30th December.

Operating Charter

The Colombo Declaration 1995 mentioned in the goals and objective of SCAT is

specifically associated with SAARC. The Colombo Declaration at the Tenth SAARC Summit in July 1998 acknowledged that the economic development of the region could draw more deeply from the vitality and strength of South Asia's shared cultural heritage as a source influencing and enhancing creative energies in all fields.

October 2006

INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON STONE

David Young

Since the meeting in Xi'an in association with the 15th General Assembly in October 2005 the Stone Committee has met twice: in Marseille (France) from 25–26 November 2005, and in Champs-sur-Marne (France) from 31 March–1 April 2006. Eight members (one from outside Europe) attended the Marseilles meeting and twelve (two from outside Europe) attended the Champs-sur-Marne meeting.

Projects of the committee include:

- Completing the illustrated glossary of terms related to stone deterioration and its translation into other languages, including German, Portuguese, Arabic, Farsi, Greek and French. The aim of the glossary is to ensure consistent use of terms around the globe.
- Publishing a printed version of the glossary in time for the general assembly in Quebec.
- Developing simple systems for recording application of conservation treatments and regular follow-up evaluation.

- Collating information on stone cladding deterioration.
- Producing information leaflets on building materials for tourists visiting World Heritage sites.

Future committee meetings are planned as follows:

- Glasgow (Scotland), 20–21 April 2007
- a Workshop to be scheduled during 2007 on non-destructive testing/survey of past treatments, possibly to be held in conjunction with another conference.
- Québec, Canada, October 2008

During the year, no stone-related matters were referred by Australia ICOMOS.

Australia ICOMOS members who are interested in any aspect of the work of the ISC for Stone are welcome to contact me on david.young@netspeed.com.au

October 2006

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSERVATION OF INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE (TICCIH)

Helen Lardner

About TICCIH

TICCIH is the World Heritage organisation promoting conservation, research and interpretation of industrial society. It has a broad focus including industrial places, (architecture, plant, machinery and equipment) as well as housing, industrial settlements, industrial landscapes, products

and processes, and documentation and understanding of industrial society. TICCIH is a partnership organisation of ICOMOS, providing advice to ICOMOS on industrial World Heritage.

TICCIH Congress, Italy, 14-18 September 2006

The 13th TICCIH Congress was held in Italy in the township of Terni, the surrounding Umbrian region and Rome in September 2006. Three Australian ICOMOS members attended; Sue Jackson-Stepowski, Sarah Jane Brazil (part of the Congress) and Helen Lardner.

As part of the Congress, national reports are collected and published. Dr Aedeen Cremin, Australia's National TICCIH Representative, provided an Australian report which will shortly be available on the TICCIH web site.

About 450 TICCIH members from around the world attended and the scientific program consisted of the plenary opening session, two key themed sessions and many smaller workshops. A strong feature of the Congress was the inclusion of many site visits, as well as two post congress tours; a short visit to the most important industrial and museum sites in Naples and Campania in the south; and a longer program to the major industrial cities to the north.

The opening session of the program, 'Industrial heritage in the world: overviews, approaches and perspectives' represented diverse geographic perspectives and included an Australian paper by Helen Lardner.

One key session theme was urban transformation, particularly the development pressures on inner city industrial sites common to many cities and major towns. In considering this theme, a highlight was the visit to the Ostiense industrial area in Rome, including the former general markets and the museum conversion of the former Montemartini Power Station. On the southern post Congress tour, the Bagnoli area, near Naples, with the former Ilva steel

plant and the internationally acclaimed Citta'Della Scienza was inspiring.

The second key theme addressed the effects on industrial townships and cultural landscapes brought about by industrial and economic changes. This theme was explored in many site visits, including around Terni and Umbria with visits to hydroelectric power stations and steel works. The southern tour included another highlight - the Gragnano pasta factory and town and the San Leucio silk factory with its intact workers houses. A number of papers were about managing changes to workers' housing and industrial facilities through community involvement and planning controls.

Membership

Currently there are few Australian members of TICCIH. Sue Jackson-Stepowski, Sarah Jane Brazil and Helen Lardner are keen to revive TICCIH Australia and are initially looking to establish an e-mail network. Contact Helen Lardner on h.lardner@hlcd.com.au if you are interested.

Finances

TICCIH Australia is not funded. Participants bear their own costs of participation.

Web site

For further information visit the TICCIH web site www.ticcih.org or the TICCIH Congress web site www.ticcihcongress2006.net.

Operating Charter

The Nizhny Tagil Charter for the Industrial Heritage, July 2003, is TICCIH's draft charter for the protection of industrial heritage. It has been presented to ICOMOS and is being developed in partnership with ICOMOS.

October 2006

INTERNATIONAL WOOD COMMITTEE (IWC)

Peter Freeman

Membership

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Activities

The object of IIWC is to promote international cooperation in the field of preservation of wood in buildings and structures and to advise on the development of ICOMOS programs in this field.

Meetings

A Symposium and Conference was held in Istanbul from 18 to 23 September 2006.

Operating Charter

The Principles for the Preservation of Historic Timber Buildings by the ICOMOS International Wood Committee is in final draft form.

October 2006

CIAV (COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL D'ARCHITECTURE VERNACULAIRE) Miles Lewis

Meeting

The Committee has met in Pátzcuaro, Michoacán, México, from 1 to 6 November 2006, on the theme 'Pride of Place'. No report is yet available.

History of Traditional Building Construction

Due to the failure of Professor Spencer Leineweber to secure a Fulbright fellowship to work with Miles Lewis in Australia, this is in abeyance.

Activities

Following the resolution on Tomo-no-Ura, Japan, which CIAV successfully brought to the General Assembly of ICOMOS in Xi'an in 2006, ICOMOS Japan invited Dr Kim Kwang Sik (Korea), Professor Miles Lewis (Australia), and Dr Christoph Machat (Germany) to discuss the issue with local bodies. The panel visited Japan in November 2005 and met with the Minister, the Mayor of Fukuyama City, Officers of the Section of Road Construction of Hiroshima Prefecture, and local conservationists at Tomo. The response was not encouraging,

but the panel has recommended an international competition to propose a solution for road planning and related issues in Tomo.

Action Plan

The Committee has adopted an action plan which includes:

- To produce an illustrated version of the *Vernacular Charter*.
- To create strategic alliances with other groups interested in vernacular architecture
- To review the organisation of the committee with a view to align it with the Eger-Xi'an principles.
- To organise an international meeting on vernacular reconstruction in devastated areas.
- To launch a CIAV periodical news bulletin
- To launch an awards program by obtaining nominations from members.

November 2006

State Reports

STATE REPORT NEW SOUTH WALES

Susan Jackson-Stepowski, New South Wales Representative

Legislative changes

As NSW is the most populous State, and one undergoing very rapid change, many major issues with heritage implications arose during the past year. These involved both particular places and general policies having State-wide implications. Several of these

were discussed by the ICOMOS Executive Committee during the year.

It is an exceedingly challenging time for the environment in NSW, with multiple legislative changes currently under way. The NSW planning system is being reviewed

with directives to each local government area to rewrite its provisions according to a prescribed template. Heritage matters form a part of these reviews. Further, there have been several place-specific Acts passed which, in effect, turn off heritage provisions or have severe ramifications for the future of built heritage management and assessments. Non-built heritage legislation such as the Threatened Species Act has also been amended. Another issue is the recent formation of an asset portfolio within Treasury to dispose of government owned properties. A major administrative change occurred when the NSW Heritage Office was moved back into the NSW Department of Planning.

On a more promising note, in regional NSW Braidwood became the first whole town to be listed on the NSW State Heritage Register as a 'historic town and cultural landscape', and the NSW Government has adopted the Australia ICOMOS *Burra Charter* as an appropriate management protocol.

NSW branch activities

This year we achieved a succession of events for both members and non-members, and tapped into an obviously market for such activities and gatherings.

We started the year with a Testimonial Dinner for Sheridan Burke for her many roles and activities as a representative of Australia ICOMOS: thanks to member Jillian Comber for being the anchor person organising the dinner, and to the many others who contributed to the presentation book and a series of very entertaining progressive speeches on the night.

February also saw a very large gathering come together to see and hear several members' entertaining highlights of their time at the Xi'an General Assembly and travels afterwards in various parts of China. The venue and catering for this event was kindly provided by Godden Mackay Logan.

Australia ICOMOS National Executive met in Sydney for its February quarterly meeting, and we thank Heritage Concepts Pty Ltd in The Rocks (with spectacular views over Sydney Harbour and its Bridge) for providing the venue.

To celebrate World Heritage Day and its 2006 industrial theme, a tour of the former

White Bay Power Station was organised. It was heavily over-subscribed, and many of those attending were not (yet) ICOMOS members. This site is the last of the original late 19th and early 20th century power stations left in Sydney. Organisation was led by Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy with several ICOMOS members chipping in with catering and tour guiding. An overview of the Conservation Management Plan was given by its author and ICOMOS member Alan Croker.

In August, the Heritage & Law Seminar, held in The Rocks Sydney, was an outstanding success, and is indicative of the demand for such activities. The event also attracted many non-members, from a very broad range of businesses and government agencies. Many of these from outside Sydney appreciated the timing of the Seminar, arranged to link in with the Annual NSW Heritage Advisors Network meeting the next day. This year the Network Meeting was opened up to heritage practitioners and those responsible for heritage management in all tiers of government, with attendance around 200-250 people.

Once again, ICOMOS members helped with various jobs to ensure that the Heritage and Law seminar ran smoothly. We thank the speakers who donated their time and expertise, and Heritage Concepts Pty Ltd for their administrative support. Future similar events are planned for 2007.

Both the White Bay tour and the Heritage Seminar were linked with an *Illustrated Burra Charter* promotion.

ICOMOS members continue to host various international visitors and assist with fact finding missions. ICOMOS members gathered in October for a wine and cheese evening to discuss with a visiting academic the theory and practice of conservation management plans in Australia, and how these compare with the situation in Britain.

National Trust of Australia (NSW)

This year saw the retirement of both the Trust's General Manager, Elsa Atkin, and its President, Mr Justice Barry O'Keefe. ICOMOS members serve as chairs and members of various professional technical committees of the Trust and through these assist in formulating submissions on heritage matters and for specific places.

The Trust's annual Heritage Festival continues to expand, with this year's theme being industrial heritage. ICOMOS members were among the Heritage Award winners, including Civic Place Precinct with Hill Thalys Conservation Management Plan, and Alan Croker for his book on historic joinery. Alan will be among several ICOMOS members presenting at the forthcoming NSW Heritage Office seminar on traditional joinery in November.

International perspective

On 13th February many heritage practitioners gathered at the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts for an illustrated talk by Kate Clark about assessing the intangible benefits after ten years of the UK Heritage Lottery Fund.

The Sydney Opera House World Heritage nomination inspection occurred in

September. The NSW State Government is very supportive of the nomination. Many Australia ICOMOS members have been directly and indirectly involved, in the preparation and implementation of the conservation management plan and in the writing of the nomination. This is one of many examples of the presence of Australia ICOMOS members wherever conservation activity is taking place. Australia ICOMOS is able in this way to provide professional and independent advice on a wide range of matters and issues.

Conclusion

As the ICOMOS State Representative (e-mail stepowsk@tpg.com.au) I continue to provide e-mail feedback and reporting on the quarterly executive meetings, which is evidently appreciated by members.

October 2006

STATE REPORT SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Elizabeth Vines, South Australian Representative

In 2003 the South Australian Government released the *Heritage Directions* Report and as a continuation of this initiative, the Minister for Environment and Conservation released the *Heritage Directions Amendment Bill*. Changes to date include:

- Proclamation of the *Heritage (Heritage Directions) Amendment Act 2005* on 17 November 2005. This Act renamed the *Heritage Act 1993* the *Heritage Places Act 1993* and includes important changes to assist heritage management in South Australia including a general increase in penalties for breaches of the Act, and new provisions that require 'reasonable care' of a State Heritage place
- Expansion of the Heritage Advisory Service network to include Victor Harbour, Upper Spencer Gulf, and the Outback. *Sustainable Development Bill* drafted to improve local heritage management and being further debated in 2006 after being split into several smaller Bills.
- Creation of the new South Australian Heritage Council.

There has been some increase in the amount of State Funding for heritage in response to the recommendations of the *Heritage Directions Report*. However, by

comparison with eastern states, this funding is still inadequate to respond to requests for financial assistance from owners of state listed places.

At a local Government level, the Adelaide City Council continues to take no action in relation to protection of heritage places in North Adelaide which were identified in the 2004 heritage survey. More demolition of typical bluestone villas has occurred, followed by replacement with generally inappropriate large residences. There continues to be a level of concern in the community that lack of protection for heritage places in this part of the city will result in continuing and ongoing demolitions of heritage buildings.

In other local councils, heritage initiatives have been introduced including local heritage awards and local heritage incentive funds for a number of council areas. These have proved successful in promoting heritage protection. A number of Plan Amendment Reports have also been introduced updating heritage protection in local government areas.

The Executive Committee met in Adelaide in August and a successful social event was held to enable South Australians to meet the

Executive. This became a "China night event", with committee members sharing their experience at the Xi'an General Assembly meeting in October 2005.

As the ICOMOS State Rep, I have continued with a system of e-mail feedback and

reporting from the quarterly executive meetings. This allows members to feel closer to the activities of the executive committee and there has been positive response to this initiative.

October 2006

STATE REPORT TASMANIA

Peter Romey, Tasmanian Representative

During 2005 a number of important cultural heritage issues in Tasmania were brought to the attention of Australia ICOMOS, and in some cases were considered to be of sufficient importance to warrant input from the Executive Committee. A summary of the main issues that were considered by the committee in 2005 follows:

Recherche Bay

The proposal to undertake forestry operations on a private property at Recherche Bay in south-east Tasmania has been the subject of considerable debate since late 2002, both on Tasmania and beyond.

Australia ICOMOS had previously written to the Tasmanian Government emphasising the importance of comprehensive assessment (both documentary and physical) prior to the making of decisions about the development of Recherche Bay, especially in respect of substantial development including forestry operations. There is substantial documentary evidence that the area was the site of a vegetable garden planted by the D'Entrecasteau expeditions of 1792 and 1793 (and possibly other features). The matter has been raised in meetings with various Ministers responsible for the cultural heritage portfolio.

The Commonwealth Government has also been involved, and despite an earlier decision by the Minister for the Environment and Heritage to decline an emergency listing nomination, the entire north-east peninsula of Recherche Bay was eventually included on the National Heritage list in October 2005. Nevertheless the listing decision did not preclude the logging of one third of the area as it was determined that these operations would not damage the national heritage values of the place.

In February 2006 a joint funding arrangement was finalised by the Tasmanian government with a \$2m. contribution by businessman Dick Smith to allow purchase of the area of the site owned by the Vernon family and proposed for logging. The entire site is now proposed to be managed by a trust which will facilitate the protection of the cultural values of the site.

Following these initiatives to secure and protect the site, a cooperative archaeological programme was developed to further investigate evidence of the 1792 and 1793 D'Entrecasteau expeditions (as urged by Australia ICOMOS). The program was supported by the Commonwealth, Tasmanian and French governments, and the team spent 15 days in the wider Recherche Bay area in late April and early May.

The assessment was the first systematic field survey of the wider Recherche Bay area. The project aimed to clarify and further define the significance of the French expedition sites as well as ensuring that the earlier Aboriginal heritage and the later whaling, timber-getting and mining heritage of the area was not overlooked. The Project Team was led by Dr Jean-Christophe Galipaud, Head of the Archaeology Department, Research Institute for Development in Noumea, New Caledonia. Dr Galipaud was supported by Tasmanian archaeologist Greg Jackman from the Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority as well as Aboriginal heritage consultants, geologists, volunteers and staff from Heritage Tasmania.

The project focussed on four areas: the 1792 garden site on the North East Peninsula of Pigsties Bay, and the 1793 Esperance observatory and Forge sites at Rocky Bay. A search was also made for the

location of the grave site of a French gunner from the 1793 expedition buried at Rocky Bay.

The work involved geophysical survey of the four study areas using electromagnetic and magnetic detection methods. Physical recording, including measured drawing and detailed topographic surveying, of the study sites and associated features was carried out. Soil samples were taken for subsequent laboratory analysis. Local Aboriginal and 19th century European sites were also inspected in order to illuminate the long history of land use and landscape change, spanning thousands of years. The sites selected by the French expeditioners already had a long history of Aboriginal occupation, and were subsequently used by other Europeans attracted by the abundance of marine, timber and coal resources in the area. The Recherche Bay study has provided useful information that better resolves the historical layering at these sites, aiding the assessment of their historic heritage significance.

Dr Galipaud felt that the outcome of the days spent in the field was positive. "We feel that we have done what we planned to do during the fieldwork phase of the project. There is still quite some work on the data before we can conclude." The Aboriginal, Tasmanian and French team have since the field work been analysing the data collected, but preliminary indications are that there is little if any physical evidence of the expeditions.

National Heritage List

Following the inclusion of the Port Arthur Historic Site on the National Heritage List in June 2005, the first Australian convict site and the first Tasmanian place to be listed, the Tasmanian Government has proceeded to prepare National Heritage List nominations for the other Tasmanian sites proposed for World Heritage listing as components of the Australian Convict Sites serial nomination.

The sites are the Coal Mines Historic Site on the Tasman Peninsula (now managed by the Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority), the Cascades Female Factory Historic Site, and the Darlington site on Maria Island. Inclusion on the National Heritage List is generally regarded as a precursor to any proposed nomination for the World Heritage List.

World Heritage Nomination

Over the last three years or so the Tasmanian government through the Board of the Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority has taken an active role in urging the Federal Government to progress the nomination of the Australian Convict Sites for World Heritage listing. Prior to the 2006 Tasmanian State election, the Labor government had given a financial commitment of \$75,000 towards the preparation of the nomination. In late November 2005 the Department of the Environment and Heritage (DEH) had given an assurance that the nomination would be a priority once the Sydney Opera House nomination had been completed and dispatched to the World Heritage Committee in January 2006.

In late March 2006 a workshop was convened by officials of DEH to look at progressing both the world heritage nomination and a draft methodology for assessing Australian convict sites in the context of the National Heritage list. The workshop confirmed a provisional list of places that could be included in the nomination, and established a broad program and allocation of responsibilities among the stakeholders including budgets and community consultation.

The Commonwealth has given a substantial funding commitment and it is anticipated that the other states will also contribute in a substantial measure. A national steering committee has been established to progress the nomination, comprising representatives of the New South Wales, Tasmania and Western Australia heritage bodies and Norfolk Island. Initially, the target date for the nomination was January 2007, but this has now been revised to January 2008.

Hydro Power Stations

During 2006 there was considerable focus on the heritage values and management of Tasmania's earlier hydro electric power infrastructure.

Waddamana A and Waddamana B Power Stations were part of the Great Lakes Hydro-Electric Scheme, a private venture by the Hydro Electric Power and Metallurgical Company. Commenced in 1908, the project got into financial difficulties in 1914. Waddamana A became the first power station operated by the organisation that became the Hydro Electric Commission

when the project was taken over by the Tasmanian government in 1914. It was the main source of hydro power in Tasmania from its opening in 1916 until Shannon and Tarraleah power stations came on line from the mid-1930s. Waddamana B was proposed to double the capacity of Waddamana but was deferred until the late 1930s as part of the push for more power for industrial development equipment was ordered.

Waddamana A was closed in 1965 but has been used as a Museum from 1988. Waddamana B was kept in service until 1995 when it was closed. Both sites contain well preserved examples of the technology of hydro-electric power generation and a large collection of archival documents and movable cultural material items. In 2004-05 an overall heritage study of Hydro Tasmania's heritage assets was prepared, and as part of this program it was recognised that several power stations required conservation management plans to be prepared in order that their heritage value was fully identified and managed appropriately. A conservation management is now being prepared for both of these Hydro Tasmania historic industrial heritage.

The Lake Margaret Hydro-Electric Power Station was built by the Mount Lyell mining and railway company between 1911 and 1914 to provide electricity for the mine and the Queenstown community. It was the third hydro-electric facility in Tasmania. The power station was decommissioned by hydro Tasmania in June 2006. Plans are in place to remove much of the 2.5km King-Billy Pine Pipeline (which dates from 1938), which fed water from the lake to the power station.

Hydro Tasmania has stated that the pipeline is a liability and poses safety risks to those who visit. It claims that the Power Station requires a full refurbishment, the cost of which would not be justified given the option of cheaper alternatives.

The Lake Margaret Precinct and Power Station have been nominated to be included in the Tasmanian Heritage Register. They are an integral part of the West Coast of Tasmania and all associated infrastructure, and a testament to what was a major engineering feat for its time. At this stage the West Coast Council is proposing also to nominate it to the National register and has

refused the application by the Hydro to remove the pipeline. Further negotiations are expected to occur before the future of the power station is resolved.

New National Trust Director

Former Director of the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery in Launceston (and Australia ICOMOS member) Chris Tassell was appointed the new Chief Executive Officer of the National Trust in Tasmania by the Minister for Tourism, Arts and the Environment, Paula Wriedt.

"Chris Tassell took a lead role in developing the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery in Launceston into a cultural institution that is the pride of Northern Tasmania," Ms Wriedt said. "He is well positioned to make a tangible contribution to help the Trust to chart a new direction for itself. He is highly regarded and his skills and experience are recognised at a local, national and international level."

Ms Wriedt said that alongside the State Government's funding package of \$970,000 allocated in the State Budget, the appointment of a new CEO puts the Trust on track for exiting Administration at the end of the year.

New Director at Port Arthur Historic Site

Dr. Jane Harrington has been appointed to the role of Director, Conservation and Infrastructure at the Port Arthur Historic Site, replacing Peter Romey who has reluctantly departed to take up a Senior Associate role at the leading Sydney consultancy firm Godden Mackay Logan.

Before taking on the position at Port Arthur, Jane was working in Sydney in the position of Sydney Resource Manager for Biosis Research, a heritage consultancy involved with both natural and cultural heritage. Prior to Sydney, Jane was based in Townsville, obtained her PhD through the School of Anthropology, Archaeology and Sociology at James Cook University. Her doctoral thesis, completed in 2004, involved working with communities at three World Heritage Listed properties (in Australia, England and Thailand) and primarily addressed issues of cultural landscapes, social value, identity and attachment. During this time Jane had the opportunity to represent Australia ICOMOS, working in the Paris-based ICOMOS secretariat co-ordinating the Heritage at Risk report. Jane has also spent

a number of years with Heritage Victoria, and prior to this worked in the financial sector, in natural conservation and in publishing.

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STATE REPORT VICTORIA

Robyn Mullens, Victorian Representative, with Tim Hubbard and Helen Larder

Victoria's Heritage: Strengthening Our Communities

This year saw the completion of "*Victoria's Heritage: Strengthening our communities*", a landmark Government strategy which responds to community expectations for heritage management in Victoria. The Strategy articulates a broad vision for heritage conservation and interpretation, and delivers programs and initiatives that will strengthen communities' expectations for them to manage and interact with the State's diverse heritage places, objects and collections. The development of the Strategy involved extensive community consultation, with individuals and groups representing Indigenous, environmental, cultural, professional, business and local government organisations as well as State Government departments and agencies. Contributions were made in forums and workshops held across Victoria. Many Victorian based ICOMOS members were active participants. The Victorian Government announced in the 2006/07 budget that it would commit \$20.5 million dollars over the next four years to implement *Victoria's Heritage*.

The 31st of May was the 10th anniversary of the *Victorian Heritage Act*, which established the Victorian Heritage Council and the current processes for the identification, conservation and management of Victoria's cultural heritage.

Significant additions to the Victorian Heritage Register

Changes to the Victorian State *Heritage Act* in 2004 enabled objects in their own right to be added to the Register. The first such items recognised in 2005 including the *Ballarat Reform League Charter*, the *Eureka Flag* and the *Eight Hour Trade Union Banners*.

Promotions and Interpretation

Four years after the dig, the heritage interpretation at *Casselden Place* has been installed in the foyer of the now completed Casselden Place Towers. It provides a fascinating juxtaposition of artefacts and art

works. A partial archaeological excavation of the rare *Chinese Kiln and Market Garden, Bendigo* was undertaken in late 2005: it revealed the remains of a large domed clay brick kiln, artefacts including earthenware jars, Chinese glass gaming counters and bottle glass related to the use of the site as a market garden and residence from the 1880's. The recent publication of the cultural tourist *Goldfields' Heritage Trails Guidebook* should prove an invaluable asset to future travellers in the goldfields region as well as provide a more fulfilling cultural heritage experience.

The Victoria Goldfields

In September the Victorian Government announced that it would be seeking World Heritage listing for Victoria's goldfields. The announcement has been welcomed by many ICOMOS members who see the goldfields as a cultural landscape of international significance worthy of recognition. It would be of great interest to ICOMOS members if the Victorian goldfields could be part of a serial nomination with other places

Maritime Heritage

One of the highlights for maritime heritage was the *Iron, Steel and Steam Progressive Seminar* from 28 to 30 June 2006. Heritage Victoria's Maritime Heritage Unit hosted the Melbourne leg of the tri-city progressive seminar on shipwreck research. The Seminar was held in conjunction with the Western Australian Maritime Museum, the Australian National Maritime Museum and the Australasian Institute for Maritime Archaeology.

In 2005-2006, the Historic Shipwrecks Advisory Committee and the Heritage Council approved a trial access program for the City of Launceston protected zone. The program was intended to operate for four weeks in March and April 2006, but was extended to accommodate bad weather. Over the trial, 15 separate groups accessed the site.

Another maritime milestone was the addition of *HMVS Cerberus* to the National Register in December 2005. The HMVS Cerberus is important as evidence of the development of Australia as a nation and as part of the British Empire thought vulnerable to coastal attack and invasion.

Landscape Heritage

The Landscape Advisory Committee of the Heritage Council continues to promote the concept of cultural landscapes. In April its third annual forum was held at Buninyong, near Ballarat, with a particular focus on cultural landscapes in and around small country towns. The next forum, to be held at Glenormiston near Terang in late March, 2007, will address the volcanic landscapes of the Western District.

National Trust

The inclusion of the *Rippon Lea House and Garden* on the National Register was one of the highlights for Victoria's National Trust. This is the first mansion house and garden to be included on the National Register. The watering system at Rippon Lea is one of the earliest, most complex and relatively intact examples of nineteenth century underground engineering works found in Australia to maintain a private garden.

The National Trust, with funding from Vicroads and Heritage Victoria, is in the final stage of a three stage study of Victoria's bridges. The first stages were detailed studies of timber and metal bridges and the third stage, for concrete bridges. Funding has also been made available for the publication of the timber bridges study which will be out for Christmas 2006.

The Trust will be hosting a seminar in November 2006 on post-1950's architecture at the Melbourne Museum, with support from Australia ICOMOS, the Robin Boyd Foundation, DoCoMoMo and a grant from the Heritage Council.

Adaptation and changes to heritage places on the Victoria Heritage Register

Whilst there were several contentious proposals over the past year- including proposed demolition of the *Barwon Heads Bridge* for which heritage permits were sought - by far the greater proportion of permit applications were for well conceived

projects which ranged from modest changes such as the conversion of *Montrose Cottage, Ballarat* to a bed and breakfast as documented by the indefatigable Ballarat heritage architect Wendy Jacobs, to the completion after several years of the new *Albert and Barbara Tucker Gallery* at Heide Museum of Modern Art, Bulleen.

Recent award winners

RBA Architects, Janet and Roger Beeston, won the 2006 RAI A John George Knight award for heritage architecture for the South Melbourne Town Hall facade restoration and mansard roof reconstruction. The Memorial Hall, Melbourne Grammar School, South Yarra - an innovative contemporary insertion into the historic school complex - won Peter Elliott Architecture + Urban Design the 2006 RAI A Lachlan Macquarie Award for a heritage project. Both projects show the challenges involved in working in projects on much-loved heritage places. Congratulations to all involved.

Victoria ICOMOS Activities

A Christmas 2005 gathering was held in the Convent of the Good Shepherd, Abbotsford which also provided Nigel Lewis an opportunity to explain the site's history and how the complex will be used in the future.

An enjoyable evening was had for members and friends to view great slides and hear thoughtful commentaries by a number of members about their experiences at the ICOMOS General Assembly in Xi'an in October 2005 and their adventures touring China. Chinese refreshments were served.

The Australia ICOMOS Executive Committee met in Melbourne for its May 2006 meeting held at Heritage Victoria's Conservation Laboratory, Abbotsford. Conservator Annie Muir ably conducted a tour of the laboratory for the Committee and Victorian ICOMOS members, followed by a relaxing dinner at The Retreat Hotel, Abbotsford, being one of the classic corner pubs of Melbourne's inner-suburbs.

Many Victorian ICOMOS members attended the Heritage Advisers workshops managed by Heritage Victoria. A Christmas function for 2006 is planned.

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STATE REPORT WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Kelly Rippingale, West Australia Representative

Membership

A newsletter has been started that keeps local members informed of items such as the outcomes of the quarterly EC meetings and local events. It is hoped this will encourage greater activity amongst members and better links to the national body. We have continued to encourage new members and a broader cross-section of heritage professionals and have welcomed two new members during the year.

An additional WA representative was appointed to the Executive Committee for a two year term from November 2005. WA now has two representatives. Agnieszka Kiera, who has acted as the conference convenor for this year, and Kelly Rippingale who has taken over the role of state representative.

Meetings and events

In August the Fremantle Prison generously hosted a group of about 20 WA members who took a guided tour of the newly opened 'extreme heritage' experience through the prison tunnels. The project architects gave a presentation outlining the works and process to open this as a heritage tourism attraction. Most of those attending stayed on for dinner at the Prison's cafe.

A meeting to discuss general activities, events and organisation of ICOMOS WA was held in October and a core team of people showed interested in making things happen. Discussion included clarification of the roles and responsibilities of members and the type of issues that Australia ICOMOS gets involved with. Attempts were made to invite the then minister to a local event to meet members; however, this did not eventuate.

A submission was prepared to host a workshop on the new National Heritage legislation. The application was successful and the Department of Environment and Heritage funded Tracey Rich to run a workshop in November, jointly organised by Australia ICOMOS, the National Trust of Australia (WA) and the Royal Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA) Heritage Committee. Around 45 people attended and a range of professional areas were represented.

Additional events included an informal Christmas get-together at the Cottesloe Hotel, a presentation by two WA members who attended the General Assembly in Xi'an followed by drinks and discussion, and a tour of St George's Cathedral which has received \$4 million in federal and \$1 million in state funding over the past two years for conservation works.

Australia ICOMOS national conference

Agreement that WA would host the annual national conference was not made until late November 2005. However, since then a dedicated organising committee of seven people (including two non members), assistance from major sponsor the City of Fremantle, and appointment of professional conference organisers has meant that all aspects have come together smoothly and the conference promises to be a success.

The Australia ICOMOS 2006 national conference will explore challenges and changes in the context of historic port cities. It will explore questions regarding the role of modern ports and their relationship with surrounding urban environments, balancing cultural significance with operational needs, the role of heritage professionals and the community with reference to issues such as adaptive reuse, economic drivers, urban and industrial expansion, evolution and development, interpretation and the ongoing use of industrial sites and waterfronts. Understanding the challenge of change facing ports, their towns and cities should shed light on issues facing the wider industrial / urban heritage context.

Heritage Council of WA

New WA Premier Alan Carpenter undertook a cabinet reshuffle on his commencement including a change in the heritage portfolio - the fifth in as many years. The Heritage Council is now under the auspices of the Department of Housing and Works rather than the Water and Rivers Commission.

The Heritage Council co-ordinated the development of a Heritage Tourism Strategy in 2005-06. During 2006, the strategy was formally launched and its implementation is to follow. In support of the Heritage Tourism Strategy, two studies were completed that

identified heritage themes with tourism value and evaluated the economic benefits of heritage tourism in three regions. These studies will assist Government and private sector organisations to develop heritage tourism attractions and maximise the economic benefits they deliver.

National Trust of Australia (WA)

The National Trust of Australia (WA) in conjunction with the WA branch of Museums Australia has commissioned preparation of guidelines for interpretation projects. Funded by Lotterywest, it aims to provide local governments, small museums, environmental and other community groups with a simple, plain English tool for better interpretation. The draft guidelines are being trialled as part of the 2006 Lotterywest Cultural Heritage - Interpretation grant round.

The Trust in WA received significant funding by American Express® through the World Monuments Fund® to raise awareness of the threats to the significant petroglyph site on the Burrup Peninsula from state government sanctioned industrial development. A series of workshops and forums have been held around the country on the heritage values of the precinct.

Major projects include various places along the Golden Pipeline, Central Greenough, York Courthouse and the Artillery Drill Hall in Fremantle. New acquisitions include the Pinjarra Courthouse, Royal George Hotel and the Masonic Lodge in Cue. The Trust's national heritage branch continues a successful program of voluntary land covenanting and a revolving fund for bush land.

Other

Development

Major development proposals in WA that impact on significant heritage places include development proposals for industry on the Dampier Archipelago; a multi million dollar redevelopment of the Perth Treasury Buildings which represent the work of some of Western Australia's most eminent public architects, and a \$200 million development of a vacant portion of land on Fremantle Ports' heritage listed Victoria Quay.

New Department

The state Department of Environment has merged with the Department for Conservation and Land Management to

form a new Department of Environment and Conservation which will have a budget of \$270m annually and 1, 800 staff state-wide. This brings the state in line with the Commonwealth, NSW and Queensland who each have single agencies. There are also plans to merge the Conservation Commission and Marine Parks and Reserves Authority to create a new Biodiversity Commission.

Local Government

The City of Fremantle continues to focus on its heritage including hosting the annual Fremantle Heritage Festival, now in its 15th year. An extensive program this year highlighted the heritage of the city and included heritage awards, local history awards, heritage workshops, exhibitions, tours and walks.

The City of Perth, in partnership with the National Trust of Australia (WA), has set up an independent heritage fund that will make grants to assist owners of heritage sites with conservation and interpretation. A National Trust Tax Deductible Appeal has been initiated with a target of \$5 million over the next 5 years.

Grant funding

Lotterywest continues to allocate approximately \$1 million worth of funding for its annual conservation of cultural heritage grants program in addition to the funds for interpretation of cultural heritage. The Heritage Council of WA allocated nearly \$1 million to private property owners in its 2005-06 funding round.

Heritage Forum

Responding to the Heritage Minister's request for advice on the state of heritage in WA, Fremantle City Councillor Les Lauder, recently appointed Heritage Ambassador for WA, organised a forum in July to discuss how best to advance Western Australia's heritage in an ideal world. The forum was organised by the Fremantle City Council and attended by 22 people representing a variety of organisations and individuals working in the heritage industry. A number of recommendations came out of the forum and Cr Lauder has taken these for further discussions with the Minister.

State of the Environment Report

The draft State of the Environment report for Western Australia, previously undertaken in 1992 and 1998, has been co-ordinated by

the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA). It has been developed over the past 3 years under a steering committee and 16 working groups and was released for comment in June 2006. The report aims to identify environmental issues facing WA and the current condition of the state's environment. One of the steering groups focused on indigenous, built and natural heritage.

The key findings summarised in the report's introduction are:

- Over the past five years there have been incremental losses of heritage places in WA.
- Some heritage places have declined in condition.
- Some types of heritage are not well recognised or adequately protected.

- Many heritage places have multiple heritage values.
- Heritage is dynamic and the community's appreciation of heritage is continually evolving.
- WA's heritage places support urban and rural amenity by contributing to a sense of place, and by enhancing the quality of our environment generally.
- Heritage values are rarely realised in financial terms. However, heritage conservation can aid economic prosperity by contributing to the attractiveness of the living and working environment, by stimulating and supporting tourism and by encouraging economic diversification and investment in a locality or region.

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NATIONAL PARKS & WILDLIFE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Jean Rice, ICOMOS representative

Known as NPWAC, its role is constituted under the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act to advise the Minister for the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) on matters relating to the care, control and management of Service areas. Members of the Council are stipulated in the Act and include a cross section of community views. Jean Rice was reappointed to the Council in December 2005 for a second four year term having been selected by the Minister from a panel of three, nominated by ICOMOS. This appointment will finish on 29 July 2009 by which time ICOMOS will need to call for new nominees.

Council meets for a full day four times a year, and once a year with the executive. Council business is generally confidential and limited by the Act but summaries of topics considered are prepared after each meeting and circulated to Regional Advisory Committees. Recent issues have been input into the 'Living Parks' strategy and the DEC Corporate Plan. There were also concerns about environmental weeds particularly 'lippia', the inclusion of conservation provisions in leases for heritage buildings and concern over the issue of shooting licences in State Forests particularly where they adjoin park estate. ICOMOS also made

extensive comments on a draft Cultural Heritage Strategic Policy, which has yet to be finalised. There is also an ongoing external review of the Plan of Management Process. A new Memorandum of Understanding between the Council and the Department was drafted and signed. This includes procedures for the appointment of alternate members when a council member cannot attend. Council and the Department have recently adopted a more strategic approach, discussing particular issues in more depth at each meeting. The first discussion was about wildlife management and the next proposed is about fire management and use. Sub-committees assist the work of the Council.

Jean has sat on the Management Planning Sub-Committee for the last five years and convened it for the last two. The committee usually meets monthly for a one-day office meeting and a two-day weekend field trip. The Management Planning sub-committee generally considers new management plans, which are placed on public exhibition. Where possible places are inspected during the planning process or when on exhibition, generally with local field staff and local advisory committees. When public submissions are received, Service

recommendations are forwarded to Advisory Committees then to the Council for comment before being sent back to Advisory Committees and finally to the Minister as the advice required by the Act.

In the last year particular issues were: the extent of roads in South East Forest National Park and other parks which were State Forests and have been added to the reserve system as part of the Regional Forests Agreement: Currently in Kumbatine National Park there is consideration of the management of access to and conservation of the lime kilns site as a cultural landscape.

During the last year the sub-committee finalised the review of submissions for Kosciusko National Park and reviewed submissions for Chambigne, Koukandowie, Hortons Creek, Wooyung, Sea Acres, Jingellic, Clarkes Hill, Bogandyera, Cuumbean, Stony Creek, Wanna Wanna, Big Scrub, Narrawallee, Kororo, Burnt School, Strike-a-Light, Hattons Corner, Mount Dowling, Black Andrew, Mudjarn, Kuma and Central Monaro Nature Reserves

and for Tomaree, South East Forest, Warra, Bago Bluff, Arakwal, Bimberamala and the Seal Rocks additions to Myall Lakes National Parks and for the Lennox Head Aboriginal Area and Clybucca Historic Site. Inspections were made of Winburndale, Wambool, Cooperhanna and Kangaroo Valley Nature Reserves and to Brindabella, Meroo, Conjola, South Richmond Range and Ben Boyd National Parks and Barnunj State Conservation Area.

The Council chair and convenors of committees have not been able to meet with the Minister this year but met with the Minister's Office in February. The Director regularly attends meetings and is available to discuss issues. The management of 'karst' areas is changing and a Karst Management Unit is to be established in the Parks and Wildlife Division of DEC. There will also be a Karst Management Advisory Committee. A new Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee first met in May 2006.

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