Jane Lennon honoured in Australia Day Awards

Jane Lennon, a well-known member of Australia ICOMOS, was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the 2003 Australia Day Honours List. The citation reads: 'for service to conservation, the environment and heritage issues, particularly as an administrator, consultant and executive member of a range of government committees and organisations.'

Congratulations go to Jane Lennon

Conservation Management Plan for Sarah Island Historic Site, Macquarie Harbour, Tasmania

A Conservation Management Plan for the Sarah Island Historic Site, Macquarie Harbour, Tasmania, is currently being prepared. The conservation management planning is being undertaken for the Tasmanian Heritage Office (Department of Tourism, Parks, Heritage & the Arts) by a team of consultants. The consultant team comprises - Anne McConnell (Principal), Kathy Evans, Jerry de Gryse, Anna Gurnhill, Greg Lehman and Robert Vincent.

The Tasmanian Heritage Office is managing the project on behalf of the Parks and Wildlife Service (Department Primary Industry, Water & Environment), the government agency responsible for the management of the Sarah Island Historic Site.

The project started in early January 2003. It is anticipated that a draft Conservation Management Plan will be available by early April 2003.

The Sarah Island Historic Site is best known as the site of one of Tasmania's earliest convict settlements, with convicts mainly engaged in Huon pine logging and shipbuilding. It also has Aboriginal historical associations, and for the last 100 years it has been a focus of tourists on Tasmania's west coast. Sarah Island has important and acknowledged historic values, and is part of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area.

If you would like to make comment or would like more information, please contact Anne McConnell (ph 03 6239 1494 (W/H), annemc@aaa.net.au, GPO Box 234, Hobart, Tas, 7001) or Anna Gurnhill (anna_gurnhill@yahoo.com.au).
New Book:

FAHS Heritage Handbook: A guide for Historical Societies

The Federation of Australian Historical Societies has just launched a new book FAHS Heritage Handbook: A guide for Historical Societies. The book offers assistance and suggestions for documenting, protecting and interpretation Australia's cultural heritage. It includes information on Commonwealth, State and Territory heritage legislation, information and addresses for various agencies and will be of great use to historical societies, architects, engineers, historians and others interested in heritage and grants.

The book can be accessed online at: http://www.history.org.au/guide/
It can also be purchased from the FAHS.

Enquires re purchase of the hard copy can be made by writing to Gerard Hogan ascribe@ozemail.com.au or FAHS, GPO Box 1440, Canberra ACT 2601 Australia

The Recommended Retail Price for this book is $11.00 plus postage.

Symposium:

'Art museums: Sites of Communication'

The National Gallery of Australia is hosting a symposium in Canberra on 15 & 16 March 2003. Titled ‘Art museums: Sites of Communication’ it is a joint initiative of the National Gallery and the National Portrait Gallery and will provide a unique opportunity for participants to review interpretation principles and practices in the art museum in Australia.

For more information and to see the abstracts go to: http://www.nga.gov.au/sitesofcommunication/index.cfm

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Employment Opening

SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER HERITAGE CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT
Salary range: $69 700 - $ 72 400

Sydney Water is looking for an experienced heritage professional to lead one of the largest heritage conservation management projects in Australia.
Sydney Water is a State-owned corporation employing nearly 4,000 staff and responsible for assets valued at over $14 billion. Operating within a rapidly changing environment, Sydney Water supplies drinking water and provides wastewater services and stormwater services to nearly four million customers in Sydney, the Blue Mountains and the Illawarra. Some of Sydney Water’s assets are listed on the NSW State Heritage Register. To help ensure the protection of these assets Sydney Water is committed to preparing Conservation Management Plans (CMPs) for these assets.

The role will lead the production of CMPs for Sydney Water’s state significant heritage assets. This will involve preparing and managing the production of CMPs, integrating the requirements of the CMPs with Sydney Water’s management systems and planning framework, foster and maintaining effective communications with internal and external stakeholders as relevant to the CMPs.

Applicants must demonstrate:

- Appropriate tertiary qualifications or experience deemed equivalent, and 5-10 years experience in one or more areas of heritage assessment and management.
- Demonstrated ability to prepare and supervise the preparation of CMPs, preferably in relation to infrastructure and industrial heritage.
- Demonstrated successful liaison experience and negotiation skills with internal and external stakeholders.
- Demonstrated high level writing and communication skills and proven experience in report writing.
- Experience in project management and ability to lead and work in a multi-disciplinary team.

The position is initially for a twelve-month term with an option for extension up to three years.

Sydney Water is an equal opportunity employer, committed to best practice OHS and environmental responsible work practices.

For an application package and full details of the knowledge, skills and experience required please contact Rebecca Whitfield on (02) 9350 6748.

Applications close: Monday 10 February

NB: This is a readvertised position, previous applicants do not need to reapply