1) Secretariat Closure over Holidays
The Secretariat Office of Australia ICOMOS Inc will close over the Holiday period. The last email news for the year is scheduled to be distributed on **Thursday 22 December, 2005**. The office is scheduled to re-open on **Friday 13 January, 2006**.

2) Issues related to the Heritage provisions of the EPBC Act?
After nearly two years of operation, many Australia ICOMOS members will have had experiences in working with the heritage provisions of the Commonwealth's EPBC Act. To inform our ongoing discussions with the Government, and given that operational improvements may be contemplated at some stage, Australia ICOMOS is interested to compile a list of issues and possible improvements arising from the experience of our members. Interested members should send a brief email outlining the issues you have encountered and your suggested solutions/adjustments, to Duncan Marshall (*marsd@ozemail.com.au*) in the first instance by 23 December.

3) Editor of Historic Environment
Dr. Aedeen Cremin has for a number of years carried out the somewhat herculean task of General Editor Historic Environment, of the journal of Australia ICOMOS. The journal is refereed and published as three issues each year. Two issues are based on conference papers, and are funded from conference profits or other income associated with the conferences. The third issue is unthemed and is intend 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.
If you are still reading this you will be interested to know that each issue of the journal takes about four months to prepare. The refereeing and sub-editing stages can be lengthy and complex procedures, and are coordinated by the General Editor. Each issue also contains a number of book reviews, which are coordinated by Dr Linda Young. Dr. Young receives books from the publishers and sends them out to reviewers, generally members of Australia ICOMOS with expertise in the particular field covered by the book.

Aedeen is intending to retire as General Editor after publication of the second volume in 2006, due for publication around the middle of the year. If there are any other interested and suitably qualified potential editors out there in ICOMOS world we would like to hear from you. Please contact the Convenor of the Australia ICOMOS Publications Committee, Peter Romey on 03 6251 2330 or peter.romey@portarthur.org.au.

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4) Now available

The Secretariat Office has a limited number of copies of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act User’s Guide which were kindly given to us by Heritage Outreach Officer, EPBC Unit (The EPBC Unit is a joint project of WWF Australia, the Australian Council of National Trusts and the Tasmanian Conservation Trust). Be one of the first ten people to reply giving your postal address (within Australia) and we will send you a copy!

There are limited supplies of sales items allocated to the conference which are still remaining and we would like to offer these to interested people who were unable to attend.

Still available are:
- Assessing Social Values: Communities and Experts $5
- T Shirts (size s m l xl) $10
- Historic Environment Special Edition June 2000 - (Index Volumes 1-14) $5.00

This special offer will only be available until the end of 2005.

We also have recently received stocks of the Australia ICOMOS Lapel Pins at $6

Please forward your cheque and details of your order to

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5) From: Tasmania Heritage-News:
November 2005 - A Bulletin From Heritage Tasmania

Restoration of Powder Jetty to begin
The historic sandstone Powder Jetty abutment on Hobart’s Queens Domain forforeshore will be restored under a project announced by Environment and Planning Minister Judy Jackson earlier this month.

Stage 2 for Low Head Pilot Station receives funding
The conservation and tourism potential of the historic Low Head Pilot Station will be further improved with a combined funding package from the Australian and Tasmanian Governments and the George Town Council.

Stone workshop success
A group of conservation enthusiasts appreciated the humour of being branded the “largest gathering in Oatlands since the last public hanging”. The enthusiasts had gathered at the historic Court House to attend a one-day workshop on how to solve their stone problems, from cracking walls to rising damp.

Port Arthur Talks
Law and Order: The legal history of Van Diemen's Land 1803 - 1855
Dr Stefan Petrow
When the British arrived at Sydney Cove in 1788 they brought with them not just the convict cargo but also English law. From 1788 their law, according to Bruce Kercher, “spread across Australia, stripping away the rights of its original occupants, tearing the flesh from the backs of the convicts who had endured the voyage from England, and helping to establish the most distant outpost of western civilisation ... this imported law took a central role in Australian history, shaping its basic relationships while bending to the demands of the vast dry continent” This statement also applies to Van Diemen’s Land. This talk will consider the role of the law in the life of the settlers and convicts in Van Diemen’s Land, and look at some of the legal institutions that were set up and examine how they operated in a range of areas, with emphasis on the Supreme Court. The focus will be on criminal law and some cases will be discussed. ALL WELCOME! Wednesday, December 14, 2005 at the Junior Medical Officer’s House Conference Room, Port Arthur Historic Site, at 5:30 pm. For more information please call 6251 2324 or 6251 2300.

Tasmania Together 5 Year Review: Have your say:
http://www.tasmaniatogether.tas.gov.au

For information relating to this e bulletin please contact Ester Guerzoni on 6233 4152, or email ester.guerzoni@heritage.tas.gov.au

6) Gardens of Earthly Delight - the story of Melbourne's public gardens

Stuart Read has alerted us to this show in Melbourne's City Museum* between now & February 06:
Gardens of Earthly Delight - the story of Melbourne's public gardens is a small, but rich assemblage telling stories of key public parks, their makers, shapers, and changing social attitudes to public leisure, recreation and delight, from c.1840-today. A major influx of wealth from gold, plus enlightened ideas about the need for urban oases resulted in a rich legacy of open spaces, many dating from the 1850s, and most today reflecting makeovers and tastes of 1920s and 1930s urban horticulture.

The influence and roles of key players like Governor La Trobe, Bateman, Hodgkinson, Von Mueller, the Guilfoyles (2) and J T Smith are outlined, and key events and dates in parks' evolution highlighted.

Luscious recent aerial photographs by John Gollings, historic plans and photographs, enticing memorabilia like William Guilfoyle's field notebook, stuffed with specimens, old tools, posters from the Cremorne Pleasure Gardens (lost) etc - rich archives of the City Cel., University of Melbourne, State Library, and loans from Victorian members of the Australian Garden History Society, like Ken Duxbury's post cards of the Royal Botanic Gardens, make this a trove indicating the rich collections on garden history here.

* Melbourne City Museum, Old Treasury Building, Spring Street/Top of Collins Street
9-5 Mon-Fri; 10-4 Sat/Sun/Public Holidays until February 2006
Closed Xmas & Boxing Day
Entry: $8.50/5/family $18
More info: 03 9651 2233 e: info@citymuseummelbourne.org or www.citymuseummelbourne.org

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7) Government Media Releases

TITLE: $3.4 million to improve protection of Indigenous heritage - Media Release 2 December 2005
PORTFOLIO: Environment and Heritage
SNIPPET: Senator the Hon Ian Campbell. The Australian Government will provide $3.4 million in funding to improve the protection and management of Indigenous heritage in 200607, the Minister for the Environment and Heritage, Senator Ian Campbell, announced today. I encourage all Indigenous people, and other Australians interested in the promotion and protection of our Indigenous cultural heritage, to apply for these grants, Senator Campbell said.

TITLE: Grants to help Australia's most important historic places - Media Release 2 December 2005
PORTFOLIO: Environment and Heritage
SNIPPET: Senator the Hon Ian Campbell. The first round of the Australian Governments new initiative to help care for Australia’s most important historic
The Minister for the Environment and Heritage, Senator Ian Campbell, said today. The National Heritage Investment Initiative (NHII) supports projects that restore and conserve the most important historic heritage places around the country through practical assistance.

**Title:** Antarctica to host Queen's Baton - Media Release 2 December 2005

**Portfolio:** Environment and Heritage


**Snippet:** Senator the Hon Ian Campbell. Senator Campbell said the Queens Baton was travelling to all 71 countries of the Commonwealth in what was the longest relay in the world. This year’s programme has begun well with two key scientific projects - Impact of Human Activities in Antarctica and Amery Ice Shelf Ocean Research - already underway.

**Title:** Award-winning scientist to chair Antarctic advisory body - Media Release 8 December 2005

**Portfolio:** Environment and Heritage


**Snippet:** Senator the Hon Ian Campbell. "Professor Blackall has a long involvement with the Australian Antarctic Programme as a member of the Life Sciences Antarctic Research Assessment Committee." The Antarctic Science Advisory Committee (ASAC), in collaboration with the wider Antarctic scientific committee, sets the scientific directions of Australia's Antarctic Programme.

**Title:** Conservation team sets sail for Mawson's Huts - Media Release 8 December 2005

**Portfolio:** Environment and Heritage


**Snippet:** Senator the Hon Ian Campbell. A works party will sail for Cape Denison, Antarctica, on 9 December, to undertake conservation work on Mawson's Huts remnants of the Heroic Era' of Antarctic exploration and an important symbol of Australia's pioneering spirit. Conservation efforts were mounted by the AAD in 1977-78, 1984-85, 1985-86, 1997-98, 2001-02 (with the Mawson's Huts Foundation) and in 2002-03.

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**8) The International Course of Wood Conservation Technology**

The Aust ICOMOS Secretariat Office has received a few copies of this pamphlet with further details of the 12th International Course of Wood Conservation Technology - ICWCT 2006.

**“ICWCT 2006”**

Course Announcement

The ICWCT will be held in Norway from Monday 29 May to Friday 7 July 2006 (six weeks)
This is a course on the conservation of cultural heritage made of wood. It is directed towards professional who have been working in the field for some years within the field of wood conservation.

The course is organised under the auspices of UNESCO by ICCROM Riksantikvaren The Directorate for Cultural Heritage, Norway NTNU - Norwegian University of Science Technology, Norway, NIKU Norwegian Institute for Cultural Heritage Research, Norway The Museum of Cultural History, University of Oslo, Norway.

Applications should be sent by 1 February 2006 to International Course on Wood Conservation Technology, Riksantikvaren Dronningensgate 13 PO Box 8196 Dep., N-0034 Oslo, Norway

Further information from Eir Grytli Fax +47 73 59 50 83 Email: Eir.Grytli@ark.ntnu.no Or email merete.winness@niku.no

9) Graduate Certificate in Art Authentication

In art production, collection, trade and conservation, authenticity is a concern that reaches from the studio to the courtroom. Artists, curators, collectors, conservators, police, lawyers and insurance providers can all be engaged in issues relating to authentication.

Offered by the University of Melbourne’s School of Enterprise, in partnership with the Centre for Cultural Materials Conservation, the Graduate Certificate in Art Authentication provides participants with an understanding of the rigorous analytical interdisciplinary approach and the broad skill base that are needed to deal with issues of authentication and art fraud.

The course is offered on a part time basis and will be delivered face-to-face in five day blocks for the first three subjects. The fourth subject will be an investigative project undertaken in consultation with lecturers. On the fifth day of the face-to-face delivery, lecturers will be available for consultation.

Dates
Applications Close: 3 April 2006
Issues in Art Fraud: 8-12 May 2006
History and Theory of Art Authentication: 17-21 July 2006
Introduction to Art Authentication Techniques: 25-29 September 2006
Investigative Project commences in September 2006 and is to be completed by November 2006.

Cost $7,500 (GST exempt). Fee-Help will be available in 2006.

For further information please contact Sally Williams, Project Manager, School of
10) Situation Vacant
Associate Professor Positions

The Cultural Heritage Centre for Asia and the Pacific (CHCAP) at Deakin University, Melbourne, draws the attention of cultural heritage researchers to the availability of six new Associate Professor (Research) positions.

These positions are in the three university research priority areas, one of which is 'Citizenship and Globalisation' based in the Faculty of Arts. The newspaper advertisement indicates that the appointees will join researchers investigating the promises of global citizenship in areas including cultural heritage and cultural diversity.

It is rare for new research only positions to be created at this level (Associate Professor) and CHCAP encourages researchers in Australia or overseas who are keen to provide leadership in cultural heritage research to apply.

The closing date is 12 December 2005. For an application package please contact: Email dvc-research@deakin.edu.au; Telephone +61 (03) 5227-2673.

Further information about research at Deakin can be seen at www.deakin.edu.au/research and about cultural heritage research specifically at www.deakin.edu.au/arts/chcap

11) Situations Vacant:
Senior Architect/Graduate Architect

Small inner Sydney practice, specialising in heritage and new work, seeking two people to join our team for a start in February 2006. We have a broad range of interesting and challenging projects, from new structures in significant context, to detailed conservation work. We are seeking people with good design, contract documentation, and communication skills.

**Senior Architect** - An experienced Architect, preferably registered in NSW with over 5 years experience. Knowledge of traditional construction and experience in running projects is essential.

**Architectural Graduate** - An enthusiastic, talented Architectural Graduate. Experience with Vectorworks, Photoshop and desktop publishing programs is essential.
Email CV to: design5@design5.com.au or fax to (02) 9319 0836. Applications close on Friday 16 December 2005.

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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