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*** Compliments of the Season ***
Peter Phillips and the Executive Committee wish all ICOMOS members a happy and peaceful holiday and a fulfilling and prosperous 2006

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1) “Port cities: managing change”

Please note this in your diary now!

Australia ICOMOS national conference
Fremantle Western Australia 17-19 November 2006

Organisation is underway for the 2006 Australia ICOMOS national conference to be held in Fremantle Western Australia. The theme is port cities and the working title ‘port cities: managing change’.

Port cities offer particularly challenging case studies and the 2006 conference provides an opportunity for national and international debate about the preservation of heritage values in changing environments.

A call for papers will be sent out early in the New Year and sponsorship opportunities will be available. If you have any enquiries over the Christmas break please do not hesitate to contact Anne Brake at: anne.brake@ntwa.com.au or 08 9321 6088.

Fremantle holds a unique place in Western Australian history and is one of Australia's major port cities. At the mouth of the Swan River, the area is of cultural significance to indigenous people. Since settlement of the colony in 1829 Fremantle has been a commercial and cultural hub for the state and nation. It is internationally significant as the entry point for hundreds of thousands of migrants to Australia. Commerce and trade from a vibrant maritime industry continues into the 21st century and tourism
now plays a major part in the city's social and economic life.

Conference topics may include the evolution of port cities and their impact on local and national identity; the effects of immigration on port cities; colonial ports and international trade; the role of ports in Australia's defence heritage; the continuing modernization of ports in historic port cities; and economic issues relating to tourism and adaptive re-use.

More details as they are confirmed will appear on our website:
http://www.icomos.org/australia

2) ICOMOS - International Day for Monuments and Sites - 18 April 2006

Another Note for your diary!

We have just been informed by ICOMOS Paris that International Day for Monuments and Sites which falls on 18 April 2006 is to be designated as Industrial Monuments Day.

More details as they are forthcoming.

3) Productivity Commission Draft Findings Released

The draft findings of the Productivity Commission inquiry into historic heritage were released on December 9th. Many of you have probably delved into it by now. Australia ICOMOS is preparing a brief second round submission. If you have any thoughts and comments on the draft report you would like us to be aware of when preparing the submission, please send them to Caitlin Allen by email caitlin.allen@commerce.nsw.gov.au by the end of January.

The draft report, public hearing dates and written submission dates are on the PC website www.pc.gov.au. The first ICOMOS submission is also available on the website as submission number 120. As with the first round of the inquiry we also encourage ICOMOS members to read the report and make individual submissions.

4) Now available from the Secretariat

*All copies held at Aust ICOMOS of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act User's Guide have been distributed.

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

Australia ICOMOS Inc
Cultural Heritage Centre for Asia and the Pacific
Deakin University
221 Burwood Highway
Burwood Victoria 3125

5) New Book on Traditional Joinery

Members may be interested to know that a new book on traditional joinery has just been published by the Watermark Press.

*Traditional Joinery Sydney Houses 1810-1915*, by Wal Murray and Alan Croker, is an excellent resource for all those who are interested in the subject or who have any involvement in its repair or conservation. It is intended as a handbook for house owners, conservation practitioners, tradespersons, and enthusiasts.

The book contains an extensive set of very fine measured drawings of joinery elements from 19 houses, ranging from Rouse Hill house (1813-18) to Eryldene (1914). There are many ordinary and not so ordinary houses which demonstrate the wealth and diversity of joinery throughout the period of the study. There are sections which compare and discuss the changes in joinery profiles over time to demonstrate changes in fashion and technology as well as how they changed within the building according to room hierarchy. There are also sections on joinery repair and conservation.

The book includes only houses from the Sydney area but many will find resonance with other areas. The major differences would be in the elaboration of detail. All those gold miners and wealthy pastoralists in other states had more cash to throw around than those poor ex-convicts in Sydney.

The book is a soft cover, retails for $75, and is available from the following Sydney bookshops:
Architext (RAIA) at Kings Cross, Gleebooks, MoS Bookshop, The Rocks Visitors Centre,

It may also be available from the Building Bookshop in Surry Hills and Ariel in Darlinghurst
If you can’t get to a bookshop, then it can be purchased direct from the publisher, The Watermark Press. Email them at watermark.boorowa@bigpond.com and they can send you an order form.

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6) Keeping track of EPBC Act development referrals

Just to let members know, there is a separate e-bulletin that provides information on all EPBC Act referrals, and referrals decisions. It's called EPBC Notices, and comes out weekly on a Monday. The bulletin is prepared by the EPBC Unit which is a joint project of WWF Australia, the Australian Council of National Trusts and the Tasmanian Conservation Trust.

If you'd like to subscribe send an email to subscribe-epbenotices@wwf.org.au

**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.

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7) A Call for Nominations for the EnergyAustralia Heritage Awards 2006

Going into their thirteenth year, the EnergyAustralia National Trust Heritage Awards call for entries across NSW to provide recognition for outstanding conservation projects.

This prestigious conservation initiative offers the opportunity for individuals, government departments, commercial organisations and community groups who have completed a project that promotes the conservation of some part of Australia’s natural, built or cultural heritage to gain the recognition amongst their industry peers.

Entry categories cross over into **Built and Landscape Heritage Conservation**, **Development, Education, Adaptive Reuse, Tourism, Conservation Management Plans** and **Cultural Heritage**, as well as a special Award providing specific recognition for a conservation project by a female architect.

Projects must have been completed in 2005 within New South Wales to be eligible and be submitted by the deadline of Monday 20 February 2006. **More information and downloadable entry forms are available from the National Trust website at**
8) Launch of National Heritage Investment Initiative

Senator Ian Campbell, Minister for Environment and Heritage, has recently launched the National Heritage Investment Initiative on behalf of the Howard Government. This Initiative will provide $10.5 million over four years to help restore and conserve Australia’s most important historic heritage places. To be eligible places must be entered on the Australian Governments National Heritage List or a state/territory government statutory heritage register.

Applications for grants between $10,000 and $500,000 are invited from individuals and organisations.

Projects that may be eligible include preparation of conservation management plans, works to protect or stabilise the fabric of places or to reverse the causes of deterioration, and works to repair, reinstate or restore the fabric of historic places.

Applications for the first round of funding close on **20 January, 2006**.

Information about the program and copies of the Application Cover and Guide for Applicants can be obtained at [www.deh.gov.au/heritage/programs](http://www.deh.gov.au/heritage/programs), or by calling 1800 653 004 or email heritagegrants@deh.gov.au.

9) The Rocks Unearthed

Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority is about to launch a search for a consortium of experts to complete Australia’s largest ever archaeological urban development project. This exciting project will interpret more than 200 years of history and breathe life into surviving remnants of the country’s first European settlement.

Proposals for the project, known as “the Rocks Dig Site” will be invited in early 2006. For more information please visit [www.shfa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.shfa.nsw.gov.au) or the project manager Fleur Mellor 0407 239 969.

10) PhD Scholarship opportunity  Adelaide

An ARC Linkage Project PhD scholarship is available in the Louis Laybourne Smith School of Architecture and Design at the University of South Australia for the period 2006-2008 on ‘Cultural heritage in the sustainability of remote planned communities’. The project will investigate the design history of Australia’s post World War 2 planned remote special-purpose towns, linking appreciation of cultural
heritage values to sustainable development. Woomera Village in outback South Australia will be the central case study. The candidate will need to meet the normal entry requirements to a research degree at UniSA and have a background in built environment studies. Skills in historical research will be an advantage. Scholarship stipend is tax-free $24,650 per annum, CPI indexed, plus allowances for project-related travel. An Expression of Interest is required by 23 January 2006. Further information about the project is available at: http://www.unisa.edu.au/resdegrees/scholarships/industry.asp and from Dr Christine Garnaut: christine.garnaut@unisa.edu.au; p: (08) 8302 0204.

11) 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.

12) 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.

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13) Secretariat Closure over Holidays

The Secretariat Office of Australia ICOMOS Inc will close over the Holiday period. This is the final email news for the year. The office is scheduled to re-open on Friday 13 January, 2006.

Happy New Year!

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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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