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***On Line Registration Now Available***

Corrugations: The Romance & Reality of Historic Roads
Website at www.corrugations.net.au.

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*** Early Registration Has Been Extended To 17 July ***

15th GA and Scientific Symposium of ICOMOS
Xi’an, China 17-21 October 2005
Website www.international.icomos.org/xian2005
Post Conference Tours: www.international.icomos.org/xian2005/tours.pdf

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1) Corrugations: The Romance and Reality of Historic Roads
November 25th 28th 2005

On-line registration now available
Early Registration Discounts - Available prior to 1st September

The Australia ICOMOS Conference 2005 “Corrugations: The Romance and Reality of Historic Roads” is now open to on-line and off-line registrations. Visit the conference website at www.corrugations.net.au to register, view the brochure, explore the programme and much more!

This week, we will profile Helen Weston, a valuable member of the Corrugations Conference Organising Committee.

Helen Weston    BTRP, MEnvSc, FRAPI, MEIA

Helen is an experienced environmental and social planner with considerable experience in environmental assessment and community consultation for transport infrastructure projects. Helen is Director, Environmental Affairs Pty Ltd, a specialist environmental and urban planning practice. She has worked on road upgrading projects in most Australian states and in India and Vietnam over the last 20 years as well as projects in the rail and airport sectors.
Helen is a member of ICOMOS and has served as a Member of both the Heritage Council of New South Wales (1987-90) and the Historic Buildings Council, Victoria (1985-86).

Helen’s project experience in relation to the planning and implementation of major road projects includes:

- Community consultation workstream leader for Pacific Highway upgrade between F3 to Raymond Terrace for RTA
- Environmental workstream co-ordinator for route options development and EIS for 22 km Pacific Highway upgrade between Moorland and Herons Creek for NSW Roads and Traffic Authority.
- Planning Panels Victoria, Member of Advisory Committee for proposed VicRoads Calder Highway upgrading from Faraday to Ravenswood.
- Co-ordinator of EIS for 10 km Pacific Highway bypass of Karuah for NSW Roads and Traffic Authority.
- Project manager for Supplementary EES for 35 km Goulburn Valley Highway bypass of Shepparton
- Human environment discipline manager, Shepparton Bypass Planning Study and EES for VicRoads
- Co-ordination of Sector Environmental Report and Environmental Impact Statement for Stage 1 of World Bank-funded Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project, India.
- Environmental and social analyst for AusAID pre-feasibility mission for proposed My Thuan bridge across the Mekong River, Vietnam
- Community Relations Manager for Balderstone Hornibrook Bilfinger + Berger Joint Venture on the construction of M5 East Motorway, Beverly Hills to Kyemagh, Sydney.

2) Update for Australian ICOMOS members attending the General Assembly in Xian

The year is racing by! Hopefully many people have now completed their registration for the General Assembly, and are firming up their travel arrangements and accommodation.

The deadline for the early registration fee has been extended to 17 July 2005. There is a substantial saving for people who register before that date - so everyone is encouraged to register NOW.

We have received advice that the organisers of the post-conference tours have confirmed that all advertised tours WILL go ahead (ie. even though some may have small numbers). However, they need to know the level of interest for each tour urgently, so please complete your tour registrations and forward them to the organisers as soon as possible!

If you are still thinking about attending, but aren't sure, we would like to have you on our list. If you haven't already done so, please send an email to Sue Jackson-Stepowski, the Australia ICOMOS Executive Committee member who is looking after the circulation of information to Australian participants. Her email address is stepowsk@tpg.com.au.
3) Australia ICOMOS Volunteers (Past and Present) PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION INQUIRY

As part of the Australia ICOMOS submission to the inquiry, we are trying to quantify the amount of voluntary work done by our members on behalf of ICOMOS. This would include attending meetings as an ICOMOS representative, preparing submissions to government on behalf of ICOMOS, attending executive committee meetings, and membership of international scientific committees.

If you are doing or have done things like this for ICOMOS, could you please send Peter Phillips a quick e-mail (peter@opp.net.au) or fax (02 9241 7075) with an estimate of your time in days per year, and a short description of what the time was spent on? The information is needed by 1 July so that it can be included in the submission before the deadline.

4) Book Reviewer Sought For 'HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT'

Reliable, literate reviewer sought to make intelligent comments on the following:

Ireland's Heritages: Critical Perspectives on Memory and Identity. Edited by Mark McCarthy. Ashgate Publishing, Aldershot, 2005

See the Ashgate website for further detail: www.ashgate.com

It's an anthology of essays on the geography, history and archaeology of Irish heritage. I read the chapter on house museums - very pointed!

The review should note comparisons and insights re Irish circumstances and Australian cases.

Deadline is 9 September 2005; max length is 800 words.

Please express your interest to Linda Young, Reviews Editor: linda.young@canberra.edu.au

5) Gallipoli Update

Some members have expressed interest in what is happening with regard to Gallipoli, and what involvement Australia ICOMOS has been able to have. So, here is a quick update.

Following the conservation issues at Gallipoli which came to widespread public attention around Anzac Day this year, Australia ICOMOS wrote to the Prime Minister with two suggestions:
Conservation Management Planning for all the heritage values of Gallipoli (jointly with Turkey and New Zealand)
Coordination of communications and the contribution of Australian Stakeholders and Experts

Members will recall that the Prime Minister, meeting recently in Turkey with his counterpart Mr Recep Tayipp Erdogan, agreed to an engineering study and a joint historical survey (which includes archaeological values). So far, there’s not a lot of additional information, including the method, scope and study area for the survey, and the links between the studies and future management
arrangements.

The Department of Veterans Affairs is coordinating Australia’s involvement in the historical and archaeological survey, with input from other Government agencies, including the Department of the Environment & Heritage.

We have briefly discussed our suggestions with the Department of the Environment & Heritage, and are currently taking steps to contact and begin discussions with the relevant staff of the Department of Veterans Affairs. We have also kept in touch with our ICOMOS New Zealand colleagues, who report that there has naturally been a high degree of interest in these matters in New Zealand also.

This month, the Senate Finance and Public Finance Committee conducted a brief Inquiry into ‘Matters relating to the Gallipoli Peninsula’. The terms of reference were:

a. the circumstances surrounding the request by the Australian Government to the Turkish Government in August 2004 to undertake work to ease congestion on the Gallipoli Peninsula;
b. the role of the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr Downer), the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Department of Veterans’ Affairs, the Attorney-General’s Department, the Office of Australian War Graves, the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and Environment Australia in the road works, and related construction activity, at ANZAC Cove in the lead-up to ANZAC Day on 25 April 2005;
c. the heritage protection of ANZAC Cove, including the proposed joint historical and archaeological survey of ANZAC Cove and proposals for the establishment of an international peace park, as well as national and world heritage listing for the area; and
d. any other related matters.

Australia ICOMOS made a submission to that Inquiry (see the weblink at the end of this report), as did numerous other organisations and individual practitioners and researchers with an interest in the heritage of Gallipoli. We particularly expressed an interested in item (c) - that is the long term protection of the heritage of the area. The Committee’s hearings were held last week, and their report is expected soon.

Throughout our involvement, we have urged a cooperative approach both among Australian stakeholders and researchers, and also between the several nations with historical ties to the area. Obviously, the greatest respect towards the Turkish nation and people is needed, and the discussions will proceed with the highest degree of sensitivity.

We have also urged a non-partisan approach to the issues here in Australia, and have spent very little effort criticising the recent works and imperfect decision making other than to point to the extent to which they illustrate the need for conservation management planning. Surely the most important goal shared by everyone is to ensure the best future management for Gallipoli.

Government officers appearing before the Senate Committee indicated that a group of Australian officials (including from DEH) have travelled to Turkey this week in order to continue the important discussions. We wish them every success.

If Australia ICOMOS members have any further queries, or wish to contribute to our future involvement in this matter, please contact me via the Secretariat (austicomos@deakin.edu.au).

Web references for the Senate Committee Inquiry:
Australia ICOMOS submission:
6) Conference: Legacies of Slavery: Comparative Perspectives

Monday 11 July 2005

Centre for Cross-Cultural Research
The Australian National University

Convened by Dr. Maria Suzette Fernandes Dias, this one day conference will bring together scholars from history, literature, anthropology, art history and cultural studies to examine the indelible mark left by slavery on societies, cultures and peoples all over the world and the artistic and literary attempts by artists and writers to mitigate this stigmata of History and reclaim their slave ancestry.

The proclamation by the United Nations General Assembly of the International Year to Commemorate the Struggle against Slavery and its Abolition during 2004, marked the culmination of recent efforts to re-engage with slavery's past. Over the past decade, there has been an upsurge of national and international exhibitions and conferences on the impact of slavery, such as UNESCOs Slave Route Project. Yet, these efforts have largely focused on the Atlantic World, raising questions about the legacy of slavery in other societies. In Asia, the Pacific and Europe, slavery still remains on the margins of national and post-colonial histories. Despite deep and widespread public outrage, slavery continues to affect some 27 million people worldwide today (and that is more people than at any point in the history of humanity), persisting under new forms of massive violations of the human rights bonded labour, child labour, prostitution, slavery by descent, trafficking etc.

Keynote speakers
Prof. Patrick Manning, Director, World History Centre, Northeastern University, Boston
A/Prof. Bill Ashcroft, University of New South Wales

For further details about the program and speakers, please click the link below:
Legacies of Slavery: Comparative Perspectives - conference- Register online

7) IAA's 2005 conference
Nature Culture: Interpreting the Divide...

2005 Interpretation Australia National Conference
2-6 October, Strahan, Tasmania
Explore vital issues in an extraordinary place at this year's IAA National Conference. What better
place is there than Strahan in the heart of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area to discuss ideas like:

- Where does nature end and culture begin?
- Does culture trample nature?
- What are some practical ways of reconnecting culture and nature: people and the environment?

Come along to a region rich in Aboriginal, convict, mining and forestry heritage and interact with thought-provoking keynote speakers James Carter (Scotland), Jim Everett (Tasmania), Sam Ham (USA) and Julia Clark (Tasmania). It will be a stimulating and challenging conversation between heritage interpreters, park rangers, museum advisors, communications experts, designers, historians, planners and conservation buffs in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

Field trips (included in registration fees): 7 half-day field trips and a choice of:
- a cruise on Macquarie Harbour and up the magnificent Gordon River
- a great short railway journeys on the West Coast Wilderness Railway

Registration Fees
Early-bird, IAA Member = $550 Early-bird cut-off date is July 31!
Early-bird, Non-Member, or Standard IAA Member = $620
Full-time Student/Unwaged = $420

More information
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Interpretation Australia Association [www.interpretationaustralia.asn.au](http://www.interpretationaustralia.asn.au)

Join us and experience the startling transformation of Strahan from a place of conservation conflict to an ecotourism icon!

Pam Enting
IAA Vice President
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8) In Memoriam: Roberto Di Stefano

We have received news from ICOMOS Italy of the recent death of Roberto Di Stefano, who was President of International ICOMOS 1987-1990.

9) Government Media Releases

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TITLE: REGIONAL PROGRAMS SUSTAINING OUR LAND JOINT MEDIA RELEASE 17 JUNE 2005
Environment and Heritage Portfolio
SNIPPET: The 2003-04 Regional Programs Report details the achievements of regional investment through the $3 billion Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) and the $1.4 billion National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAP).

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TITLE: $9.7 MILLION TO ESTABLISH MARITIME COLLEGE AT POINT NEPEAN MEDIA RELEASE 17 JUNE 2005
Environment and Heritage Portfolio
SNIPPET: Greg Hunt MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage today presented a $9.7 million cheque from the Australian Government to the Australian Maritime College for the establishment of a National Centre for Marine and Coastal Conservation at Point Nepean on the Mornington Peninsula.
10) Situation Vacant
Conservation and Collections Manager

Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts
Executive Level 1
Conservation and Collections Manager
Position No:  45114
Classification: Executive Level 1
Salary Range:  $67,455 - $75,252 (Subject to 4% increase 1 July)

Ongoing position

Job Title: Conservation and Collections Manager
Branch: Old Parliament House
Division: Arts & Sport

Keen to work in a challenging job at one of Australia's most significant heritage sites?

As a major heritage site and museum of political and parliamentary history, Old Parliament House is a must-see heritage destination which immerses visitors in the life and politics of Australia. We are seeking a skilled and motivated person to manage the Collections and Conservation Section at Old Parliament House.

You will have experience as a decision maker working within the Commonwealth's new Heritage regime, as well as a demonstrated ability to manage multiple projects. You will have sound knowledge of moveable heritage issues in historic sites and an understanding of operating within a federal government framework.

Contact: Steven Fox 02 6270 8170  www.dcita.gov.au
Selection documentation may be obtained from Diana Tapscott 02 6270 8176 (recruitment@dcita.gov.au) -
Apply: Recruitment Manager GPO Box 2154 Canberra City ACT 2601
Agency Recruitment Link:  www.dcita.gov.au
Applications close 7 July 2005

11) Vacancies at Biosis Research Pty Ltd

Biosis Research Pty. Ltd., a leading firm providing consulting services in both Cultural and Natural Heritage, is seeking to appoint one Senior Archaeologist in our Melbourne Office in Port Melbourne, and two Archaeologists in our Sydney Office in Chippendale. We pride ourselves on providing a work environment that supports flexibility and independence and promotes equitable participation in project management and project activities. The positions will be part of the Cultural Heritage Group of Biosis Research, working with our cultural heritage and natural heritage consultants. For both the Melbourne and Sydney positions opportunities exist to participate in projects run through our offices in Melbourne, Sydney, Ballarat and Queanbeyan.

**MELBOURNE VACANCY**

Senior Archaeologist (Consultant Level 3 - technical expert and project manager)
The attributes you will need for this position include high motivation and strong leadership ability. You will be working with our cultural heritage consultants and will have the field skills and experience in Aboriginal archaeology to be capable of providing cultural heritage advice and guidance to our clients. Your responsibilities will include participating in, conducting and managing projects, and the production of technical reports. Additional duties will include proposal writing, marketing and maintaining a profile in the professional community as a senior archaeologist.

Applicants should have appropriate tertiary qualifications and at least five years field experience in Aboriginal archaeology. Additional experience in historical archaeology would be considered favourably. Technical knowledge of cultural heritage of southeastern Australia is essential. Previous consulting experience is essential. A background in applying current Victorian legislation, a history of managing projects, experience in panels and well-developed team skills (including excellent communication) are also desirable. Competency with computers and a current manual driver licence are a must along with a keen desire to be part of a team of nine specialist cultural heritage consultants.

A position description is available on request. To apply, please forward a copy of your resume with a covering letter that highlights your relevant experience, to:

SYDNEY VACANCIES

The attributes you will need for either position include high motivation, ability to work with a team and good organisational and communication skills. You will have field skills and experience in Aboriginal archaeology to be capable of providing cultural heritage advice and guidance to our clients. Additional experience in historical archaeology would be considered favourably. Your responsibilities will include participating in, conducting and managing small to medium sized projects, undertaking fieldwork and the production of technical reports. Additional duties will include proposal writing, marketing and maintaining a profile in the professional community. Competency with computers and a current manual driver licence are a must, along with a keen desire to be part of a team of nine specialist cultural heritage consultants.

Archaeologist (Consultant Level 1)
Applicants should have appropriate tertiary qualifications and at least 1 year’s field experience in Aboriginal archaeology. An understanding of current NSW and Commonwealth heritage legislation is also desirable, as is a familiarity with the principles and practices of cultural heritage management.

Archaeologist (Consultant Level 2)
Applicants should have appropriate tertiary qualifications and at least 2 year’s consulting experience in Aboriginal archaeology, preferably in southeastern Australia. This should include proven experience consulting with Aboriginal communities. Knowledge of cultural heritage management practices and technical approaches is essential. Proven experience working to deadlines is also essential. An understanding of current NSW and Commonwealth heritage legislation is desirable, as is a history of project management and working within a team environment.

The relevant position descriptions are available on request and can be obtained from Jane Harrington, Sydney Resource Group Manager. To apply for either position, please forward a copy of your resume with a covering letter that clearly states which position you are applying for and summarises your relevant experience, to:

If you would like to suggest an event, story, course etc for the Australia ICOMOS E-Mail News or submit an article, send an e-mail to the Australia ICOMOS Secretariat at: austicomos@deakin.edu.au

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