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This is the second year that I’ve had the happy responsibility of presenting to the Annual General Meeting, the President’s Report on the activities of Australia ICOMOS for the year.

Australia ICOMOS is an organisation that asks a lot of itself and its membership – this year has been a very busy one as we’ve stretched to cover a broad range of interests and responsibilities. It is therefore a pleasure for me to reflect on the year’s events, to pause for a moment to enjoy what has been achieved, and to look ahead to the coming year and its new opportunities.

Goals for 2004

Each year, the Executive Committee identifies goals in order to set priorities and focus on outcomes. There is no shortage of things to do, so we try to spend our energies on activities which support our organisational vitality and which respond to the passions and concerns of the heritage conservation community. Our program for each year is developed according to seven broad objectives:

1. Executive Committee: energetic and responsive.
2. Members: good 2-way communication; widening opportunities for people to get involved.
3. Activities: excellent, relevant and interesting events and publications.
4. Advocacy: credible, well informed and targeted national advocacy for Australia’s cultural heritage.
5. International Links: strengthening our international relationships particularly in our Region; active and constructive engagement in international issues and processes.
7. (and, the most important thing) Have a good time!

At last year’s AGM, I listed a few priority areas for this year. These fed into the agreed goals for the Executive Committee for 2004, which included:

- Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Burra Charter, including publication of the fully revised Illustrated Burra Charter, special edition of Historic Environment, revision of the brochure Understanding the Burra Charter, and the Guidelines to the Burra Charter.
- State-based workshops to understand and contribute to the implementation of the new national heritage legislation and Distinctively Australian program.
- Development of specific activities in the specific areas of conservation philosophy and practice: standards of practice; interpretation; sustainability and heritage; heritage tourism; intangible heritage; Year of the Built Environment.
- Active involvement in the work of International ICOMOS through support for our current Vice-President and practical collaboration within our Region.
- World Heritage matters, including the outcome of the nomination of the Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens, working to progress cultural
heritage nominations from the tentative list (including the Sydney Opera House, convict sites, rock art sites).

- Continue to strengthen the coordinated NGO ‘voice’ of the National Cultural Heritage Forum.

As always, our work program was very ambitious, although in looking at this list a year later, I am pleased to see that we have made progress in many areas, along with some unfinished business to carry forward into 2005.

**Executive Committee**

Following the suggestion made at last year’s Annual General Meeting, the Executive Committee sought to co-opt an additional member from Canberra. We were pleased to welcome Peter Freeman to the Committee in this capacity. The Committee included people from each State and Territory, and from a diversity of professional backgrounds.

The members of the Executive Committee for 2004 were: Caitlin Allen (NSW), Kristal Buckley (Vic), Elizabeth Close (NT), Alan Croker (NSW), Peter Freeman (ACT), Ken Horrigan (QLD), Susan Jackson-Stepowski (NSW), Barry Jones (Vic), Agnieszka Kiera (WA), Bill Logan (Vic), Peter Phillips (NSW), Peter Romey (Tas), Lori Scusco (NSW), Sharon Sullivan (NSW), Anita Smith (Vic), and Elizabeth Vines (SA).

Our meetings for 2004 are described in the Secretary’s Report by Ken Horrigan, who has done an excellent and thorough job of ensuring that our meeting arrangements are in place, agenda and papers are circulated, and Minutes are promptly prepared (along with summaries for the email news).

We have continued a review of our policies and procedures in order to ensure better transmission of our organisational decisions between successive Committees. I have to admit, this work is less enticing than other things on our program and has progressed slowly. Hopefully we can complete it next year.

With the guidance of the Treasurer, Peter Phillips, we’ve started to sort out the unfortunately necessary question of the insurance needs of our organisation. We are well advanced in resolving these matters, and are grateful to Peter for his persistence in sorting this out.

Our meetings are often lively, with many interests and points of view thrown into the mix. I would like to sincerely thank all members of the Committee for their creativity, expertise and honesty – not to mention the countless hours of voluntary time which is generously given in order to ensure that ICOMOS remains credible, ethical and at the front of conservation philosophy and practice.

I would also like to thank Sheridan Burke (International Vice-President) for attending the meetings of the Executive Committee in order to ensure close links with our International organisation. Her insightful advice has been very valuable in supporting our international involvement, and also greatly valued by me in my ‘steep learning curve’ with international issues during the last two years.

Thanks to Kate Cowie, who has for several years performed the role of Public Officer for Australia ICOMOS. Because we are incorporated in the ACT, we need to always have a Public Officer who is a resident of the ACT. Kate has provided a very steady hand in making sure that our statutory obligations have been met.

Tonight we farewell with our respect and thanks, four retiring members of the Executive Committee. While change in our committee is a constant, and ensures our vitality and relevance to our members, we will also sincerely miss the wisdom, good humour and experience that goes with these four. I am sure that we will not let them stray too far away!

**Elizabeth Close** – Northern Territory Representative on the Committee for the last four years and Membership Secretary for the past year. The person with always the most onerous travel arrangements to attend meetings of the Committee.

**Sharon Sullivan** – who amongst many other helpful roles within the Committee for the past four years has expertly chaired the National Cultural Heritage Forum for Australia ICOMOS for the past 2 years.
am delighted to report that Sharon has generously offered to continue to participate in the activities of the Forum, and in national advocacy processes as the incoming Executive Committee sees fit.

Barry Jones – Vice-President for the past 2 years and also for several years earlier in his 6-year term with the Executive Committee, Barry’s profile and obvious strategic and national and international political insights have been highly valued. As most members would know, Barry is the incoming national President of the ALP, a role which will be particularly challenging and nationally important. Whatever our individual political ‘leanings’, we wish him well, and look forward to a much-improved ALP policy platform for cultural heritage!

Bill Logan - immediate Past President of Australia ICOMOS. Bill’s influence on the current well-being of Australia ICOMOS would be difficult to over-estimate. He played a significant role in calming the waters in our strained relationships with the Australian Government in the immediate aftermath of the World Heritage controversy which surrounded the proposed uranium mine at Jabiluka. Establishing a home for our Secretariat at Deakin University has provided much-needed stability and improved our financial and administrative efficiencies enormously. During Bill’s Presidency, the email news service commenced, the Australia ICOMOS website was brought into regular use, the rewrite of the Illustrated Burra Charter was begun, many of the issues concerning Australian participation in the ISCs were sorted out, the editorial structure of Historic Environment was changed, the National Cultural Heritage Forum began to meet regularly after a hiatus, and a number of languishing Australia ICOMOS projects were completed (and so on). He has also been a wise and generous mentor to me, and to others joining the Executive and taking on responsible roles within Australia ICOMOS. As you can see, many of our organisational strengths were initiated under Bill’s leadership, and we farewell him with our thanks and best wishes.

Secretariat

Our sincere thanks are due to Professor Bill Logan and his colleagues at the Cultural Heritage Centre for Asia & the Pacific at Deakin University (Melbourne). The Centre has provided a well equipped and congenial home for the Secretariat, and has enabled our modest financial resources to be very well spent.

We have been well supported during 2004 by Nola Miles, our hard working Secretariat Officer. We are able to support approximately 1.5 days per week of Nola’s time in the Secretariat – far too little time for the many demands we all make of her. It is truly remarkable that our administrative affairs and communications are in such good shape, and we owe a large thanks to Nola’s diligence and organisational abilities.

Nola’s responsibilities include receipt and distribution of correspondence, upgrade and maintenance of the membership database, filling orders for publications, mail-out of notices to members, publications stock-take and re-printing, and compiling the weekly email news service. The weekly email news service continues to grow in its usefulness as a service to our members, and also finds its way to people in many places beyond our shores.

This year, we had to hire some additional storage near Deakin University to handle the space requirements of our publications and are in the process of consolidating the archives of Australia ICOMOS in one place. If any members have records that should be moved into storage, please contact the Secretariat.

Finances

The Treasurer’s Report, provided by Peter Phillips is included in the Annual Report, as is the statement from the Auditor for the financial year 2003-2004.

We have had a much better year financially, for a range of reasons outlined in the Treasurer’s Report.

However, we rely on income from our membership and our activities to maintain our financial sustainability. That means that we still need to operate very frugally,
and to plan for our major income producing activities each year – it doesn’t just happen. During the year, Peter Phillips has made a number of other changes to our financial management procedures which have improved our administrative efficiency.

We acknowledge the Australian Government’s Grants to Voluntary Environment and Heritage Organisations (GVEHO) program for financial support to Australia ICOMOS during the 2003/2004 financial year. While this scheme is small and has been under the cloud of ‘review’ for some time, without it many cultural heritage NGOs would not have access to non-project-based funding. We have a recent history of ‘hit-and-miss’ with this program, and are still waiting to see if the program will be offered for the current financial year.

Membership

The Membership Report is presented in the Annual Report by the Membership Secretary, Elizabeth Close.

All financial members for 2004-2005 will receive their international membership cards early in the year. There is a new-and-improved international newsletter, and the International Secretariat is currently looking at distributing some additional information directly to members via email.

The Report shows that our membership numbers are reasonably stable and strong, although we feel that there is always more we can do to attract heritage practitioners to join. Like many ICOMOS national committees, we would particularly like to attract new members eligible for the ‘Young Professional’ membership category.

This year, Caitlin Allen has worked to develop new and improved ‘look’ for our membership application materials – to be produced in both hard copy and for the website, and including a promotional ‘postcard’ with key contact information for Australia ICOMOS. We expect to have this finished early in the New Year, and hope that they will help all of us to promote the benefits of Australia ICOMOS membership.

This year, with the help of the Secretariat and the State Representatives on the Executive Committee, we made a concerted attempt to find and invite back people whose memberships had lapsed over the last couple of years. We also sorted out a number of problems with membership records – so hopefully, the membership system is now in good shape.

As part of the membership renewals process for the year, we sought additional information from our members regarding their specific areas of expertise, including experience in undertaking international missions for ICOMOS. This will assist us to identify suitable people for missions in the future. This need has also been identified for ICOMOS internationally, and it is likely that the international secretariat will request information of this kind from us in the future.

At last year’s AGM, the Executive Committee announced its decision to offer Honorary Membership to James Semple Kerr for his outstanding contributions to heritage conservation in Australia, and to Australia ICOMOS. Tonight the Executive Committee will extend this honour to another of our most highly respected members, who will join Jim Kerr, Isabel McBryde and Joan Domicelj (an International ICOMOS Life Member) as an Honorary Member of Australia ICOMOS.

Finally, I wish to remind everyone that all full members, Honorary Members, Retired Members and Young Professionals are entitled to use the post-nominal ‘M.ICOMOS’ in their professional activities following the adoption of the Ethical Commitment Statement for ICOMOS Members. We consider this to be a form of promoting the expertise and excellence of our membership, and encourage all members to use it.

National Advocacy

We were able to make submissions in relation to a wide array of matters of national importance during the year. We rely heavily on our active members in different parts of the country to alert the Executive Committee to these emerging issues, and to help us prepare accurate and constructive submissions.
Here are a few examples from 2004:

- Advocacy regarding particular places:
  Old Parliament House Gardens, Canberra (National Capital Authority); Recherche Bay, Tasmania.

- Submissions to Government proposals:


Commonwealth Heritage Legislation

After its launch by the Prime Minister at Chowder Bay on Sydney Harbour in December 2003, the new National Heritage system came into effect on 1 January 2004. Sheridan Burke and I were able to attend the launch on behalf of Australia ICOMOS, and our contribution to the development of the new system was acknowledged at the launch.

So, after several years of very difficult advocacy in relation to the detailed content of the new legislation, we have gladly turned our attention to issues of implementation. In doing so, our aim is to ensure that the new system meets its promised benefits - through community engagement and stronger protection of Australia’s heritage (particularly in relation to Commonwealth-owned land where protection was formerly relatively weak).

In February 2004, we welcomed the appointment of Jane Lennon to the new Australian Heritage Council. Jane is a past-President of Australia ICOMOS, and a well-known and passionate advocate for Australia’s heritage. We have offered our assistance and support to the Chair, Tom Harley, and to the new Council.

Seminar Series – Australia’s New National Heritage System

Our first initiative for 2004 was to provide an early opportunity for our members to receive a detailed briefing about the new system. This was seen as essential as we are the people working to do the assessments and develop appropriate management plans, and the advisors at all levels of government and throughout the community about how it will all work!

To do this, we tried something new. We developed a standard workshop module which was ‘test run’ in Sydney. The State Representatives on the EC then replicated it in the other capital cities (except for Darwin where the government briefing occurred in a slightly different form). These events occurred during February-April this year, with a 2nd session held in Sydney during September to meet the huge demand there.

As well as providing a detailed briefing and information materials from the Department of the Environment & Heritage, the workshops featured the perspectives of the relevant State/Territory agencies and presented an independent view from Australia ICOMOS about the issues arising for heritage practice. Duncan Marshall and I presented the Australia ICOMOS content at the workshops (except for Perth, where Agnieszka Kiera bravely stepped into the breach created by flight cancellations!).

I had the opportunity to attend four of the workshops myself – in Sydney, Melbourne, Hobart and Canberra. It was a fascinating experience to see how the issues and priorities look from different parts of the country.

We had great feedback from our members about the series. As the Treasurer’s Report says, it was also financially successful. While that was not the primary aim, it has been one source of our improved financial sustainability this year, and a good model to repeat in the coming year.

We could not have achieved these successes without the close partnership with the Department of the Environment & Heritage. Particular thanks are due to Bruce Leaver and Peter Matthews for their willingness to go with the concept, and to Alex Marsden, Juliet Ramsay, Richard Morrison, Kirsty Altenburg, Ed Wensing, Ilse Wurst and Rosemary Hollow for the enjoyable times ‘on the road’.

Our State Reps called in a few favours to run the events well and cheaply – thanks to Caitlin Allen, Sue Jackson-Stepowski, Ken
Many organisations leant their support to the program, especially in the provision of free or reduced-fee venues and catering – NSW Heritage Office, Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority, Brisbane Institute, Heritage Victoria, Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority, the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, University of Adelaide (Dept of Architecture & Landscape Architecture), City of Fremantle and Old Parliament House (Canberra).

Finally, our thanks are due to Duncan Marshall and Sharon Sullivan for their vision in creating the workshop format and much of its content.

Management Plan Guidelines

Our 2nd initiative for the year was to participate in a national workshop with Commonwealth Government agencies on the development of management plan guidelines in relation to the new statutory requirements for Commonwealth owned places.

The focus for the workshop was built heritage within Commonwealth-owned properties. We held a one-day workshop at Old Parliament House, Canberra in July 2004. David Young and I facilitated the workshop. Representatives of Defence, DCITA, DOTARS, Department of the Environment & Heritage and the National Capital Authority joined a group of very experienced practitioners from our membership.

As a result of a very intense day’s discussion, the draft guidelines are being revised and simplified to more closely harmonise with existing heritage practice.

Thanks are due to the practitioners that participated, at their own expense and a day away from their busy practices: Peter Lovell, Alan Croker, Richard Mackay, Tracy Ireland, Helen Lardner, Hector Abrahams, Marilyn Truscott, Eric Martin, Peter Freeman, Michael Pearson, Duncan Marshall and Jane Lennon (also representing the Australian Heritage Council). Thanks also to our colleagues at Old Parliament House – Kate Cowie, Steven Fox and Ree Kent - for once again generously supporting an Australia ICOMOS event.

Next Steps

Although the new system is now nearly a year old, there are many issues still to be better understood. We look forward to continuing this strongly collaborative relationship with the Government in order to ensure that the new system is informed by the experience of our membership.

Farewell & Thanks

Before moving on from the year’s experiences with the new national heritage system, I wish to acknowledge the role played by Bruce Leaver, until recently the First Assistant Secretary of the Heritage Division of the Department of the Environment & Heritage, whose personal commitment and persistence enabled the new system to come into being. While we sometimes held differing points of view, Bruce’s willingness to openly discuss matters with us, and his commitment to better outcomes for heritage have been appreciated, and we hope that we can establish a similar rapport with his successor.

Similarly, we acknowledge the positive and productive working relationship we enjoyed with the former Minister for the Environment & Heritage, Dr David Kemp, who retired from Parliament at the recent election.

National Cultural Heritage Forum

Australia ICOMOS provided the Chair and Secretariat to the National Cultural Heritage Forum during 2004. Our aim in chairing the Forum is to facilitate the growth of a strong and coherent NGO voice for cultural heritage.

Our responsibilities include development of Agenda, preparation of Minutes, circulation of papers, circulation of news between meetings, scheduling lobbying, numerous phone calls, emails, etc.

Sharon Sullivan has done a brilliant job of chairing the Forum. I have represented Australia ICOMOS at the Forum, Caitlin Allen, Marilyn Truscott and Nola Miles provided Secretariat support, and Duncan Marshall has provided strategic advice to us.
all. Together, I think we have formed a very impressive team!

The Forum achieved a lot during 2004.

Meetings: one full meeting of the Forum occurred, March 2004. A smaller meeting with the Minister to discuss the content of the Vision Statement occurred in Melbourne in February 2004. A meeting scheduled with the new Minister, Senator Ian Campbell for August 2004 was cancelled by him at short notice, although we were able to meet briefly with his advisor for heritage.

Federal Budget: heritage priorities were identified for the 2004 Federal budget and were discussed with the Minister and the Department during the budget negotiations.

Budget Briefing: a Federal Budget Morning-After Briefing was arranged for Forum organisations, presented to NCHF members by Bruce Leaver.

Vision Statement: the NCHF Vision Statement for Australia’s Cultural Heritage was completed. This represents a very strong advocacy document as it has been developed through consensus by such a broad group of cultural heritage NGOs. It is available from the Australia ICOMOS website.

Forum Protocols: completed and now awaiting agreement from the Minister.

Future of the Register of the National Estate: a position paper has been sent to the Minister and Australian Heritage Council.

Heritage Tourism: a Forum delegation led by the ACNT met with the Minister for Tourism, Joe Hockey to discuss lack of attention to heritage tourism in the Government’s White Paper.

Federal Election Policies: Discussions with all political parties represented in the Senate regarding their heritage policies in the lead-up to the Federal Election.

State/Territory Agencies Consultation: an excellent ‘Break-out’ session with the Heritage Chairs and Officials of Australia and New Zealand was held in September 2004 to discuss areas of possible common interest and future arrangements for collaboration. One important area for collaboration will be input to the forthcoming Productivity Commission Inquiry into the economic and social benefits of Australia’s cultural heritage.

National Environment Consultative Forum (NECF): as a result of the agreement early this year by the Minister to allow reciprocal membership between the cultural heritage forum and the environment forum, I have represented the NCHF on the Forum for environment NGOs.

Just a note of caution though. Despite the Forum having a very good year in so many ways, the attention given to heritage in the Federal election campaign by the two major parties was close to non-existent – possibly the worst we’ve experienced for awhile. We will be renewing our advocacy program, and will do so with an awareness that – for whatever reason (and there are several!) – heritage presently has very low visibility in the political landscape.

Australian World Heritage

World Heritage matters are often a significant component of our work program. A report by Anita Smith, Convenor of the World Heritage Reference Group is included in the Annual Report.

At the international level, ICOMOS is a formal advisory body to the World Heritage Committee (along with IUCN and ICCROM). The implications of this role for Australia ICOMOS as a national committee varies from year to year, and generally involves liaison with ICOMOS and the Australian Government about nominations, reporting processes, and consideration of themes and places which could be the subject of future nominations.

The inscription of the Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens (Melbourne) in July this year was welcomed by Australia ICOMOS. This is the first Australian building to be included in the World Heritage List, and the first Australian property listed for its post-contact history. It was therefore a somewhat different process for us and for our Government colleagues.
The process culminating in successful inscription in the World Heritage List is never a simple one, and can be quite complex. For Australia ICOMOS, the process for the Royal Exhibition Building involved many forms of liaison, review and advice over several years, participation in the inter-agency steering committee, hosting a public symposium and participation in the ICOMOS evaluation mission. Things really got interesting early in 2004 with the assessment by the ICOMOS World Heritage Panel to ‘defer’ the nomination, in order to allow the Australian Government to bring forward additional argument and supporting information (particularly concerning the comparative assessment and international importance of the represented themes). Deferral is never received happily by States Parties, and was the subject of much discussion between Australia ICOMOS and our government colleagues. As it happened, this additional information was assembled by the Australian Government during the year, allowing the inscription to occur without deferral. We were delighted to celebrate the outcome.

Many Australia ICOMOS members have had a hand in the process along the way – as expert advisors and researchers, and officials in the Commonwealth, State and local government agencies concerned. In terms of our formal involvement in the process, Bill Logan is worthy of special recognition as our representative on the Victorian-based key stakeholders group which was convened by Melbourne Museum. Thanks also to the Australia ICOMOS World Heritage Reference Group for their input at various stages.

We have also continued to discuss the other possible cultural nominations, including the Sydney Opera House (including a tour of the building by the Executive Committee in February, 2004), Rock Art (a potential serial nomination), and the well advanced serial nomination for Australian Convict Sites. We also regularly receive and respond to community inquiries regarding other places and their potential for World Heritage nomination.

Over the past few years, we have sought to improve the effectiveness of our communication and involvement with the Australian Government in relation to Australian World Heritage matters. I am pleased to report that, throughout the processes this year, we have benefited from a very open dialogue with the Minister and his office, and with key officials from the Australian Department of the Environment & Heritage. It is my view that without this ability, we cannot do our job well – and I hope that our colleagues in Government agree!

International Activities

Australia ICOMOS has a history of active participation and achievement in relation to the activities of our international organisation. Despite the inevitable issues of distance and expense, we are almost always well represented at international meetings of ICOMOS, and contribute vigorously to the development of international doctrine, and dialogue about issues of conservation philosophy and practice.

Sheridan Burke was elected to the position of Vice-President (Oceania) for a 3-year term at the Madrid General Assembly in 2002 and is a highly regarded, diligent and principled member of the ICOMOS Bureau. Sheridan reports regularly to the Australia ICOMOS Executive Committee, and has provided a report of her activities as part of the Annual Report.

Advisory Committee Meeting

In September 2004, I attended the meeting of the ICOMOS Advisory Committee in Bergen Norway. The Advisory Committee comprises the Presidents of the 100+ ICOMOS National Committees, and the Chairs of the 20+ International Scientific Committees. It advises the International Executive Committee (the 18 member elected managing body of ICOMOS) on program priorities and directions. A report about the meeting is available on the website (jointly prepared by Sheridan Burke and myself).

The meeting included reports for the year from the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary-General, Treasurer-General and the Director of the International Secretariat. The agenda also provided for discussion of important organisational processes such as...
the revision of the ICOMOS Statutes, ICOMOS’ World Heritage processes, and the draft ICOMOS Charter on Heritage Interpretation.

For part of the time in Bergen, we met in our regional groupings – frankly, the Asia-Pacific group discussion was the place to be! We had an excellent discussion, a strengthening of our regional relationships, and exchange of experiences.

**Representivity of the World Heritage List**

ICOMOS was asked to prepare an analysis of the representivity of the World Heritage List, and submitted a substantial report to the World Heritage Committee earlier this year. This analysis is linked to the objectives of the Global Strategy.

Because our Region is under-represented in the World Heritage List, Australia ICOMOS requested the opportunity to comment on the draft of this important report before it was completed. We were sent key sections of the draft on Christmas Eve 2003, and despite the impossibility of reaching people during the holiday period, provided advice to ICOMOS in early January 2004. Amongst those who contributed, particular thanks are due to Anita Smith, Marilyn Truscott, Jane Lennon, Sheridan Burke and colleagues from ICOMOS New Zealand (Mary O’Keeffe, Gavin McLean, David Reynolds and Kevin Jones) for assisting me with the submission – from various beachside internet cafes in many cases!

Our submission proposed that the thematic framework be the primary analytical approach, allowing for development of regional/national sub-themes (a fairly well-established analytical framework in Australia).

There was a lot of informal discussion (some of it critical) about the report during the meeting of the World Heritage Committee in Suzhou. Formally, the Committee welcomed the work by ICOMOS as an important start, and ‘work in progress’, inviting States Parties to provide additional comment to ICOMOS by the end of the year. There is therefore an opportunity to make much-needed further improvements to the document – including changes to adequately provide for consideration of the heritage of our Region.

Anita Smith is currently coordinating a further submission which is required very soon. This is an important initiative for ICOMOS, with potentially far-reaching implications. I urge everyone with an interest in the Global Strategy to look at the report and assist us with this extremely important task.

**International ICOMOS Charter on Heritage Interpretation (‘ICOMOS Ename Charter’)**

Sheridan Burke has been involved in the development of this text for ICOMOS, and has discussed its progress in her report. Australia ICOMOS has supported the development of the Charter at the international level.

Development of the Charter occurs within the Australian context of the 2003 Australia ICOMOS national conference on the same theme, the development of interpretation guidelines by the NSW Heritage Office, the development of interpretation guidelines for Indigenous heritage by the Interpretation Australia Association, the commencement of the new grants program *Telling Stories*, as part of the Australian Government’s *Distinctively Australian* program, and a workshop in Adelaide facilitated by Lyn Leader-Elliott to discuss the draft Charter. It is fair to say that interpretation is a ‘hot’ topic for our members.

Detailed comments on the draft Charter were provided to the Editorial Group in August, based on a number of comments provided to me by many different people.

As Sheridan Burke discusses in her report, there was a robust discussion of the draft Charter by the Advisory Committee in Bergen in September. It is clear that there is a diversity of ideas and views about interpretation (including its definition!). It will be a larger process than initially anticipated to come to a genuine consensus about these questions. This will be a fascinating process, and one where Australian practitioners can make a substantial contribution. The next draft of the Charter is expected very soon, and will be advertised and available to all members...
for comment. We welcome its widespread consideration.

**International Scientific Committees (ISCs)**

Australian experts are involved in almost all of the International Scientific Committees, and many have sent reports for the Annual Report, with our thanks.

Upon recommending people for membership of the ISCs, the Executive Committee of Australia ICOMOS asks for an annual report from each Australian ISC member, and also that consideration is given to establishing a national network for consultation and dissemination of issues arising from the work of their committee. So far, two such structures have been established: for Cultural Tourism (chaired by Sharon Veale) and Cultural Landscapes and Gardens (facilitated by Juliet Ramsay).

This year, we recommended one more Australian member to an ISC and are delighted that Mandy Jean has been welcomed by the ISC for Shared Built Heritage. All other Australian ISC representatives are listed on our website.

I know that for many members, the roles and activities of the International Scientific Committees are not well understood. The positive view of the Committees – as expressed in the Eger Principles that guide their operation - is that they should be at the heart of scientific inquiry and exchange in their domains.

However, it is true that right now the ISCs vary in their organisational energy and activity. As many of the meetings take place in Europe, it is often difficult for our members to secure the time and resources to attend. Our region is not always well represented in the membership and work programs of the Committees, although there is a general desire to improve in these areas.

These issues are well recognised within ICOMOS, and since the General Assembly at Victoria Falls last year, there has been a process underway to consider means of better supporting the ISCs and their important role within the structures of ICOMOS.

In September 2004, there was a 2-day retreat for ISC representatives held in Bergen, Norway, organised by Gustavo Araoz, who is the ICOMOS International Vice-President with responsibilities for the ISCs. Australians attending the meeting were Robyn Riddett, Cliff Ogleby, Brian Egloff, Marilyn Truscott, Sheridan Burke and myself.

The outcomes were very energetic and positive, and now some thoughtful consideration is needed to move forward with appropriate and achievable reforms.

Several task forces are being established to work further on the options for change. These are roughly grouped under the headings of capacity building, training and membership; internal governance; and relationships between the ISCs and the international Executive Committee and National Committees. This latter grouping includes the issues arising from ICOMOS’ involvement in the World Heritage Convention processes.

The process could lead to some specific proposals for consideration next year. I hope that all Australian members of ISCs will actively participate in this process.

**Regional Activity**

The Executive Committee identified improving our relationships within the Asia-Pacific Region as a specific goal for 2004.

**ICOMOS Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting**

Australia ICOMOS was well represented at the first ICOMOS Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting, held in Beijing, China in July 2004 (see Sheridan Burke’s report).

The meeting was hosted by ICOMOS China, and chaired by the ICOMOS Vice-Presidents for the region, Yukio Nishimura (Japan) and Sheridan Burke (Australia). In addition to Sheridan Burke and myself, the Australian participants were Robyn Riddett, Aedeen Cremin, Jonathan Sweet and Qian Fengqi. Anne Warr and Ray Tonkin joined us for the Shanghai pre-meeting tour. We were joined by colleagues from the Pacific Islands, Mere Ratunabauabua (Fiji) and Christophe Sand (New Caledonia), partly supported by our application to the Australian Government Asia-Pacific World Heritage Focal Point.

The meeting considered the issues of the ‘setting’ of heritage monuments and sites –
the theme for next year’s ICOMOS General Assembly in China. There were also sessions on the development of regional ICOMOS charters, and urban planning and heritage. The papers from the meeting should be available via the web soon.

Throughout our time in China, we were exceptionally well looked after by our Chinese colleagues, and the meeting was a great success. We resolved to meet again in 2005 – in conjunction with the 15th General Assembly in Xi’an, China.

**Pacific Training program**

Australia ICOMOS participated in a UNESCO funded training program for heritage practitioners in Pacific Island countries run by Dr Anita Smith and Professor William Logan of the Cultural Heritage Centre for Asia and the Pacific at Deakin University. I attended the first session of the course on behalf of Australia ICOMOS, held in Levuka, Fiji during March, and a 2nd session was held in Niue in August.

A training CD is being developed about the course, and the participants issued a communiqué at the completion of the 2nd session in Niue which clearly outlines the heritage management challenges and needs for the Pacific Islands. Look at the Centre’s website for information about the program: www.deakin.edu.au/CulturalHeritage_Centre/

**ICOMOS Pacifika**

We have continued to discuss with colleagues in the Pacific the options for forming a regional structure for ICOMOS in the Pacific Islands. Following productive discussions with members of the ICOMOS Bureau at the ICOMOS Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting, it was agreed to proceed with a proposal to establish an International Committee for the Pacific Islands.

A proposal supported by Australia ICOMOS to form the Committee – ICOMOS Pacifika – was endorsed by the International Executive Committee in September this year. Dr Christophe Sand of New Caledonia has agreed to act as the interim coordinator to establish the Committee, and we have offered the warm support and assistance of Australia ICOMOS during the coming year.

We had hoped to hold a joint conference during 2005 with ICOMOS New Zealand, with a focus on the heritage of the Pacific. For various practical reasons, the conference proposal has been put on hold. We hope that we will be able to revisit the possibilities of a joint event with our colleagues in New Zealand during 2005.

**UNITAR training program**

Duncan Marshall participated as an expert presenter on behalf of ICOMOS at a world heritage training course run by UNITAR in Hiroshima, Japan during March 2004. In addition to Duncan providing his time to plan his presentations and attend the course, the Australian Government generously provided much-needed financial support to cover his travel expenses. Duncan has provided a written report to ICOMOS about his participation in the program.

**Pacific 2009 program**

Sheridan Burke represented International ICOMOS at the recent meeting to establish the UNESCO Pacific 2009 program, held in Tongarirro, New Zealand during October 2004. Anita Smith, a member of the Australia ICOMOS Executive Committee also attended the meeting, representing Deakin University. Australia ICOMOS welcomes the initiation of this program by UNESCO and hopes to assist in the elaboration of its work program.

**Other International Activities**

**Venice Charter:** 2004 marked the 40th anniversary of the Venice Charter. There was an international conference held in Pecs and Budapest, Hungary to mark this milestone. Australia was represented at the conference by Meredith Walker. The ICOMOS Documentation Centre has compiled an interesting set of materials about the Venice Charter for the website – see www.icomos.org.

**US ICOMOS Summer Internship Program:** we were thrilled to have our nominee, Cameron Hartnell, placed in the program for 2004. Cameron participated in a project to develop a GIS for the historic section of the town of Charleston, South Carolina. Our sincere thanks to our colleagues at US ICOMOS for continuing to provide this excellent exchange program. Ken Horrigan is looking for ways to
develop a reciprocal program with US ICOMOS for next year. Please contact him if you are interested in finding out more about what is involved.

Heritage at Risk: we have submitted text for inclusion in the ICOMOS Heritage at Risk publication, with a focus on cultural landscapes. The text was prepared by Marilyn Truscott, Jane Lennon, Juliet Ramsay and Kristal Buckley. At the international level Marilyn Truscott is working with President Michael Petzet, the International Secretariat and John Ziesemer from ICOMOS Germany on the publication, which is expected early next year.

Australian Committee for Blue Shield: Last year, based on a proposal from Robyn Riddett, the Executive Committee resolved to consult with the other Blue Shield organisations in Australia about the possibilities for establishing an Australian Committee for Blue Shield. Although this initiative has progressed slowly, there has been a good response from the other organisations, and it may be possible for more significant progress to occur next year.

Nara Meeting: In October 2004, Bill Logan and I had the privilege of attending a conference in Nara, Japan to mark the 10th anniversary of the Nara Document on Authenticity and the 40th anniversary of the Venice Charter. The meeting was organised by Bunka-cho, the Japanese Cultural Heritage Agency, UNESCO’s Cultural Heritage Division, the Nara Prefecture and Nara City, and the Asia/Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO (ACCU).

The theme of the meeting was The Safeguarding of Tangible and Intangible Cultural Heritage: Towards an Integrated Approach. This was a fascinating meeting, with many differences in underlying conceptual understanding and terminology between the two conventions exposed, as participants worked to find the appropriate instances where an ‘integrated approach’ is necessary and useful.

The Yamato Declaration on Integrated Approaches for Safeguarding Tangible and Intangible Cultural Heritage was agreed by the participants at the end of the meeting. However, it was clear that much more of this kind of exchange is needed.

Publications

Historic Environment

Under the skilful leadership of its Editor, Aedeen Cremin, our journal Historic Environment has never been better. She is assisted by Reviews Editor, Linda Young, and guest editors (particularly for issues relating to conferences). Not only has the quality of the journal continued to be high, it has been produced on schedule, and there is a good forward program in place. There is a report by Aedeen Cremin included in the Annual Report.

Illustrated Burra Charter

Yes, after a lengthy period of anticipation, the new and fully revised edition of the Illustrated Burra Charter has been published and was launched this week at Port Arthur as part of our national conference program.

Warm congratulations to the authors, Meredith Walker and Peter Marquis-Kyle. I am pleased that they have been able to join us to mark this very pleasurable and long-awaited moment.

There are many dozens of people who made the publication possible through the provision of case studies and other helpful material to the authors. The authors have particularly acknowledged the assistance provided by Alan Croker, Chris Johnston, Jinx Miles, Peter Romey, Kylie Winkworth and the Historic Houses Trust of NSW.

There are also several people who steered the process for Australia ICOMOS, often devoting considerable amounts of time to the task. I must acknowledge the truly heroic contribution of Duncan Marshall (who provided the liaison between the authors and the Executive Committee); the wise heads of Sharon Sullivan, David Young, Thom Blake and Duncan Marshall (the key reviewers for Australia ICOMOS); and former Australia ICOMOS President Bill Logan and EC member Sarah-Jane Brazil for steering the project through its initial stages.

We’ve circulated an initial sales flyer (thanks to Steven Fox for speedy help with
We now need to develop a marketing strategy – and would love it if someone with those skills and passions is keen to help. We’ve had some initial favourable feedback about the book. We are hoping that it will sell well, and that it will be useful for a wide range of practical and inspirational purposes.

**Burra Charter**

The *Burra Charter* continues to sell well. A new print run occurred during the year. We’ve also contributed complimentary sets of the publication to relevant conservation training programs in our region, including the UNESCO Pacific Islands heritage training program run by Deakin University, the UNITAR program in Hiroshima, Japan, and to Tongji University in Shanghai, China, to mark the commencement of its new program in architectural conservation.

**Website**

The Australia ICOMOS website has undergone a major tidy-up thanks to the efforts of Lori Scuisco and Sue Jackson-Stepowski. Brian Long has maintained the Australia ICOMOS website during the year, with our thanks.

However, the ‘look-and-feel’ of the website is quite tired, and is ready for a more major ‘make-over’. It could be much more effective, up-to-date and fully utilised as a means of widespread communication. This will be a goal for 2005 – but we really need some additional expert assistance with this task. If you have the needed skills, and like engaging with website design and structure, please contact any member of the Executive Committee.

**Conferences and Events**

A report from Lori Scuisco, Conference Coordinator is included in the Annual Report. In addition to providing support to our conference organising committees, Lori has made significant improvements to our conference guidelines to make the conferences easier to plan.

Last year’s national conference *telling tales: interpretation in the conservation and design process*, held at North Head, Sydney, was a very successful one, and over the last two days, the different but closely related theme of Heritage Tourism has been explored at our 2004 national conference at Port Arthur, *Loving it to Death*.

Conferences are an important element of our activities, giving us a chance to get together, to explore important ideas and to share experiences. We are extremely grateful for the support and hard work of our members and partner organisations who organise our conferences each year.

This year, this has been the responsibility of the Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority, one of our important institutional members and a valued partner and collaborator with Australia ICOMOS over many years. We will have the opportunity to thank people in more detail for their excellent efforts in relation to the *Loving it to Death* conference, but Peter Romey and the Board of the Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority are deserving of special acknowledgement.

In addition to holding a national conference each year, we’ve tried to encourage more state-based events during the year. This year, we held the legislation seminars in most capital cities (as already discussed).

We have already agreed to run a national series of ‘snap-shot’ discussion sessions with our members in each capital city (after trialling the format in Canberra earlier this year). The aim of these discussions is to get a picture of the key and emerging heritage issues in each State/Territory. We are expecting that they will be helpful in our efforts to ‘refresh’ our advocacy agenda.

Several of the State Representatives organised local events during the year, as detailed in the State Reports in the Annual Report. Just one example was the Sydney lecture by Anita Krivickas held in April to mark the International Day for Monuments & Sites – this year focused on earthen architecture in recognition of the devastating earthquake which affected Bam (Iran) in January.

**Looking Ahead**

The new Executive Committee will be considering its goals for 2005 at the first meeting next year. So, now is the time to identify new and emerging priorities – all ideas are very welcome.
Some of the priorities and events we are looking ahead to already are:

- **The 40th anniversary of ICOMOS** will be celebrated internationally.

- **The 15th ICOMOS General Assembly** MONUMENTS & SITES IN THEIR SETTING: Conserving the cultural heritage in changing townscapes and landscapes, 17-21 October 2005 in Xi’an, China. This is THE event for ICOMOS in our Region next year, and a theme for which Australians can make a major contribution. I hope that many are already planning to attend. We will also have the opportunity to collaborate with our Chinese colleagues in the development of the draft Declaration for the General Assembly. Don’t miss it!

- A new **National Advocacy** agenda: review/refresh the agenda following the Election; continue to build the credibility and positioning of the National Cultural Heritage Forum – including with the States/Territories; prepare substantial submission to the forthcoming **Productivity Commission Inquiry** into the costs and benefits of heritage.

- **Some unfinished business** to attend to…
  - Burra Charter: revised the brochure and the Guidelines to the *Burra Charter*.
  - Australian Blue Shield Committee: continue discussions with other organisations.
  - New membership brochure/postcard.
  - Website – overdue for a make-over.
  - National Heritage System – continued involvement in the implementation of the new system.

- **State-based events**: including the planned national heritage ‘snap-shot’ series.


- **2005 National Conference: Waltzing Matilda: the romance and reality of Australia’s historic roads.** Join us in Victoria next November, including a trip along the fabulous Great Ocean Road. We are also planning to hold a conference in early 2006 in Sydney on the subject of *Port Cities*, together with the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority. We really need some more enthusiastic people to get involved – especially for the Sydney conference.

- **Heritage Interpretation**: continued contribution to the ICOMOS Ename Charter, development of Australian guidelines, and possibly a national series of workshops for practitioners.

- **International ICOMOS** – continued support for our Vice-President’s activities; various major organisational initiatives (review of statutes, improved effectiveness for the ISCs, etc); improved Regional cooperation (eg. support for ICOMOS Pacifika, cooperation with ICOMOS New Zealand).

As always, we will need the energy, creativity and involvement of many people to develop and carry out this program for the year.

Many busy people work to ensure that Australia ICOMOS continues to articulate and promote best practice in Australia, in our region, and internationally. On behalf of the Executive Committee, I offer my sincere thanks to you all. I also wish to express my gratitude to my professional colleagues and my family for allowing ICOMOS to become such a big part of their lives. It has been a pleasure to serve as President during this year.

*Kristal Buckley, M.ICOMOS  
President  
November 2004*
Deakin University has continued to provide an excellent home for the Australia ICOMOS Secretariat, and we are grateful for the ongoing support of Professor Bill Logan and the staff of the Cultural Heritage Centre for Asia and the Pacific.

Nola Miles has operated the Secretariat on a part-time basis, usually of a Friday, and although our modest finances limit the capacity of the Secretariat, Nola has undertaken a range of duties including correspondence, distribution of information to members, sale of publications, processing of membership information and general enquiries. Two major tasks undertaken this year were the updating of the membership database and a stock-take of publications. The Secretariat also provided support to the National Cultural Heritage Forum during the past year. The weekly Australia ICOMOS email news continues to become a powerful communication tool, and is read worldwide. Brian Long of the Arts Faculty at Deakin University has continued with the maintenance of the Australia ICOMOS website.

As outlined in the President’s Report, after a brief meeting to elect office bearers following the AGM in Sydney, four meetings of the Executive Committee were held during the year. These meetings were held in Sydney on 14-15 February, Melbourne 8-9 May, Canberra on 14-15 August, and Port Arthur on 25 November 2004. The meetings were well attended, and each has had a broad and ambitious agenda. We have provided a summary of the main issues discussed at each meeting via the email news service and have had positive feedback from members. Minutes from each meeting have been prepared and approved.

The Executive Committee comprised members from all states and territories, with the exception of the ACT. Peter Freeman (ACT) was subsequently co-opted to the Executive Committee to provide ACT representation.

Each Executive Committee member, and coopted member, has a number of roles/areas of responsibility, and we rely on their significant commitment, as well as that of members in different parts of Australia, to progress Australia ICOMOS business and organise meeting venues and other arrangements.

The first meeting, held in Sydney, was kindly hosted by Ashfield Council which provided its Haberfield Centre as a venue. The Executive Committee was welcomed by the Mayor, Cr Mark Bonanno, and was provided with a tour of Haberfield by Executive Committee member Sue Jackson. The Committee was also kindly provided with a tour of the Sydney Opera House by Ralph Bott, who gave the Committee an excellent overview of the history of the Sydney Opera House and the proposed works.

The second meeting, held in Melbourne, was kindly hosted by the Villa Alba Committee, and the Executive Committee was welcomed by Robyn Riddett who also provided a guided tour. The Committee also met with Shadow Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Heritage, Kelvin Thompson MP.

The third meeting, held in Canberra, was kindly hosted by Old Parliament House, and the Executive Committee was welcomed by General Manager Kate Cowie and A/Heritage Manager Ree Kent who gave the Committee an overview of the conservation management of Old Parliament House. Some of the Committee members were also provided with a guided tour of Old Parliament House following the meeting.

The fourth meeting, held in Port Arthur, was kindly hosted by the Port Arthur Historic Site. This meeting was scheduled to coincide with the Loving it to death: sustainable tourism at historic places conference and AGM.

The Executive Committee is always keen to improve its services to members, particularly with regard to the effective communication with and between members. I am certain that the new Executive Committee elected to serve for 2004 will welcome your ideas and suggestions about
ways of continuing to improve this aspect of our work.
The Executive Committee welcomes the assistance of members in undertaking its duties, and acknowledges the great assistance provided by Duncan Marshall and Sheri Burke, who are non-Executive Committee members, as well as members of International Scientific Committees.
If you would like to become more actively involved in Australia ICOMOS, please contact the Secretariat or your state or territory representative.

Ken Horrigan, M.ICOMOS
Secretary
Treasurer’s Report
Peter Phillips

The audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2004 are attached to this annual report. The Financial Statements have been prepared and audited by Elliott House Pty Limited, Chartered Accountants.

In the financial year, Australia ICOMOS recorded an operating surplus of $12,355 as compared to a deficit of $14,474 in the previous year. Total members’ funds at the end of the year were $63,379 as compared to $51,024 for 2002-2003.

The following table summarises movement of funds over the past five years.

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The result for last year is particularly pleasing given that the budget at the start of the financial year indicated a deficit. The main reasons for the good result include:

- A profit of $12,279 on the Sydney conference. However, the publication of the conference papers still needs to be funded from this amount, and an allowance has been included in the accounts for this year.

- Income from membership subscriptions being $13,696 more than budget, resulting from the efforts of Executive Committee members and the Secretariat Officer in following up lapsed members and recruiting new ones

- A profit of $15,997 on the National Heritage Legislation seminars

- Receipt of Commonwealth grants totalling $13,591 (net of GST), and reimbursement by the Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority of the cost of the Port Arthur issue of Historic Environment.

The turnover for the year was considerably greater than the previous year. Most of this can be put down to two major projects: the Sydney conference, which was internally funded and administered, and the UNESCO project undertaken by Deakin University.

Most other income and expenses were close to budget.

A number of initiatives have been introduced this year to improve financial management, including direct credit facilities for members to pay for subscriptions and other items, and internet banking to enable more frequent viewing of transactions. Both credit card and B-Pay facilities were investigated, but the fees charged for these services could not be absorbed into the budget and would have required substantial increases in prices and subscription rates. These options will be kept under review.

The secretariat ran very efficiently during the year, and costs generally remained within budget provisions. Australia ICOMOS continued to provide support and secretariat services for the National Cultural Heritage Forum with the assistance of Commonwealth funding.

The year ahead has begun well with the long-awaited release of the revised Illustrated Burra Charter. This is expected to be one of the main sources of income for Australia ICOMOS during the year. There will be some increased expenses associated with this, such as the hire of a storage area while stocks of the publication remain high, and increased secretariat costs in dispatching orders. Nevertheless, the budget for the forthcoming year forecasts a
further surplus assuming that expected Government grants are received.

Australia ICOMOS 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. The National Heritage Legislation Seminars, organised at short notice at the start of 2004 and administered by State representatives and helpers in most capital cities, were a very successful example of this. We are very grateful to all those that assisted with these seminars. This type of event, where a single presentation is prepared and then given in several places, is very cost-effective and should be used as a model for future income-producing activities.

I would like to thank my predecessor, Peter Lovell, for his careful financial stewardship over a very challenging time for the organisation, and the Secretariat Officer, Nola Miles, whose administrative skills have contributed greatly to the management of our finances. I am also 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.

Peter Phillips, M.ICOMOS
October 2004
Membership Secretary’s Report
Elizabeth Close

The membership base of Australia ICOMOS continues to grow at an impressive rate. The high professional standing and qualifications of its members are a testimony to the reputation that ICOMOS holds in the heritage professions. This year the number of current financial members for 2004-2005 in each category is:

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This brings the current membership of the organisation across all categories to 350, and makes ICOMOS a strong advocate for appropriate and sustainable heritage management in Australia.

There are also quite a number of unfinancial members in each category – 80 overall - and your Committee urges you to consider renewing your membership and help support the professional work of ICOMOS. Full Members considered lapsed at 30 June 2004 through having more than one year of unpaid fees (17 in all) have been deleted from our current database and the international database.

During 03/04 the Committee changed the subscription cycle for libraries to the calendar year. This was done because libraries operate in that manner and renewals were getting very complicated. Other renewal categories remain on a financial year cycle.

The committee has introduced an optional non-international membership rate for retired members for 04/05. It will be interesting to see how this is taken up. In the subscribers/student subscribers/associates categories the numbers fluctuate every year, often with conversions to full membership as students graduate and take up professional work.

There are still some ambiguities about the membership categories that the Committee is working to fix up. With completion of a new membership brochure which is currently being prepared by committee member, Caitlin Allen, these will be rectified. This new information on membership categories will also be posted on the website.

Just an alerting note - anyone who has not renewed their subscription by the AGM won't receive their international cards and/or other membership benefits for 2005.

From time to time Australia ICOMOS awards an Honorary Membership to those who have rendered distinguished service to heritage conservation in Australia. Last year, at the AGM, Jim Kerr was honoured in this way. We welcome him to the emeritus ranks.

On a final note it may be of some interest to know of the break up state by state of our membership. The figures at 30 June 2004 for financial members, retired members, honorary members and young professional members were: NSW: 125, Victoria: 57, Queensland: 32, ACT: 30, WA: 28, SA: 20, Tasmania: 17, NT: 6, overseas: 4.

Elizabeth Close
Membership Secretary
Australian World Heritage
Anita Smith, World heritage Reference Group

The World Heritage Reference Group is composed of Australia ICOMOS members, with a particular interest in and/or knowledge of World Heritage matters. In November 2003 Anita Smith was appointed as Convenor. The other members are Barry Jones, Sharon Sullivan, Kristal Buckley, Bill Logan, Jane Lennon, Joan Domicelj, Robyn Riddett and Marilyn Truscott.

This year several issues arose on which the advice of the Reference Group was sought:

- In regard to the nomination of the Royal Exhibition Building for World Heritage listing, members of the Reference Group – Kristal Buckley, Bill Logan, Anita Smith and Peter Lovell - met with Laura Robinson from South Africa, during her mission on behalf of ICOMOS to evaluate the Royal Exhibition Building at the Melbourne Museum in September 2003.

- The Reference Group has been asked to comment on the Draft Management plan for the Sydney Opera house, which is on Australia’s tentative list for World Heritage nomination.

- Over the summer, the Reference Group was asked to provide comment on the draft report of ICOMOS study ‘World Heritage List: Filing the Gaps – an Action Plan for the Future’. This is a review of the Representation of Cultural Heritage on the World Heritage list. As Kristal has discussed in her President’s report, the deadline for comment was very short and members of the Reference Group took time out from their vacations to provide substantial feedback which was then summarised and forwarded to ICOMOS in Paris. This was an excellent effort and very worthwhile. We were especially keen to have the Australia – Pacific region recognised in all its cultural diversity, especially given that it is currently very poorly represented on the World Heritage List. Some of our comments were incorporated into a revised draft of the report that was tabled at the World Heritage Committee meeting in Suzhou, China in July.

This revised report is still considered to be a work in progress and as such we have been asked by Michael Petzet (President of ICOMOS) to comment further on it. A call for comments was sent out in the Australia ICOMOS Email news and responses will be compiled and sent to ICOMOS in Paris by the end of November 2004.

- Recently, Australia ICOMOS has been asked by ICOMOS (Paris) to establish a list of people qualified to undertake World Heritage missions for ICOMOS. In the near future, the Reference group will be drafting a policy, including selection criteria for inclusion of members on this list.

Anita Smith, Convenor
November 2004
International Report  
Sheridan Burke, International Vice-President

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International Meetings

This financial year I attended four major ICOMOS meetings in my role as Vice President, and personally undertook a monitoring mission on behalf of ICOMOS:

13-20 January 2004: Executive Committee, Bureau and World Heritage Panel and various working parties on which I am involved, Paris Secretariat (Funded by ICOMOS Australia, self). Meeting 21 January with VP Araoz at Ename Centre in Belgium re the proposed Ename Charter for interpretation of heritage places (funded by Ename Centre).

February 2004: I was appointed as the ICOMOS representative on a joint monitoring mission with IUCN and ICCROM to review the conservation and management of Robben Island world heritage site, South Africa (Funded by UNESCO). The subsequent report of the mission was adopted by the World Heritage Committee at its July meeting in China.

July 2004: Bureau meeting. Organised first ICOMOS Asia Pacific Regional Meeting, both meetings held in Shanghai and Beijing, China (Funded by Australia ICOMOS, self).

September 2004: Advisory Committee, and Executive Committee meetings, Bergen, Norway. I also participated in the World Heritage Seminar after the Advisory Committee meeting and the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee “retreat ” before the meetings(Funded by Australia ICOMOS, self).

October 2004: I represented President Petzet at the World Heritage Roundtable, “Pacific 2009” at Whakapapa, New Zealand, at which an action plan for world heritage activity in the Pacific region was developed (funded by UNESCO).

After each international ICOMOS meeting I have submitted a detailed report to Australia ICOMOS Executive Committee, copies of which are available on request. I have attended Australia ICOMOS meetings as an observer to present these reports, at my own cost. I am always happy to discuss international ICOMOS activity with members. Please contact me at sheridanb@gml.com.au

The next meeting will be the Executive Committee, World Heritage Panel and Bureau meetings, to be held in Paris in February 2005.

Some of the issues addressed during the year in my role as Vice President and at the international ICOMOS meetings are set out below.

World Heritage

World Heritage Panel

The Executive Committee convened as the ICOMOS World Heritage Panel in January, to consider 35 nominations. It also reviewed later information during the year relating to nominations. Draft reports were presented by Susan Denyer, Yukka Yukilheto and Regina Durighello. Each Executive Committee member reviewed several draft reports and related dossiers personally and participated in the
evaluation of all sites. Dossiers range in size from 3–4 substantial volumes to videos, CDs and boxes of supporting reports. The Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne was amongst those considered at the January meeting.

World Heritage Representivity Report
At the Suzhou meeting of the World Heritage Committee in July, ICOMOS presented to the World Heritage Committee an analysis of the World Heritage List and tentative lists, which had been commissioned by the Committee several years ago. The study set out to analyse the properties already listed, or tentatively recognised, with a view to identifying gaps and under-represented categories of sites. In the long run, it is intended that this will assist states parties to work toward identifying a wider range of properties of potential outstanding universal value when preparing tentative lists and nominations. The List’s representivity (or lack thereof) is a matter of ongoing concern in the Pacific area, which needs specific attention to develop a suitable approach, a matter which I raised when the first draft of the ICOMOS report document was tabled at the Executive Committee meeting in Zaragoza in December 2002, during 2003 and again during the Paris meeting in January 2004. Despite such requests, and a series of Global Strategy meetings underlining this need, the second draft of the ICOMOS Representivity Report which went to the WHC meeting in July it did not reflect the input and comments made by various regions, including the Asia-Pacific region.

The Treasurer General, who is responsible for World Heritage matters in ICOMOS) was asked by the Advisory Committee in Bergen to again investigate the inclusion of Asia-Pacific material before the report is printed; I nominated Kristal Buckley to assist, who was the coordinator of the Australasian input for the draft report. (NB a specific resolution was made emphasizing regional concerns re the Report by the Asia Pacific Regional ICOMOS meeting in Beijing in July)

Operational Guidelines for ICOMOS WH Panel
The Bureau meeting in Beijing formally resolved that the Treasurer-General prepare for its review World Heritage Panel Operational Guidelines in draft form for the September Bergen Executive Committee meeting, providing the history of World Heritage missions in the recent years and describing the current policy on appointments for evaluation and monitoring missions for its consideration. However, no report was circulated for the Bergen Executive Committee meeting. The Bergen Advisory Committee requested that such a report be circulated as soon as possible. It is awaited.

It was also resolved by the July Bureau meeting that simultaneous minutes be taken for all future World Heritage Panel meetings by Secretariat, to ensure timely information provision.

It was also resolved in July that National Committees be invited to develop and submit lists of suitably qualified members available to undertake world heritage missions.

Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting: Beijing, July
Following the World Heritage Committee meeting in July, the first Asia Pacific regional ICOMOS meeting was held, commencing with an excellent two day program of professional exchanges organised in Shanghai by Zhang Bai and Sheng Weiwei of ICOMOS China, based on a program prepared with Anne Warr, an Australia ICOMOS member who is now living in Shanghai.

The delegates enjoyed the tours, discussions and visits hosted by the Shanghai Administrative Commission of Cultural Heritage, the Shanghai Municipal Planning Bureau, the Quingpu Administrative Commission of Cultural Heritage and the extraordinary Shanghai Museum. Each provided a stimulating insight into a city which takes its heritage seriously and professionally.

Also in Shanghai, the Secretary General and I met with Professor Wu Zhingiang and representatives of the Tongji University who are involved with a wide range of
conservation, urban planning and tourism projects and courses. The University is interested in developing an ongoing relationship with ICOMOS, and we explored the concept of organising a workshop to be held immediately before the 2005 General Assembly on the conservation of the settings of Water Towns.

The Asia Pacific regional meeting then continued in Beijing, with two days of inspections and tours after which delegates met in formal conference. The delegates received a series of professional reports and papers covering current national committee activities, the use and development of regional charters, and the proposed theme of the China GA. The President, Secretary General and Treasurer-General spoke about ICOMOS activity, focusing in part on the Asia Pacific region. Aedeen Cremin ably acted as meeting Rapporteur. Yukio Nishimura and I chaired the meeting, and also presented papers.

It was timely to discuss the two themes of regional interest currently - the development of ICOMOS doctrine and the wide range of charters cropping up in Asia, particularly the China Principles and the Hoi An declaration, as well as the Cultural landscape/ settings theme proposed for the next General Assembly. Eight national Committees from the region were represented at the meeting, and four major resolutions were passed by the assembled group of 46 delegates.

- The first resolution was to meet again as a regional group, in association with the General Assembly in China in 2005.
- The second resolution requested that urgent regional input to the recent ICOMOS report on Representivity on the World Heritage List be actively sought and incorporated before its publication.
- The third resolution was a warm endorsement of the founding of an ICOMOS Committee for the Pacific Islands.
- The fourth resolution supported the establishment of a regional risk preparedness network, and encouraged all national ICOMOS committees to nominate appropriate candidates to ICORP (the International Committee on Risk Preparedness).

Whilst the regional delegates enjoyed their first two days of tour in Beijing, I attended the international Bureau meeting of ICOMOS which was held at the conference hotel, with an extensive agenda, and useful consultations.

The logistics and details of the many meetings were perfectly coordinated by Zhang Bai and China ICOMOS, together with officers from institutions and municipal authorities in Beijing and Shanghai. Despite intense summer heat, followed by a monsoonal downpour which literally flooded the hotel during the regional meeting, everything carried on smoothly, regardless! Our sincere thanks to all our Chinese colleagues for providing unforgettable cultural experiences, all of which promise an extraordinary GA in Xian in 2005.

General Assembly, China 2005

Location: Following a suggestion by our Chinese colleagues, a general discussion of options concluded with the decision to move the General Assembly from Beijing to Xian as the costs will be much lower and the city is particularly apt for the GA theme, without logistical and traffic complexities of the capital.

Organisation: The Organising Committee for the General Assembly will be: President Petzet, Treasurer-General Solar, Secretary-General Bumbaru, Vice Presidents Nishimura and Burke, Executive Committee Member Zhang Bai and Mr Guo Zhang. Over 1000 delegates are expected. Due to my prior commitment to be in New Zealand for the Pacific 2009 Roundtable, I asked Kristal Buckley to attend in my stead at the first organising meeting in October in Beijing, since she was nearby at a conference in Nara.

Election system: Zhang Bai will report on election process options available in China to Executive Committee in February 2005.

Dates: Following examination of options during the year, the opening date is resolved to be 17 October 2005. The
Friday, Saturday & Sunday before opening will be dedicated for Bureau, Advisory & Executive Committee meetings. An ISC strategic meeting will be held on the 14th. Friday the 21st will be closing day. Saturday the 22nd will be start of post conference tours.

**Finance:** The proposed budget for the China 2005 GA will be presented to the Treasurer-General. Early bird registration should be approximately US$450. The Getty Grant Program has generously offered assistance for delegate travel. This will be handled again by the Secretariat, together with all other financial contributions.

**Scientific Programme:** The scientific symposium will take two(plus?) full days. Following discussion of the initial wording of the theme, the Bureau decided, in agreement with ICOMOS China, on the final theme to be: **MONUMENTS & SITES IN THEIR SETTING: Conserving cultural heritage in changing townscape & landscapes.**

**Xian Declaration:** My suggestion of preparing a formal conference declaration regarding “setting” has been accepted and is now in development by ICOMOS China.

**ICOMOS/Ename Charter for Interpretation of Heritage Sites**

On 21 January 2004 I visited Belgium with VP Gustavo Araoz, as nominees of the Executive Committee, to meet with representatives of the Ename Centre to discuss the proposed development of a charter about site interpretation. An editorial committee was formed (Araoz, Burke, Solar as ICOMOS representatives), and together we developed first draft text and a management process for (principally electronic) circulation.

Unlike other ICOMOS charters in the past, whose drafting and initial review process was the responsibility of one International Scientific Committee (ISC), the interpretation charter’s broad nature and general pertinence, precluded it from having a single sponsor ISC.

For this reason, the innovative approach adopted was a simultaneous review by e-mail on the part of all ISCs plus a small group of experts, to be followed later by another revision by all the National Committees. The first round of ISC review concluded in May, and the editorial group used their comments to produce the second draft which was circulated to all national committees and once again to the ISCs and the roster of experts. Again, a range of comments was received by the end of July deadline, some very detailed, others congratulating ICOMOS on taking this initiative.

The goal of this project was to present the Charter for adoption at the General Assembly in Xian, China, in 2005, expanding thus our ICOMOS doctrinal corpus. In order to meet this deadline, our work has had to adhere to a very rigorous schedule. Comments were accepted in any of the three languages: English, French or Spanish, and electronic drafting has proved to be an efficient mechanism for intellectual exchange and development of documents.

Based on the two round of reviews (and a few in between), the editorial group produced a third draft for consideration by the Advisory Committee in Bergen, in accord with our statutes requirements prior to its presentation at the General Assembly. The editorial group was gratified to report an almost universal consensus on the need for an ICOMOS doctrinal document that would provide ethical foundations and practical guidance to the process of interpreting heritage places.

At the Bergen Advisory Committee meeting, President Petzet spoke in personal opposition to the third draft Charter, voicing concerns about its specific terminology and audience, stimulating lively debate.

The Bergen (third) draft is now receiving wide circulation (comments due Late December), and the fast paced programme for its ratification has been abandoned.

**Follow-up on 2003 Zimbabwe General Assembly Resolutions**

**Revision of Statutes and Rules of Procedure**

In January the Ad Hoc Statutes Committee (of which I was a member, with Andrew Hall, former Advisory Committee president) was disbanded and President
Petzet advised that he had appointed Werner von Trutzschler (former chair of the Legal ISC) to provide a report on statutes change for the Executive Committee before its Beijing meeting. Subsequently, a report was received from Dr von Trutzschler and several others, which covered a range of new topics, though not all the specific issues which had been raised in the Ad Hoc Committees Report and in discussion during the General Assembly in Zimbabwe. However, the report arrived after the Bureau meeting in July and the President decided that members will be invited to comment on Dr von Trutzschler’s report. It has yet to be circulated.

Other 2003 Zimbabwe GA Resolutions
A written report was presented by the Secretary-General to the Advisory Committee in September, outlining the EC responses to all resolutions proposed at Zimbabwe according to Rules of Procedure.

International Scientific Committees

New Committees
Recently President Petzet sent out letters with regards to four possible new ISCs: 20th century heritage (Bumbaru, Schmuckle-Mollard, Lopez Morales, Burke) conservation doctrine (Feredjy, Wilfred, Rocas); restoration of objects of art (Silva, Bondin); and intangible heritage (Deacon, Goncalves). Liaison with Docomomo is well underway to ensure complementary initiatives for the twentieth century committee.

I will organise a meeting to discuss the potential work programme of the Twentieth Century Heritage Committee in November. Its statutes are in preparation by Ms Schmuckle-Mollard. Mr Lopez Morales is aiming to organize an expert meeting before February. Input and comment most welcome

ISC Retreat, Bergen
The VP for ISCs, Gustavo Araoz convened a “retreat” for ISC chairs and members to develop and discuss the role of ISCs in the professional and scientific endeavors of ICOMOS. It was an active two days, and the discussion was very engaging. A series of task forces have been appointed to progress particular issues.

Finances

Reports by the Treasurer-General on ICOMOS Financial Situation
The Treasurer-General has presented various verbal reports at Executive Committee meetings, noting that expenditure continues higher than income: the difference being covered by now depleted reserves. The Advisory Committee has requested the provision of written reports from all office bearers.

In my opinion it is an essential governance responsibility of all Bureau and Executive Committee members to know the fiscal position of the organisation. As the nominated assistant Treasurer General I have voiced ongoing and serious concern at the lack of provision of basic financial information. I have formally requested, and it has been resolved, that Bureau Members would have a quarterly report on ICOMOS finances with a covering variations report identifying what measures are being taken in response to matters arising. Reports were to be timed to be received at least two weeks before meetings, to enable questions/answers. This resolution has not been implemented. The lack of commitment to facilitating and implementing the position of assistant Treasurer General (and assistant Secretary General) has proved to be a disappointment this triennium.

Report of the Fundraising Group

As no report was made by the appointed group (Solar, Petzet, Burke, Araoz, Bumbaru, but no convener?) to the Bureau in July, I suggested five avenues of potential for the group to investigate:

1. Sustaining governmental support: A carefully targeted personal approach from the President and Treasurer-General to senior government officials to secure ongoing commitment, such as several European governments currently provide.

2. Urgent re-negotiation of UNESCO World Heritage Advisory contracts to ensure coverage of costs expended.
3. Development by the Secretariat of a specific grants/in kind “shopping list” for special needs, e.g. computer software, scanner, etc.

4. Development of an ICOMOS volunteers programme (as had proved successful for Heritage at Risk reports), noting the need for Secretariat time to manage such a programme, but not necessarily be its location.

5. Investigation of other “offshore” production of ICOMOS work, e.g. Newsletter in Malta.

The Treasurer General was then appointed to chair the group, but it was not activated, so did not present a report to the Bergen meeting. However, I provided a personal written report outlining Fundraising opportunities for the Executive Committee’s consideration at that meeting.

Volunteers Policy for ICOMOS

At the Bergen Executive Committee, I presented a report at the request of the Bureau, recommending the establishment of a volunteer process within ICOMOS to engage and involve potential volunteers.

To date, ICOMOS has had a wide range of volunteers pass through the Secretariat - some working on specific projects in the Documentation Centre, others on particular research and publications such as the Heritage at Risk Reports. Through National Committees and ISCs, ICOMOS members volunteer their time for specific projects, as indeed do Bureau and Executive Committee members. Various international projects are managed by volunteers in national committees; the recent edition of *Nouvelles* produced in Malta is a case in point. ICOMOS is also approached to “house” specialists developing specific projects with variable degrees of relevance to our core business, which we deal with on an ad hoc basis.

There is clearly an untapped resource and support base out there, upon which ICOMOS could capitalise to achieve our goals, but we must be cognisant of the costs, as well as the benefits. I believe that we can (and should) specifically target younger volunteers.

I recommended that we trial a volunteers program by initially identifying tasks/projects both from within the Secretariat and by the Executive Committee in relation to the Triennial Work Programme. With each task we would identify its purpose, outcomes and timing, basic qualifications and demonstrated skills, supervision, evaluation and lines of responsibility, as well as physical working arrangements such as location, facilities, etc.

The policy is equally applicable to Australia ICOMOS. An immediate project could be the coordination of the development of a charter for conservation practice in South Africa, where the Burra Charter is still extensively used, in the absence of a locally developed and trialled charter.

Pacific 2009 Roundtable, October 2004

At the invitation of the Director of UNESCO’s World Heritage Centre, experts engaged in debate regarding the identification, documentation and conservation of the Heritage of the Pacific during a regional meeting on the “Pacific 2009” project. This meeting took place in Whakapapa, Tongariro National Park (New Zealand) between 17-22 October 2004 it was organised by the World Heritage Centre and the New Zealand Department of Conservation with financial support of the governments of Norway and Italy.

Participation was mainly funded by UNESCO, but due to logistical travel difficulties via Auckland, I also needed to partially fund attendance myself.

My contributions to the meeting included a presentation on the ICOMOS World Heritage Role (including the Representivity report), chairing conference sessions, and editing the final action plan document.

Amongst the outcomes within the plan, a clear role emerges for Australia ICOMOS in providing information and experience (when requested) on diverse issues from plans of management to legislative frameworks. The possibility of utilising ICOMOS volunteers was very warmly received.

The meeting provided an excellent opportunity to develop closer ties with NZ
ICOMOS members and potential Pacific Island members of *ICOMOS Pacifika*. A potential outcome is the development of a thematic analysis conference in New Caledonia early next year, also as a launch for *ICOMOS Pacifika*.

**Day-to-Day ICOMOS International Activities**

Daily I continue to deal with c.20 emails re ICOMOS business on a diverse range of Treasury, Bureau and Executive Committee business. The strategic development of the ISCs and the development of the Ename Charter were busy projects this year. Many communications are administrative in nature, relating to the Secretariat operation or our external international relationships; others relate to specific ICOMOS programs. The review of the Ename Charter and ongoing work on Twentieth Century Heritage also provide intellectual content and challenges.

A particular focus for me is finding avenues to involve Australian practitioners in international work, especially younger members. This year, I have been able to assist the placement of the Australia ICOMOS nominee for the US ICOMOS Summer Intern project, Cameron Hartnell; and a volunteer staffer in the Paris Secretariat, Marilyn Truscott.

It’s also been good to support the ongoing work of AI volunteer Samantha Fabry in the preparation of a Conservation Management Plan and Interpretation Plan for the Australian bungalow on Malta, with assistance from ICOMOS members Alan Croker and Robert Moore. Samantha is now resident in Malta and has enthusiastically taken on the project, gaining support from the Maltese government for a restoration programme for the cottage and its surrounding garden. It has recently been heritage listed by the Maltese government as a result of her efforts.

As well as recommending experts for missions and as speakers time to time, there are also occasional special ICOMOS projects where it has been possible to engage Australians - such as Meredith Walker on the proposed doctrine international scientific committee, and Duncan Marshall as representative at a Unitar training seminar in Japan.

Australians are well represented on most International Scientific Committees, but some are relatively silent, and we need to prompt active engagement to really bring our perspective to bear on specific issues and doctrine. Other members, such as the Chair of the Cultural Tourism Committee, Graham Brooks and the Chair of the Archaeological Heritage Management Committee, Brian Egloff are actively involved in international activity.

The Asia Pacific region has 10 national committees and chairs a number of ISCs. An email information system operates amongst us, to gather and disseminate ICOMOS related material. All committees and a number of interested individuals have been added to the Australia ICOMOS database and receive ENews.

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The UNESCO Bangkok office is presently coordinating the development of the Hoi An Protocols for Best Conservation Practice in Asia through the Asian Academy. The document represents professional guidelines for assuring and preserving the authenticity of heritage sites in the context of the cultures of Asia. The document draws heavily upon the experience of site management in Asia and upon the Burra Charter. In October, I organised a meeting in Sydney with Richard Englehardt, UNESCO Cultural adviser in Bangkok to discuss the protocols with ICOMOS colleagues.

ICOMOS occupies approximately a day per week of my time - between what is sometimes an avalanche of email communications, travel and meetings it includes many and varied activities. These have involved participation in a Cultural Mapping Symposium in Adelaide organised by AusHeritage last December and presenting a Reflections paper at its AGM in Sydney in November 2004.

I enjoy attending as an observer the Australia ICOMOS Executive Committee meetings during the year, providing timely and direct international feedback to our national activities.
Next year will be my last on the ICOMOS international Executive Committee. I have proposed a detailed and open process to the Australia ICOMOS Executive Committee to identify a potential candidate to stand for election at the General Assembly in Beijing, 2005. It must be understood that the election is that of an individual, not of a representative of a national committee or region per se. Nomination must be by several national committees, and is based on the experience, knowledge and contribution of the individual.

I suggest that the selection criteria should be similar to those Australia ICOMOS uses in nominations to International Scientific Committees, including:

- Nominee has made a significant contribution to Australia ICOMOS
- Nominee has written and been published extensively
- Nominee has acted as an adviser to Australian Governments in relevant area
- Nominee has completed significant and formally recognised work in a relevant area and those consultancies have provided leading advice to the commissioning agencies

In my view, the best result for Australia ICOMOS, would be to select candidates (especially office bearers) with a commitment to INNOVATION AND STRATEGIC THINKING, who wish to achieve a more consensus driven approach to running an international NGO, and to achieve specific objectives - not just to maintain the status quo and personal profiles.

I also believe that the EC and Bureau members need to facilitate and secure strong regional representation from more remote regions - the Pacific, Asia, Africa, where ICOMOS committees need to grow and be heard. Whilst the European roots of ICOMOS will always be strong, the organisation needs to flourish innovatively and youthfully in its more distant branches, if it is to be truly comprehensive. It needs help, support and encouragement to do this and Australians are never afraid to stand up and be heard - I’m not sure how we translate that into a criteria! Ability to at least read, and preferably speak French is certainly desirable, but not essential. Spanish would also be an advantage.

Two other critical criteria are:

Stamina - physical and emotional. The travel is hard work - it’s not glamorous, the workload between meetings means lots of late nights if you are a full time worker. There is also a fairly large component of advocacy needed - the ability to operate diplomatically, strategically and with ethical conviction and expertise is very important.

Support - from family and work place. I estimate the role requires about a week a month in total- that includes travel and between times work. Unfortunately the travel is often in school holidays, so family support is essential if the candidate has children who require care, as I did. My modus operandi involves late night work, and the shortest possible time overseas. Others would find different methods. A supportive partner/family has been essential for me. It is important to recognise the commitment made by the candidate’s employer, too. It can be very difficult on colleagues and projects to disappear for 10 days at a time three or four times a year.

Despite the fact that Australia ICOMOS covers costs of travel, there are invariably miscellaneous related expenses and of course, income not earned due to absence, that add up to very real personal financial costs.

Conclusions

I wish to formally record my thanks for the support of Australia ICOMOS over the three terms which I have served as ICOMOS representative on the International Executive Committee. It is a major financial commitment for any committee, and it demonstrates the strength and integrity of our national group.

In 1978, foundation ICOMOS member Professor Miles Lewis reported to Australia ICOMOS typically frankly after attending the Moscow General Assembly of ICOMOS. He honed in on the problems of ICOMOS’s Eurocentric vision, and recommended that it was essential that “Australia ICOMOS should continue to
make attempts to be involved in international committees and working groups on particular topics, but at the same time should accept the inevitable and try to organise its own groups based on Australia and the immediate region”. This duality of focus has been, and I believe remains, an appropriate goal to maintain.

To my patient family and generous employers, Godden Mackay Logan, my thanks for the ongoing and extensive support, which enables and strengthens me to vigorously participate in ICOMOS internationally. Much needs to be done to improve unity and focus amongst the diverse interest groups within ICOMOS, to progress its strategic approach to its role and activities to better represent conservation practice and ethics in world at large - and especially the Asia Pacific region.

_Sheridan Burke_  
_November 9, 2004_
Publications Committee Report
Aedeen Cremin

The journal comes out three times a year. Dates of issue are theoretically 1 May, 1 September and 1 December, but in practice there is always a delay. This year, the ‘September’ issue (vol. 18.1 *Burra 25*) is actually coming out at the end of October. The ‘December’ issue (vol. 18.2) is likely to come out in February 2005.

Timing

Each issue takes about four months to prepare. The stages are:

- **Obtaining papers**: The volume editor is responsible for gathering up papers appropriate to the themes; or the general editor, Dr Aedeen Cremin, assemble unsolicited material.
- **Refereeing**: The authors send in their papers, which are then refereed. If the papers are from a conference the organisers/editors can act as referees. It takes about two months for the referees to report and for the authors to act on the reports.
- **Sub-editing**: this consists largely of checking on the bibliographies, regularising punctuation and, as necessary, clarifying text with the authors. It takes about three weeks in all.
- **Reviews editing**: this is a continuous process, brilliantly carried out by Dr Linda Young. She gets books from the publishers and sends them out to reviewers as they come in. She sub-edits the reviews and sends them in about 15 days before the issue goes to press.
- **Printing** takes 6 weeks (3 set of page proofs, plus ironing out whatever problems arise with the images etc.).

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*Aedeen Cremin
October 2004*
Conference Coordinator’s Report
Lori Sciusco

This year commenced with a great deal of effort on behalf of NZ and Australia ICOMOS working together to organise a joint conference dealing with the theme of ‘Pacific Connections’. Unfortunately, due to a perceived lack of interest the conference was indefinitely postponed. However, the theme of ‘Pacific Connections’ is one that Australia ICOMOS feels is worthy of further consideration.

As a result of the post postponement of the 2005 Australia /NZ Joint Conference, the EC received a number of proposals for a 2005 replacement Annual Conference.

Mr Timothy Hubbard approached the AI EC with a Historic Roads conference submission which was accepted by the EC in Canberra 2004. The 2005 Conference is titled ‘Waltzing Matilda, the Romance and Reality of Australia’s Historic Roads’ and will be held at the end of November in Melbourne, Victoria. The conference will also include a film night as well as a post conference tour of the Great Ocean Road. Details of the conference will be posted on the AI website and e-newsletter.

AI EC also received a proposal from Dr Andrew Piper, Co-ordinator at UNE’s Heritage Futures Research Centre, Armidale for a National Railway Heritage Conference. The conference had been organised to coincide with the Sesquicentenary of Rail in NSW and to take place 28-30th September 2005. Due to the importance of the conference taking place in conjunction with other events such as the unveiling of the Australian Railway Monument at Werris Creek in the last week of September 2005, it was decide that although worthy of being a AI National Conference that the timing was not suitable for AI events already in place. Subsequently, AI will be lending its support to the National Rail Heritage Conference. Lori Sciusco (AI Conference Co-ordinator) and Peter Phillips (AI Treasurer) have been discussing the level of AI involvement in this conference with Dr Andrew Piper and are in the process of preparing a Memorandum of Understanding that will be presented to the EC at the November EC Meeting at Port Arthur prior to commencement of Conference.

Discussions have also been held with representatives of the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority (SHFA) regarding a Conference in early 2006 on the theme of ‘Port Cities’. AI has received a letter from the Chairman of SHFA agreeing to a joint conference. Further discussions are yet to be held regarding the finer details of this arrangement.

Finally, the AI Conference Manual has been revised and is being reviewed by the AI EC. An updated manual will be made available on the AI web site.

Lori Sciusco, M.ICOMOS
31 October 2004
INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE REPORTS
The Australia ICOMOS working group for Historic Gardens & Cultural Landscapes would like to restate our support for an Asia-Pacific regional working group and our desire to participate in sub-regional working group of Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands. It is likely that a few members from Australia will be attending the International ICOMOS Conference in China in 2005 and hope that a meeting will be held there to encourage the Asia Pacific regional working group.

The following is a report on major developments and issues in Australia.

We invite any members of the ISC to make contact on any similar issues and concerns as those outlined in this report. In particular we emphasise the issues of Wind Farms and Redevelopment of 20th and 21st Century Designed Landscapes. We would appreciate any comments from other international representatives who are aware of similar concerns in their countries and how they are being confronted.

### New Heritage Legislation

Australia has new national legislation that provides for a National Heritage List of outstanding heritage places, a Commonwealth Heritage List (significant places owned or controlled by the Australian Government) and as well it continues to manage the Register of the National Estate.


As heritage legislation now exists in all Australian States/Territories, this new national legislation reduces overlaps in heritage responsibility, yet provides for recognition and safeguarding of heritage places of national level importance. The new legislation covers all environments (natural, historic and Indigenous) and the Australian Government is developing a national thematic framework to assist in the identification of nationally significant places. One of the thematic studies, on Inspirational Landscapes, prepared a method for understanding and assessing heritage values. In Australia these landscapes are those having outstanding natural phenomena and/or those with strong cultural associational values.

A weakness of the new system noted by stakeholders is that the Federal Minister, not the Australian Heritage Council, will decide on listings, and that the community is being asked for nominations, with no backup support funding to assist voluntary groups or individuals doing the necessary research and documentation.

A strength is that listed places (4 only so far) require management plans and their owners have obligations under the Act to protect and manage them appropriately, seeking Federal Ministerial approval for changes.

### Cultural Landscapes

The identification and management of cultural landscapes of heritage significance is an issue that State planning agencies are grappling with, given difficulties in managing these landscapes in a climate of intense development pressures, particularly in urban fringe areas. The definition for
cultural landscapes developed by the World Heritage Committee is most commonly used to assist in identifying those landscapes of heritage significance.

In NSW for instance seven key colonial farm cultural landscape nominations to the State Heritage List are ‘with the State Minister’ awaiting co-ordinated timing of approvals of new urban release areas of residential housing in North-and South-Western Sydney. Other potential heritage nominations are in preparation, but will be subject to similar competing pressures of new housing or industrial land release and development.

Christchurch City Council in South Island, New Zealand has commissioned the first Thematic Heritage study of their territory to assist a wider diversity of places and their context to be conserved. NZ Institute of Landscape Architects is planning to hold a conference on Heritage Landscapes in Dunedin in April, 2005.

Modern Designed Landscapes - the National Museum of Australia Garden

As with modern architecture, modern landscape designs that tend towards hard landscape features, often with obscure abstract concepts are not always popular with the general public. The garden industry continues to promote popular and recycled garden notions while the landscape design industry is often appreciated only by itself until understanding and appreciation develops with time.

One new Australian garden suffering from this dilemma is the Garden of Australian Dreams designed for the new National Museum of Australia, opened in 2001. This is a central courtyard garden within the complex of the new museum. It has a composite of features to stimulate images and trace stories of human’s interaction with nature and it is both a confronting and an intellectually challenging landscape. In 2003, a review of the museum recommended a complete redesign of the garden stating that it failed to be understood and recommending a more scientific evolutionary biota display.

Many landscape designers are appalled at this decision and similar situations with other relatively modern landscape designs being subject to redevelopment. There is little recognition of landscape design as a work of art and a general acceptance that landscapes can be modified without reference to the original design intent. Because many of these landscapes are young (some less than five years old) they are not protected under heritage legislation. In an effort to deal with this situation, the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects is proposing a new award category to award site managers maintaining sites to ensure integrity and a proposal to develop a listing of Sites of Significance and Sites@Risk.

Heritage at Risk Issues

A Heritage at Risk report was prepared and sent to Australia ICOMOS in July 2004 (refer Attachment A). An ever-expanding concern is that of the installation of wind farms on Australian Landscapes. There is a great deal of government and public support for wind farms as a means of reducing green houses gases. Nonetheless there is no adequate best practice research conducted before their installation with regard to appreciation of cultural landscape values. Public groups have raised serious concerns with wind farm developments seriously impacting Aboriginal cultural sites in York Peninsula, (northern Australia) and rural coastal landscapes in Victoria.

In New Zealand, just to the south of Auckland, on the west coast of Manukau Harbour at Awhitu Peninsula a combined Maori and Pakeha community have stopped a wind farm that was considered to be a threat to noise levels and damage to archaeological sites.

One place where it appears to be achieving a desirable outcome is Woodlawn wind farm and landfill development in southern NSW where a huge mine pit is being filled with Sydney's landfill along with creating a substantial wind farm on low hills in a large open valley.

Relevant Recent Publications

Clearings, Six Colonial Gardeners and their Landscapes by Paul Fox (2004),

published by Miegunyah Press, traces the lives of six individuals involved in plant collecting throughout the Pacific, botanising, gardening, agriculture and forestry. Using primary historic sources the work is enlightening in its story of energetic, creative individuals who made a contribution not just to Australia but to the rest of the world.

The Australia ICOMOS journal Historic Environment, Volume 17(2) published a number of papers from the conference Celebrating Mountains, held during the United National International Year of Mountains. ‘Mountains of Meaning’ was the cultural heritage component and covered the identification of mountain heritage values, managing values, maintaining intangible values and managing cultural values in wilderness areas. A second publication of the conference to cover papers dealing primarily with methods is planned for early 2005.

Gardenesque: A celebration of Australian Gardening, by Richard Aitken the new Melbourne University Press book (Miegunyah Press) is part companion/catalogue to an exhibition of the same name, currently on at the State Library of Victoria, as well as providing a more academic study on gardening in Australia.

Myanmar

AusHeritage in association with ASEAN-COCI Myanmar held a conference in Yangon 23-25 August followed by a three day workshop in Bagan. At the Bagan workshop AusHeritage and the Myanmar Department of Archaeology met to discuss conservation issues at the historic site of Bagan. One major discussion stream concentrated on issues of site planning and management and discussed the future option of possibly categorising the Bagan archaeological area as a Continuing Cultural Landscape within the meaning set out in the World heritage categories of cultural landscapes. Complementary to this was recognition of the need for a development plan for a hierarchy of vehicular and pedestrian circulation, identification of sites capable of absorbing tourist visits and option for closing some areas to public access.

Forthcoming Conferences


Humanities Research Centre, ANU: The theme for next year for Visiting Fellows and conferences is cultural landscapes. The intention is to examine various ways in which natural landscapes have been affected or transformed by human settlement, and imaginatively perceived and conceived by artists and writers.

Other conferences include:

− Urban Imaginaries/Cultural Landscapes
  27 June - 1 July 2005
− Commemoration, Monuments and Public Memory 2 - 4 August 2005

For further information: www.anu.edu.au/hrc/conferences/conferences

It also hoped to run a workshop in September 2005 on World heritage: Filling the Gaps: cultural landscapes and the Asia-Pacific region. contact k.taylor@anu.edu.au

Heritage Initiatives

The Heritage Council of Victoria in partnership with the Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) has developed and delivered the Hands on Heritage (HoH) program. The volunteers have been involved in a variety of landscape heritage work such as restoring a dry stone wall, installing a period style fence and removing invasive bamboo from a heritage garden.
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Juliet Ramsay and the Australia ICOMOS Historic Gardens and Cultural Landscapes Working Group 28 September 2004
Drought and climate change
Throughout south-eastern Australia excessive drought believed to be resulting from global warming is having considerable impact on heritage gardens, avenues and landscapes. Drying out makes gardens, parks and landscapes far more vulnerable to bushfires and during the summer of 2003-2004, a bushfire at Booderee National Park damaged the park’s flora and fauna. It is expected that there will be a great loss of trees resulting from this drought and that gardens will be reduced and modified in order to manage ongoing water restrictions.

This environmental change is insidious and will ultimately have a considerable impact on settings, particularly our unique and valued garden suburbs. Because of this dilemma the 2004 national conference of the Australian Garden History Society is being devoted to this topic.

York Park Plantation
York Park Plantation is a small plantation of oak trees in Central Canberra that has been in the Commonwealth’s Heritage List for several years. This place was recently proposed as a development site by the land management authority. Intense lobbying by individuals and heritage bodies such as the Australian Garden History Society and the National Trust of Australia has put the development proposal on hold. However, the action by a government land management authority to develop a heritage listed property illustrates the insecurity of our listed heritage places.

Wind farm impacts on valued landscapes
The issue of the installation of wind farms on valued landscapes is continuing. However studies are underway to research issues and improve consultation in order to develop a best practice approach for planning to include a thorough investigation of landscape values, prior to the installation of wind farms.

Managing change to 19th century pastoral landscapes
A continuing concern across Australia is that these pastoral properties established by colonial settlers, are being seriously impacted by suburban expansion. These properties were manifest in a distinct style, derived from British 18th C pastoral landscapes. Most of the detrimental impacts are due to a current trend of development driven planning for new suburbs. The NSW State Government Heritage Agency is proposing ways to influence local government planning.

Rural Properties
Apart from pastoral properties, other farming properties, including dairying, cropping, nut farming and sugar cane growing that have been part of the Australian landscape for many years are undergoing change forced by economics of their rural enterprise. These rural properties were on the whole quite modest and did not support grand homesteads and gardens such as the pastoral properties of the 19th Century. However they were representative of a way of life.

Resources available to government and non-government heritage agencies have been progressively reduced in recent years therefore heritage research of this suite of places has not been undertaken in a comprehensive planned fashion.

Old Parliament House Gardens, Canberra
The heritage listed Old Parliament House Gardens are in the process of being redeveloped. Their former value as a heritage extension of the heritage listed Old Parliament House has been lost, and their potential to be acclaimed as major component of the early 20th Century band of features of the Parliamentary Triangle that include Old Parliament House and the two Secretariats has also been lost. As well, their new image with its array of structures, highly visible above the hedge, impacts period character of the vistas and settings of Old Parliament House. The new works are not heritage conservation and they now seriously impact the heritage values of the existing heritage precinct.
The Executive of the International Committee for Archaeological Heritage Management is pleased to present the annual report for the period 1 July 2003 to 31 June 2004.

**Officers elected for term 2003-2006**

The following are the officers elected by e-mail ballot in January of 2003. The executive will serve in this capacity until October of 2006. An e-mail election will be held in time for the handing over of the previous executive to the new executive at the Annual General Assembly to be held in China in 2006.

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**Voting members**

We are pleased to announce the addition of members nominated by the National Committees of Armenia, Kazakhstan and Ecuador.

Below are the voting members, associates and honorary members. (see the committee website for contact details of members).

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Coordinator position is open

Kazakhstan  
Yuriy Peshkov

SOUTHEAST ASIA  

Coordinator is  
Professor Akira Ono, Japan

Japan  
Professor Akira Ono (voting member)  
Tokyo Metropolitan University

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Coordinator is Professor Willem Willems, Netherlands

**Armenia**  
Prof. D. Felix Ter-Martirossov  
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**Finland**  
Dr. Jukka Moisanen, (voting member)  
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**France**  
Dr. Sarah Titchen (associate)  
UNESCO, Paris
Mrs. Dr. B. Stoll-Tucker  
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Landesamt für Archäologie

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Dr. P. Pantos  
(membership not confirmed)  
Ministry of Culture, Athens

**Hungary**
Dr. Zsolt Visy (voting member)  
Ministry of Cultural Heritage

**Ireland**
Mrs. Dr. Anne Lynch (associate member)  
Duchas, the Heritage Service

**Italy**
Prof. Stefano de Caro (voting member)  
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**Norway**
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**Poland**
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**Portugal**
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Institute for the Protection of Cultural Heritage of Slovenia

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Escuela Española de Historia y Arqueología

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Historic Scotland

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**Sri Lanka**
Mr. K Gamini Wijesuriya  
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Sri Lanka

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Coordinator:  
Associate Professor Brian Egloff

**Australia**
Associate Professor Brian J. Egloff  
University of Canberra

**Sub-Saharan Africa**
Coordinator position is open

**Botswana**
Alfred Tsheboeng (associate member)

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**Executive report**

The Secretariat is in the final stages of preparing for the 2004 meeting to be held at the European Association of Archaeologists in Lyon, France from 6 to 12 September 2004.

Added to the annual ICAHM business meeting, there will be a one day session on ‘The Management and Protection of Archaeological Heritage in a Development and Public Works Environment’.
Shortly after the meeting at Washington it was decided to proceed with preparations to hold the 2004 ICAHM meeting in conjunction with the European Archaeological Association conference at Lyon, France. It was also agreed to have the following task forces:

- ICAHM Charter Review (headed by Gustaf Trotzig and Brian Egloff)
- Ename Charter Review (headed by Willem Willems, Dirk Callebaut (newly appointed ICAHM member from Belgium, and Regina Pinder/Doug Comer)
- Heritage at Risk (headed by Marilyn Truscott)
- Heritage and Development (having discussions on the title and focus of this group) (headed by Tom Wheaton)
- Responses to Pleas for support for Endangered Heritage (headed by Tsolt Visey and perhaps Willem Willems and perhaps David Breeze/Tom Hassall)

ICAHM made a substantial contribution to the General Assembly held at Zimbabwe through our representative Marilyn Truscott. The full-day strategic planning meeting that was held on October 27th at the Elephants Hills Hotel in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.

To address the concerns in Seville, the meeting was conceived as a peer review process of the work and accomplishments of each committee, in which the chairs would evaluate comparatively the overall ISC membership, agenda and accomplishments. Last July to submit a report in advance

It became more than apparent at the General Assembly in Madrid, particularly when the Scientific Committee meetings were scheduled at the same time as papers were being presented, that although ICOMOS endorsed scientific committees, the committees were seldom involved with ICOMOS core business and in fact in some instances seemed to be by-passed. Of concern to ICAHM was that this was the case with respect to World Heritage activities. Strong recommendations were made to the Executive, and ratified, that the Scientific Committees must be central to ICOMOS operations and that at a General Assembly the Scientific Committees must be given a central role. I would like to report that this recommendation has indeed been acted upon; however, I can assure you that at no time was ICAHM involved in developing the ICOMOS response/position to the heritage concerns raised by the Coalition invasion of Iraq.

I believe that we have an inclusive and active scientific committee that has the following:

1. An elected executive
2. A representative endorsed membership
3. Sufficient Honorary and Associated members;
4. A track record of annual regional meetings
5. Has provided annual reports to ICOMOS
6. Has an up-to-date web site; and,
7. Has specific tasks or purposes that reflect the concerns of the membership

The membership database is now almost complete. In the first months of 2004, individual E-mails will be sent to members and associate members to complete the individual files and get a clearer picture of regional representation and of the expertise available.

**2004**

The ICOMOS International Secretariat in Paris requested ICAHM for seven experts to evaluate nomination proposals for the World Heritage List. Experts were identified to provide these evaluations, including experts that were not part of ICAHM. This exercise demonstrated that there is a need to have a better understanding and better representation of different expertise within ICAHM.

Experts that were not part of the committee were encouraged to join. More details will be sent in early 2004.

Communication will again be the main focus in 2004. The membership database will be complete and functional by the end of the year. This will help ICAHM get better access to information and circulate it more efficiently by having a clearer picture of its membership’s expertise and location. The type of information circulated will be
directly related to the committee's mandate of promoting the charter, advising ICOMOS and UNESCO on archaeological heritage management issues, and addressing broader issues of archaeological heritage management. I will assist in coordinating the information for the meeting in Lyon, ICAHM's contribution to the

*Brian Egloff, - President*  
*Willem Willems - Vice President*  
*Christophe Rivet - Secretary*  
*October 2004*
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Annual Meeting and Research Mission, September 2004

The Annual meeting of the Committee was held in Budapest on 17 September 2004. The meeting coincided with a two week long review mission to Hungary and the Czech Republic to participate in and review the European Heritage Day Festivals in these two countries. Together with presentations from Committee members in the Netherlands, Belgium, Greece and Finland, the Committee and their local colleagues were able to gain a good understanding of the festivals and their potential to expand public support and awareness for the cultural heritage within local communities. A series of workshops were held in both Prague and Budapest in relation to this mission, combined with trips into the countryside to review the activities in historic regional towns and villages.

Charter Translated into Mandarin and German

With the cooperation of the Sydney based architects, PTW and the German Committee member, the ICOMOS Cultural Tourism Charter was translated into Mandarin and German in 2004, increasing its ability to communicate with ever larger numbers of people. The Mandarin version was presented to the Chairman of China ICOMOS by our Hong Kong based Committee colleague, Hilary du Cros. The Charter is now available in English, French, Spanish, German, Greek, Hungarian, Dutch/Flemish, Indonesian, Swedish and Mandarin.

UK Committee Spaces in the City Conference, March 2004

The UK Cultural Tourism Committee held an important one day conference in March 2004 looking at the role of tourism in relation to the public spaces in historic cities.

WTO Handbook Draft Completion

The Chairman, with the support of the Committee, has been the principal author of a new Handbook on Tourism Congestion Management at Natural and Cultural Sites, on behalf of the World Tourism Organisation. The draft has been accepted by WTO. Publication is anticipated in late 2004 or early 2005.

Mr Jean Louis Luxen, former Secretary General of ICOMOS, has managed the project, with a team of experts from France, Belgium and Mexico, in addition to the ICOMOS Cultural Tourism Committee. Payment of US $9,000.00 has been received on behalf of the Committee.

Links with Australia ICOMOS National Cultural Tourism Committee

In 2004, a National Cultural Tourism Committee was established by Australia ICOMOS. Sharon Veale was elected Chairman, Graham Brooks Deputy Chairman. The Committee’s main task in 2004 is the important “Loving it to Death” Conference at Port Arthur, in November 2004.
**Current Active Members**

Current voting members represent the following countries: Australia, Argentina, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Hungary, Indonesia, Italy, Korea, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States.

Active Corresponding Members are drawn from the following countries: Australia, Belgium, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Hong Kong, Japan, Malta, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States.

**Presentation to France ICOMOS Conference, Baie de Somme, June 2004**

Graham Brooks was recently able to strengthen links between Australia ICOMOS and the French Section of ICOMOS.

At their invitation Graham participated in a major cultural tourism conference at the Baie de Somme, on the English Channel coast. The conference was a joint work of France ICOMOS and the Reseau des Grand Sites, an organisation that brings together the Managers and Local Politicians from a large number of major natural and cultural heritage sites throughout France. They gather every 2 years to discuss issues of mutual interest. This year the discussion focussed on the communities that live in or near major sites and the problems they have with tourism. I was asked to speak on the "Indigenous Community Experience with Tourism in Australia". My paper presented an overview of the protocols and guidelines that have been developed with or by Indigenous Communities and looked at the general methods of presentation by Aboriginal people of their cultures to visitors. I was greatly assisted in the preparation of this paper by Gary Foley, a traditional owner of the lower North Shore area of Sydney. Due recognition and protocols were followed in the presentation of this paper, which was of course, aimed at providing relevant information to a European audience.

**Presentation to Raymond Lemaire Conservation Centre, October 2004**

In late September 2004, Graham was invited to present a guest lecture to mark the opening of the new academic year at the Raymond Lemaire Conservation Centre in Louvain, Belgium. Louvain was the site of the urban conservation projects undertaken by Prof. Lemaire in the early 1960s. The philosophies explored in these projects went on to form the core of the Venice Charter.

**Scientific Committee prepares for OWHC Meeting, September 2005**

In late October 2004, Graham participated in the Scientific Committee session in Lima, Peru, to prepare for the September 2005 Conference of the Organisation of World Heritage Cities. His involvement was sponsored by OWHC and the Getty Conservation Institute. It provided a significant opportunity to strengthen links between the ICOMOS Committee and OWHC, a key strategy objective.

**Mission to India, November 2004**

In late November 2004, Graham will participate in a mission to Mumbai and New Delhi, as a member of a small international team to review conservation work and cultural planning for the World Heritage Listed sites of Elephanta Caves, Ajanta and Elloura. His participation is funded by the Japanese Agency that is supporting the project. It is anticipated that further annual inspections will be organised during the three year life of the project.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the International Committee will be held in conjunction with the ICOMOS General Assembly in Xian, October 2005.

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**Graham Brooks**  
*Chairman, ICOMOS International Cultural Tourism Committee*  
*October 2004*
Legal, Administrative and Financial Issues
Graham Wiffen

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The Committee continues to be active, and since my last report has met in Paris in 2003, and Plovdiv in Bulgaria in 2004. Previous meetings of the Committee were held in:

- Weimar, 1997;
- Toledo, 1999;
- Croatia, 2000;
- Israel, 2001; and
- Athens, Georgia, USA, 2002

Annual Meetings
The Committee’s main activity is its annual meeting, which take the form of a seminar on legal aspects of heritage preservation and conservation, followed by a half day business meeting. In Paris the topic was Heritage and Decentralisation and our seminar was held in conjunction with a colloquium at the Sorbonne on the proposals of the French Government to decentralise heritage management in France. In Bulgaria, papers addressed financial aspects of heritage management, particularly through taxation schemes at the various levels of government. Members attended the congress in Madrid and held an informal meeting.

The organiser of each meeting takes on the task of publishing the papers. This seems to take some time. The papers from the Toledo, Weimar and Israeli Meetings have been published. We are still awaiting Croatia, Athens (USA), Paris, and Bulgaria. As one of the editors of the Athens papers, I cannot complain.

The Committee puts considerable effort into not allowing the pattern of annual Meetings to be disrupted. The Paris Meeting was well attended. The Meeting in Bulgaria was called at fairly short notice and was not well attended. I could not reschedule classes, and was not able to attend. The next meetings are scheduled for Belgium in 2005, and Japan in 2006. The Committee has volunteered to assist at the Xi’an Congress.

Elections
Contested elections were held before the Paris Meeting, and in Paris Dr James Reap of ICOMOS USA succeeded Dr Werner von Trutzschler from the German National Committee, as chair of the Committee. Gideon Koren from Israel succeeded Dr Reap as the Secretary General of the ISC.

Business meeting
Business meetings are concerned with the Committee’s work program and scheduling future meetings.

Future developments
Dr Reap is a very active chair and is assiduous in circulating information. We would like to raise the profile of the committee and collaborate with other committees on legal aspects of their work. This has not happened yet. In my last report, I flagged that the venue of the 2002 Meeting, the Dean Rusk Center at the University of Athens, Georgia, seemed keen to become a centre for international studies and programs in heritage law.

I cannot report any progress on this. The Committee continues to investigate how it might work with the wider ICOMOS membership.

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

_**Graham Wiffen**_

_**October 2004**_
Committee on Training, CIF
William Logan

The ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Training (Comité international de formation, CIF) has as its objective to promote the development of educational and training programs relevant to best practice in the cultural heritage conservation field.

The ISC Chair is currently held in an interim capacity by Carlo Cesari, European Centre for Trades and Professions for the Conservation of Architectural Heritage, Isola San Servolo, 30100 Venice, Italy (Tel.: 41 526 85 46-7; Fax: 41 276 02 11; E-mail: centrove@tin.it).

Gilles Nourissier, Director of the Centre de formation à la réhabilitation du patrimoine architectural (Training centre for the rehabilitation of built heritage; known as the Avignon School) was asked by the Chair to represent the ISC at the Bergen Advisory Board and meeting of ISCs on 4-5 September 2004. Gustavo Araoz chaired the ISCs meeting and was the second CIF member present.

Gilles Nourissier has since written (11 September 2004) to other CIF members expressing his disappointment that the committee has been inactive since the Madrid General Assembly and calling for suggestions about what might be done. I will be preparing a submission in time for the final Executive Committee meeting for 2004.

William Logan
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Since the election of Ray Bondin to Secretary of the Committee, in 2001, and subsequently to Chair of the Committee, CIVVIH has been very active in the following ways:

- Well organised annual general meetings and conferences, normally in May and lasting for 4 days. The standard of these meetings is demonstrated in the published findings of the Porto (2001) and Corfu (2002) meetings and conferences. The conference proceedings for Eger (2003) and Nancy (2004) are yet to be published;

- By functioning as a clearing house for all communications it is strengthening the global network – communications internationally through CIVVIH probably run in excess of 30 emails per week. Interestingly the Australian ICOMOS newsletter is redistributed internationally by Ray Bondin and is one of the most widely regarded newsletters in the world;

- Active review of World Heritage assessments relating to historic towns and villages and relevant cultural landscapes, by individual members of the Committee;

- Active review of the focus of the Committee through review of its constitution;

- Active review of heritage assessments through review of assessment standards, processes and accountability;

- Hosting of CIVVIH website, with regular updates and links to related organisations and events.

CIVVIH now has a strong Executive and an energetic Secretary to support the Chair. Australia has good working relationships with Ray Bondin and Michal Firestone, Secretary and the members of the Executive.

CIVVIH is still Eurocentric in the bulk of its active membership, but is encouraging the formation of regional associations and committees. Australia has been encouraging the growing Oceania network involving ICOMOS representatives in China, Macao, Japan, Korea, Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand. Recent moves to establish a Pacific group would bring better focus to the heritage issues of this region, particularly as a number of the Pacific group would be hard pressed to provide representation to international meetings on a regular basis.

The Latin American countries are becoming increasingly active in CIVVIH matters, albeit remotely, due to economic circumstances generally prevailing.

CIVVIH continues its ongoing association with Eger in Hungary as its world headquarters, however, this does not confer any financial benefits to CIVVIH.

CIVVIH has functioned without a budget throughout its existence with conferences, annual meetings and publications sponsored through the host national ICOMOS organisation, where this has been possible.

As Australia’s representative I have attended the CIVVIH annual meetings and conferences in Porto, Portugal (2001); Eger, Hungary (2003) and Nancy, France (2004). These annual meetings now take the format of:
- first day of members reporting on current studies and projects and/or updates on matters discussed previously;

- second and third days of conference based on themes – Intangible Heritage (Porto), Reconstruction of Fortified Cities (Corfu), Assessment and Conservation of Cultural Heritage Values (Eger) and Restoration and Recycling of Historic Quarters (Nancy);

- fourth day providing tours of heritage places in the locality, particularly world heritage sites, places, conservation agencies and programs.

I have presented the following papers to the Eger and Nancy conferences:

- Restoration and Reconstruction of Perth Town Hall;
- The Second Generation of Municipal Inventories in Western Australia;
- The Alternative Futures for Railway Workshops in Australia
- Wakefieldian Settlements in Australia and New Zealand

I have now completed a three year term as Australian representative on CIVVIH and have been re-endorsed of the Executive Committee of Australia ICOMOS to continue for another three year term as its voting representative on CIVVIH, the ISC for Historic Towns and Villages.

The next two CIVVIH annual conferences will be held in Istanbul and Finland. It is my intention to attend both of these meetings.

Ian Hocking  
Director,  
Hocking Planning & Architecture  
22 October 2004
Attachment: International Report of the
International Committee on Historic Towns and Villages CIVVIH

Statutes
The statutes of CIVVIH were approved in 1982. The expansion of CIVVIH, the constitution of
the Eger Principles and practical needs, now require that the Committee update its statutes. Such
work began in May 2004. The updated version will be submitted to the Committee for approval
at CIVVIH’s next annual meeting in May 2005. The updated version will, among other
changes:

- Reflect CIVVIH’s current structure. For example, when it was founded, CIVVIH’s voting
  membership and Bureau were one and the same while today these two entities are separate.
- Expand the procedural infrastructure for the ongoing activity of the committee. For
  example, the current statutes do not specify procedures for the replacement of a Bureau
  member and/or for the co-option of a Bureau member.
- Regulate the replacement of a bureau member
- Unify the English and French versions of the statutes.
- Make relevant linguistic and stylistic changes to the original statutes.

Date of last elections: April, 2002. The next elections will be in May 2005

Committee Officers
Below please find the list of CIVVIH’s officers. These were all elected in April, 2002. As for
the period(s) of tenure, CIVVIH is now in the process of collecting the necessary data in order
to comply with the Eger principles. This data will be completed for the next elections in May
2005.

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- Any person wishing to join CIVVIH either as a voting member or as an associate one is
  required to submit a CV in either English or French.
Persons who are already members of CIVVIH are encouraged to submit their CV and update it annually using the same forms. So far, however, we have not received CV’s from all the members.

All the CV’s are posted on the Committee’s web-site.

**Voting Members - Policy**

- Membership of CIVVIH is open to members of ICOMOS with established expertise in the field of historic towns and villages.
- Voting members should be proposed by the relevant National Committee, or by the President of CIVVIH. Approval must not be withheld without adequate justification.
- Voting members should be limited to one per country, for those countries in which a National Committee has been established.
- Election for the Committee as a voting member should be for one term (of up to three years)

**List of voting members**

Below please find the list of CIVVIH’s voting members. CIVVIH is now in the process of collecting the necessary data (regarding date appointed and period(s) of tenure) in order to comply with the Eger principles. This data will be completed by May 2005.

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Publications and Web Site

- **Preservation Development & Monitoring of Historic Cities in 21st c.** Hellenic Section of ICOMOS, 2002. (Proceedings of the 2002 annual meeting in Corfu, Greece). More information may be found on CIVVIH’s web-site under “annual meeting”.


As much as possible accede to requests by Members but the policy for posting material on the web site has still to be confirmed.

Programs

- Members of CIVVIH are preparing a report on Fortified Towns in Central Europe for the World Heritage Center.
- Projects APPEAR, PICTURE and SUIT.

Inter-Institutional Cooperation

- At present, agreements of cooperation are underway with two organizations: ISoCaRP (the International Society of City and Regional Planners) and OVPM. An MOI with ISoCaRP has been approved by CIVVIH during its 2004 annual meeting and will be submitted to ICOMOS for approval. Discussions with OVPM are still under way.
- CIVVIH is a partner in three E.U. projects: APPEAR, PICTURE and SUIT.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

CIVVIH has no permanent financial support. However, CIVVIH has received financial support for its annual meetings; Hosting cities and or National ICOMOS Committees were kind enough to provide the Committee with financial support for such expenses as: room & board (of ten to over thirty participants), conference facilities (including conference halls and translation services) a scientific tour and, in some cases, a publication of the proceedings.
The Sri Lankan context

The 2003 meeting of the International Committee for the Underwater Cultural Heritage (ICUCH) - an ICOMOS Scientific Committee, was held at Galle, a coastal harbour in the south of Sri Lanka, from 1-4 December 2003. The meeting was attended by ICOMOS Australia’s representative on ICUCH, David Nutley.

Organisation of the meeting was undertaken by ICUCH’s Sri Lankan representative Somasiri Devendra. Galle was chosen for the venue of the meeting due to its proximity to the Advondster project and proposals for Galle to become a regional training centre for underwater archaeology. The Advondster project (2001-2005) includes in its aims the establishment of infrastructure and training in maritime archaeology and conservation and ‘to formulate a viable policy regarding the fight against looting to function as a role model for other countries in the region’.

During the opening ceremony the delegates were advised that plans were underway for developing the tourism potential of Galle and its underwater cultural heritage. It was acknowledged that this would need to occur within adequate guidelines and that a new maritime heritage protection Act was also being drafted to provide an appropriate legislative structure.

Dr Wijepala also advised that Sri Lanka’s National Commission of UNESCO has urged him as the Director General of Archaeology to progress Sri Lanka’s ratification of the UNESCO Convention for the protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage. Dr Wijepala noted that there was no reason why Sri Lanka would not ratify the convention but that a date for ratification was not yet known.

ICUCH discussions

The formal meeting sessions began with regional briefings.

Australia: ICUCH member David Nutley provided an outline of key National and State issues and projects relating to management of underwater cultural heritage in Australia. National issues and projects included:

- The UNESCO Convention and Australia’s position regarding the convention, ie that Australia is pleased to have played a key role in the development of the text of the Convention and will be considering the implications for existing legislation,
policies and programs before determining whether to ratify.

- The Maritime Heritage Strategy and its potential for facilitating ratification of the Convention
- The developments with the National Shipwreck Database
- The placenames associated with shipwreck radio and website initiative
- Key AIMA projects including
- products to promote the successes of underwater cultural heritage management in Australia (bibliography, compendium)
- NCHF including the maritime heritage in the new heritage vision statement
- AIMA conferences and the promotion of discussion on the UNESCO Convention and the potential of the 2004 conference in NZ to involve participants from the Asia/Pacific region

Key State issues included:
- developments in State based web sites
- key publications
- education initiatives (AIMA/NAS, tertiary and general lectures)
- dive industry liaison and collaboration
- key museum involvement in maritime/underwater archaeology exhibitions

The central role of collaboration among all key stakeholders in underwater cultural heritage management (national, State, Local, private industry and community) was noted.

In conclusion, the meeting was advised that the proposed Maritime Heritage Strategy and new national heritage regime provide opportunities for reviewing our current legislative and policy framework in view of the UNESCO convention and forms a basis for considering the implications of ratification.

**EEC:** The briefing for the European Economic Community was provided by ICUCH member, Thijs Maarleveld. In relation to the UNESCO Convention on the protection of the underwater heritage, he believes that when one European nation ratifies the convention, others will follow. He did note that the Council of Europe had recently revised the Convention on the protection of archaeological heritage.

**Portugal:** ICUCH member Francisco Alves provided a summary of management of UCH in his country.

**India/Asia/Pacific:** At the formal opening session and in a subsequent session on the following day, ICUCH associate member Jeremy Green provided a summary of activities and trends in the region and of the WA Maritime Museum’s involvement in supporting various survey and excavation projects.

**South Africa:** ICUCH member John Gribble noted that his country’s 2000 heritage legislation placed shipwrecks clearly in the domain of archaeological material and established all underwater cultural heritage as the property of the State. He also announced that a 3 year national survey of underwater cultural heritage (including shell middens, maritime related rock art and fish traps) has commenced and is being funded by a $4M grant from the 2002 national lottery heritage projects program. The survey will include development of an inventory, assessment of significance and identification of threats as well as the development of public awareness and establishment of partnerships.

**Argentina:** Cristian Murray advised that the work in Argentina is conducted by 3 archaeologists, 1 conservator, 1 historian and 1 architect and that the country is working towards ratification of the UNESCO Convention. He also advised that Argentina has established new national legislation that includes underwater cultural heritage as well as other forms of heritage.

**Micronesia:** ICUCH associate member Bill Jeffery provided a briefing on the management of underwater cultural heritage in Micronesia that highlighted the potential of Chuuk (Truk) Lagoon for World Heritage listing and some of the management issues in the country which consists of a territorial sea similar to that of Australia but a small land mass comprised of numerous islands. Ratification of the UNESCO Convention would be complication because of the role of the USA in Micronesia. (However, although
the USA did not support the final draft of the convention it has adopted the Annex.)

**Caribbean:** ICUCH member Peggy Leshikar-Denton advised that there is a good level of support in the Caribbean for ratification of the UNESCO Convention. It appears that the Annex will be adopted by the Caribbean pending ratification as this can take place much more promptly. Guidance to key stakeholders and development of different levels of training will be a feature of the management of the underwater cultural heritage of the country. The Caribbean has been involved in the identifying benefits of ratifying the UNESCO Convention and the delegate has also suggested that consider developing model legislation to assist countries to develop/amend legislation in view of the convention.

**Colombia:** ICUCH member Tatiana Villegas-Zamora advised that the Colombian Government approves of the UNESCO Convention and is pursuing ratification. She also advised that there will be a Latin American Congress on underwater cultural heritage in 2004.

**Canada:** ICUCH President Robert Grenier advised that Canada has been paradoxically actively and reasonably successfully managing underwater cultural heritage in spite of having no legislative base. However legislation is now being developed.

**Advonster Project and Uch Heritage Management in Sri Lanka**

Discussions were held about the project in Galle and the future of underwater cultural heritage management in Sri Lanka. In addition to continued support from the Sri Lankan government and links to Sri Lankan tourism, training and overseas support were identified as being of great importance. The concept of a regional training centre in Galle has support from other countries in the region and it is therefore desirable that a good model is established.

**Note:** In the view of this writer, the current training would benefit from a much stronger emphasis on cultural heritage management. The current model is based on survey, excavation, conservation and public interpretation through development of a museum display and other initiatives. These would be greatly strengthened if the program was underpinned by an existing a cultural heritage management framework. If a training facility is established it is important that other countries are encouraged to begin with the management issues, policies and structure before embarking on excavation programs or development of maritime museums based on excavated collections.

**Underwater cultural heritage management guidelines**

The need for guidelines arose at different times throughout the meeting, particularly in relation to assisting countries to manage underwater cultural heritage in view of the UNESCO convention. To assist in this process, David Nutley offered to forward Australia’s already well developed and documented policies and guidelines for management of historic shipwrecks. This offer was taken up by the committee and the materials were subsequently forwarded to ICUCH members.

**World Heritage Listings**

One of ICUCH’s initial charters was to assist in the inclusion of underwater cultural heritage in the Work Heritage listings. The Sr Lankan meeting determined that ICUCH should:

- develop guidelines for nomination
- support nominators
- liaise with governments and UNESCO about nominations
- develop a potential list.

A committee (Bill Jeffery, Peggy Leshikar-Denton, David Nutley, Thijs Maarleveled) commenced work on an indicative list which will be further developed by ICUCH members over the next 12 months.

**5-year RecorDIM Initiative**

This project (Recording Documentation and Information Management) commenced in 2002 as a partnership between international heritage management organisations to bridge the gaps that currently exist between information users (researchers, conservation specialists, project managers, planners, etc) and information providers (photographers, heritage recorders, photogrammatrists, surveyors, etc). Details and documentation
about the initiative were provided to the meeting delegates and is available from the web: http://recordim.icomos.org/index.html and documents are also available at http://www.getty.education.edu/conservation/resources/reports.html.

Ethics guidelines such as those of AIMA and other guidelines from Australia’s cultural heritage management agencies (eg NSW Heritage Office information recording guidelines) could be appropriate additions to this project.

**Mozambique**

The meeting was briefed on the situation in Mozambique where there is a suggestion that the Government and ICOMOS may be supporting treasure hunters who are involved in the sale of Portuguese and Dutch finds from shipwrecks sites. ICOMOS International addressed a resolution for discussion but this was not voted on. Once a briefing is received from ICUCH President, ICUCH members were encouraged to contact their national ICOMOS group to write to ICOMOS International requesting that that appropriate steps be taken to clarify and resolve the current situation. It is understood that Mozambique is currently developing a coastal development and preservation policy.

**Guidelines for underwater survey permits**

Recent events in Jamaica and Canada have pointed to the need in some areas for guidelines for permits to undertake surveys of underwater cultural heritage. This situation has arisen where ‘all-in-one’ permits have been sought or obtained to cover survey, excavation, conservation etc.

A sub-committee was formed to develop draft guidelines by the end of February 2004. The draft will include the survey itself, subsequent permits and qualifications.

**Note:** David Nutley has forwarded examples of the permits used in Australia and their conditions to the committee.

**ICUCH Membership**

A sub-committee is to be established to review the ICUCH statutes and any need for increase in membership.

**NAS training**

The meeting was advised that an NAS CD-ROM funded by UNESCO has been completed and is being distributed.

**ICOMOS Code of Ethics**

The meeting was advised that the ICOMOS Code of Ethics distributed at the last ICUCH meeting in draft form have since been adopted by ICOMOS International. It was agreed that ICUCH should formally write to ICOMOS International advising of the committee’s endorsement of the Code of Ethics. David Nutley prepared the draft letter.

**ICUCH Poster**

It was agreed that ICUCH needed to promote its activities through a number of strategies, one of these being the production of at least 2 posters. One will be based on the UNESCO image of the *Elisabeth and Mary* used on publicity material accompanying the UNESCO Convention for the protection of the underwater cultural heritage.

A second poster is to be developed with ICUCH members sending potential images to David Nutley to coordinate the development of a suitable design. A wide range of images was subsequently assembled and quotations obtained for preparation of designs. The project however is currently pending the availability of ICUCH funding.

**ICUCH Pamphlet/brochure**

Jeremy Green and Francisco Alves undertook to develop a new ICUCH pamphlet/brochure.

**ICUCH web site**

Tatiana Villegas-Zamora, on behalf of the web site committee (Tatiana Villegas-Zamora, Marce-André Bernier, David Nutley) briefed the meeting on the new web site. Jeremy Green and Francisco Alves have been added to the committee to
coordinate material with the brochure/pamphlet.
The ICUCH will also act as a portal to existing web sites with a brief introduction attached to the link. Tatiana and David were requested to establish a format for contributions to ensure consistent content to the site descriptions. This project is also pending the availability of funding.

**Future meetings of ICUCH**

The 2004 conference was held in Cape Town, South Africa from the 1-6 November (report pending).

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*David Nutley  M.ICOMOS*

*November 2004*
International Polar Heritage Committee, IPHC
Michael Pearson

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Activities of the IPHC
The following outlines some of the activities of the IPHC during the year.

Networking for conservation
The IPHC has, over several years, established an informal association with several institutions with an interest in polar heritage protection. These include:
- Antarctic Heritage Trust, New Zealand
- The Arctic Circumpolar Route, Canada
- The International Studies Centre of the Kola Science Centre, Russia
- Elmer E. Rasmuson Library/Alaska & Polar Regions Dept., USA
- Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge UK
- International Association of Antarctic Tour Operators (IAATO)
- The Getty Conservation Institute
- Danish Polar Centre

- Swedish Polar Research Secretariat
- World Wildlife Fund/Arctic Division
- Norwegian Polar Institute
- Antarctica New Zealand

President Susan Barr is the formally appointed polar contact person for TICCIH, the International Committee for the Conservation of the Industrial Heritage.

After earlier submissions to both the International Arctic Science Committee (IASC) and the Committee for Environmental Protection in Antarctica (CEP), the IPHC continues in its role as a non-partisan expert group that may be used for consulting and advice concerning polar cultural heritage.

IPHC was asked to provide comment on the conservation plans for the New Zealand Antarctic huts during the year. The hut erected at Cape Royds, Antarctica in 1908 by Sir Ernest Shackleton has been identified as one of the 100 Most Endangered Sites in the World Monument Fund’s 2004 World Monument Watch list, highlighting the fragility of polar heritage.

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

Meetings
The IPHC did not hold a meeting at the ICOMOS General Assembly in Zimbabwe in October 2003. A replacement meeting will be held in Reunion in October 2004, sponsored by Terres Australes Antarctiques Françaises (TAAF). Among agenda items to be discussed will be the IPHC plans for the International Polar Year 2007.
**Membership**

In 2003 a new class of membership was created within the International Polar Heritage Committee (IPHC). Membership known as "Associate members" will consist of people who are appropriately qualified in an aspect of heritage protection, and able to assist the committee to achieve its objectives. Associate members can be nominated by any full member of the IPHC. Although Associates will not have any formal role to play within the IPHC it is expected they will become a valuable group of people who will be able to extend the professional networks and expertise of the committee. Australian Sherrie-lee Evans is now an associate member.

*Michael Pearson*

*October 2004*

**Website**

The IPHC website www.polarheritage.com continues to receive a substantial number of visits, over 60,000 during the last annual count.

**Publications**

Volume VIII of the ICOMOS *Monuments and Sites* series, Cultural heritage in the Arctic and Antarctic regions, was published during the year. This contains a series of articles by IPHC members on a range of polar heritage issues, and includes articles by Australians Janet Hughes, Geoff Ashley and Richard Mackey, and Michael Pearson. Requests for copies can be directed to Paul Chaplin at email: pchaplin@online.no
Vernacular Architecture, CIAV
Miles Lewis

Comité International d'Architecture Vernaculaire (CIAV)

The committee met at Ehime Prefecture, Japan, in October 2004, in association with a workshop organised by Japan ICOMOS on 'Sustainable Conservation Systems for Vernacular Architecture, Traditional Historical Architecture and Villages'.

The present office-bearers have all completed their maximum of three terms, and a postal ballot for all positions will be conducted early in the new year. Under the Eger Principles existing office-bearers may stand for new positions.

The next meeting will be held in association with the ICOMOS General Assembly in China in 2004.

The proposed World Survey of Traditional Building Construction is to be revived. This had languished for want of any active support for the proponent, Miles Lewis, and lack of seeding funding from Australian sources, but the committee wishes it to proceed. Assistance has been offered by Professor Spencer Leineweber of Hawaii, and approaches to the Getty Foundation will be resumed.

At the meeting in Ehime a motion moved by Miles Lewis, following his inspection of the port of Tomo, was passed, but any action to promulgate it is left to the discretion of Japan ICOMOS. It reads as follows:

TOMO

The fishing port of Tomo-no-Ura, Fukuyama City, Hiroshima Prefecture, is a unique township, and is inscribed on the Monuments Watch Heritage in Danger list. It contains approximately one hundred Edo period and one hundred Meiji buildings, including nineteen temples. Some buildings have in the past been restored by the Prefecture, and others by a local conservation group, the Tomo Urban Planning Factory.

There is also much low grade modern development and much deliberate damage, including a drastic road widening of the 1960s. The major threat is now a proposed road bridge which would cut right across the ancient harbour. This was resisted by many local inhabitants, and the proposal has been dormant for some time. Now there are moves to revive it.

Last year subsidies to private owners for restoration ceased. Government-owned buildings such as the old fishing net factory have been left vacant. Illegal building on the foreshore by fishing companies has not been stopped. Old buildings in the town have been demolished to create car parking.

Resolution

The Comité International d'Architecture Vernaculaire (CIAV) recognises the important work of restoration and rehabilitation which has taken place in Tomo. At the same time it expresses its apprehension for the future of the port and town. Accordingly CIAV calls upon the Japanese National Government, the Hiroshima Prefectural Government, and the Fukuyama City Government:

1. To repudiate the proposal for a road bridge across Tomo harbour, and if necessary to investigate alternatives such as tunnelling or a car ferry.
2. To prevent further demolition of old buildings in Tomo.
3. To remove illegal buildings from the foreshore.
4. To support local groups and individuals in the restoration of buildings.
5. To develop and implement a comprehensive plan for the conservation of Tomo.

Miles Lewis
October 2004
Cultural Routes and Itineraries, CIIC
Sandy Blair

Cultural routes is to be one of the three topics of the next Scientific Symposium to be held during the General Assembly next year in China. The CIIC has prepared a draft Charter on Cultural Routes That will be discussed at the next CIIC meeting held in conjunction with the China meeting. I have the task of preparing inventory entries for Australian cultural routes of potential universal significance. Likely candidates are places such as the Overland Telegraph, the Birdsville track, and the extensive, continent wide Aboriginal dreaming tracks and trading routes. I would welcome input from members who are willing to help or have other suggested routes to document/have been documented.

Dr Sandy Blair
Assistant Vice President for Asia/Pacific
CIIC
October 2004
Shared Built Heritage
Mandy Jean

This briefing paper provides Australia ICOMOS with a short report on the activities of the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Shared Colonial Heritage during 2004.

The Shared Built Heritage ISC is a recently formed international scientific committee which is in the exciting position of defining its role. It has in previous years taken a particular interest in colonial heritage issues, notably in South Africa, when it was known as the Shared Colonial Architecture and Town Planning committee. The first Australian full member was Graham Brooks. When Graham assumed the chair of the Cultural Tourism ISC this year, he stepped down from this position and the vacancy was advertised through Bill Logan, ISC Coordinator on the Australia ICOMOS Executive Committee. In October, Mandy Jean, a heritage architect, was formally accepted as the Australian member of the group.

Graham Brooks reported that the Shared Colonial Heritage initially focussed on the architecture, urban planning and infrastructure introduced by various European Colonial regimes throughout the world during the period between the late 15th century and the Second World War. The Committee started in 1998 in Stockholm, when a number of ICOMOS members including the Dutch academic, Fritz van Voorden, the first chair of the committee, raised the awareness of certain aspects of shared cultural heritage that were in danger of being swept away across many parts of the world due to the rise of nationalism during the 20th century, modernisation, emerging economies and globalisation.

The current chair, Mr. Cor Dijkgraaf, who was elected in 2002, has embraced a much wider definition of shared heritage. Following a meeting held in February this year in Malacca, (Melaka) hosted by the Malaysian ICOMOS committee and the Malacca city authority, the role of the committee has taken a new direction. The Melaka report is currently in print and will be posted on the Australian ICOMOS website.

The next Forum Round Table meeting of the Shared Built Heritage committee will be held in the port city of Qingdao, Shangdong province, China, from 10th-14th October, 2005, prior to the ICOMOS General Assembly in Xi’an. Australian ICOMOS members are also invited to attend. Shangdong is associated with the Boxer Rebellion, the Germans used the pretext of an attack on their Christian missionaries to occupy Qingdao city and lay claim to mining and railway rights nearby. The area is also associated with the female Boxer groups, including the Red Lantern Shinings and the Cooking-Pan Lanterns who used their mystically female powers to fight the ‘foreign pollution’ (Spence 1990: 231).2

The Shared Built Heritage committee will be working with local authorities and the Ministry of Culture to explore ways in which to encourage protection and interpretation of the German architectural legacy of this period.

The fascinating topic of shared heritage is challenging. There is an opportunity for Australia ICOMOS to provide some leadership and to share concerns and ideas with its membership. There is also an opportunity to make an international contribution to shared heritage through this ICOMOS International Scientific Committee.

Therefore Australia ICOMOS is keen to establish a working group of members with an interest in shared heritage to consider issues on the conservation of places of shared heritage.

Mandy Jean
4 November 2004

Stone Conservation
David Young

There were two meetings of the committee during this year: one in Bangkok in December 2003 and one in Stockholm in June/July 2004, the latter held in conjunction with the 10th International Congress on the Deterioration and Conservation of Stone. Because of other travel to the region I was fortunately able to attend the Stockholm congress and the ISC meeting, the first time that I have been able to be present.

In Stockholm, the ISC met on three occasions during the congress. The main and ongoing activity of the ISC is the development of an illustrated glossary of terms related to stone deterioration, with the aim of developing a consistent language around the globe. This is being refined in English before translation back into other languages and eventual loading onto the committee’s web site, which is still being developed and has yet to be linked to the main ICOMOS site. While developing a glossary sounds a bit mundane, I’m sure it will ultimately be very useful.

The ISCS also held a business meeting at which a range of topics were discussed including concern that the ICCROM Venice course on The Technology of Stone Conservation has been suspended pending a review. The Venice course has for nearly thirty years been the principal international training program for stone conservation and its loss would be disastrous.

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.

David Young  OAM,  M.ICOMOS
5 November 2004
Wood Committee
Peter Freeman

Since the ISC Wood symposium in Mexico, in November of last year, there has been very little activity other than to begin planning on an event to be held in the Adirondack Mountains of New York State, scheduled for the spring of 2006.

The ISC Wood will be teaming up with the North East Chapter of APTI and Adirondack Architectural Heritage for that event. Unfortunately the secretary Andrew Powter, was not able to participate in the Bergen meeting on the role of ICOMOS ISC's, but Andrew is developing some material to share with the Wood Committee membership as this aspect of ICOMOS activities is reviewed.

As a Committee, there have been some problems. The President, David Michelmore, appears to be uncontactable, by myself and the Secretary. The President and Secretary had agreed to serve for one term only (to 2002) and are now near the end of the second term. The secretary Andrew Powter, no longer has institutional support for his work on ISC activities.

This doesn't make operating the committee Secretariat impossible but it does make it difficult to participate in ISC activities as a serious player. Andrew has been in touch with the coordinator of ISC activities on this but it seems the Committee has to work these difficulties out for itself. For his part Andrew is planning to take advantage of the current ISC review to help address these issues.

Based on the material emerging from the Bergen meeting, Andrew is in the process of preparing a message to the committee members to engage them and ICOMOS in the future of this committee. Aside from the general matter of Eger Principles and increased cross communication with other committees, there is the more immediate problem of executive succession to deal with.

Peter Freeman
November 2004
During 2004 ICORP has participated in a second peer review of ISCs conducted by the ICOMOS Executive. This involved preparation of a report in response to specific issues raised in a questionnaire, prepared by the ICOMOS Vice-President in charge of ISCs, Gustavo Araoz (US ICOMOS). The response required an extensive trawl through the ICORP records and has resulted in a number of tasks for the committee and the secretary.

In July I attended the first Asia-Pacific regional meeting of ICOMOS in China (eleven days). This meeting followed on from the World Heritage meeting at which the Royal Exhibition Building was inscribed on the World Heritage List, after much intense debate. We were generously hosted by various Chinese colleagues, including Ann Warr, who now lives in Shanghai. Between banquets, cultural tourism and technical visits, there were many informative presentations regarding urban planning, heritage and conservation, given by key municipal officials, planners and museum curators in Shanghai and Beijing. The official meeting was held in Beijing and I made a short presentation to encourage regional members to join ICORP, given that our region is the most disaster-prone in the world. This was well-received and is being followed up at present.

This meeting also provided an opportunity to meet with Prof. Masuda, a member of ICORP who had been in the background. Discussions took place regarding an ICORP official founding meeting to be held in Japan in association with the 10th anniversary of the Kobe earthquake and the ISDR Convention in January 2005. Dinu Bumbaru, Vice-President of ICORP and ICOMOS Secretary-General and I have been following this up.

In September, I attended the ISC Retreat (two days) in Bergen. This was a very positive exercise which candidly addressed many of the ills plaguing ICOMOS, particularly with regard to its relations with the ISCs. I acted as a rapporteur for one of the discussion groups. Discussions essentially revolved around the points raised in Zimbabwe, viz.

1 Conventions and role of ICOMOS and ISCs in project implementation and objectives and relationships to other bodies, particularly UNESCO and the World Heritage process.

2 Obligations, initiatives, responsibilities: ICOMOS and ISCs reporting and programs.

3 Relationship of national committees and ISCs and technical assistance to national committees and ICOMOS missions.

4 Cross-pollination/co-operation between ISCs: programs vs. committees.

5 Validation of competence of experts: membership, subject coverage of ISCs, specialist consulting for fees.

6 Dissemination of information: newsletters, E-mail, Web sites etc. meetings, workshops.

A report covering all of the discussions has been issued back to participants and working parties are in the process of formation. I have expressed interest in two of these working parties.

This retreat was followed by the meeting of the Advisory Committee (two days) and a conference (one day) on World Heritage.
There was also a technical visit (one day) to the Tyssedal Power Station which is on Norway’s short list of potential nominations to the World Heritage List. In between the official proceedings there were many opportunities to discuss a wide range of topics of paramount importance to ICOMOS. These discussions engendered a sense of enthusiasm and confidence that the months ahead will result in significant recommendations to the Executive Committee.

Several members of ICORP were present in Bergen in various capacities and some informal discussions were had on ICORP business. This meeting also afforded an opportunity to discuss the proposed ICORP meeting in Japan with Prof. Yukio Nishimura (ICOMOS Regional Vice-President) and Prof. Maeno Masuro. I was also able to meet with Simon, President of ICOMOS Zambia regarding the Zambian members of ICORP.

Given the nature and proximity of Iceland to Norway, I undertook a post-conference interlude (four days) on the Snaefellnes Peninsula and the Thingvellur National Park to study glaciers, volcanoes, lava, geysers, earthquakes and geomorphological features. In Reykjavik I took the opportunity to study the vernacular buildings and heritage elements and now have a large collection of illustrative material.

Closer to home, I have followed up on establishing a national Blue Shield committee and have received enthusiastic in-principle support from each of the pillar organizations in Australia: Museums Association of Australia, Australian Society of Archivists, Australian Library and Information Association. AICCM has also indicated that they would like to participate. These initiatives are now moving into a more formalized stage.

Teaching of the risk preparedness unit, as part of the Cultural Heritage Studies Course at Deakin University, continues to be popular with participants. This year students again participated in a mock disaster at a heritage mansion: Villa Alba, Kew where they had to cope with the aftermath of a fire.

Overall it seems to have been a busy year with some worthwhile achievements.

Robyn Riddett  
Secretary, ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Risk Preparedness (ICORP)  
November 2004
Australian Capital Territory
Peter Freeman

Workshops / Seminars

Development of Environment and Heritage: the new EPBC Act
A workshop was held in July 2004 in Canberra with attendance by ACT ICOMOS members and others.

Development of Environment and Heritage: Guidelines for preparation of management plans for Commonwealth owned properties
A workshop was held in early August 2004 in Canberra with attendance by ACT ICOMOS members and others.

ICOMOS Snapshot workshop
In line with the National Advocacy role of ICOMOS, a series of 'Snapshot' Heritage Workshops are proposed throughout Australia. The first was piloted in Canberra on 14 August 2004. These workshops aim to explore the current State and Territories’ cultural heritage - including condition, major advances and pressures, changes over the last 5 years, and the effectiveness of the measures taken to conserve cultural heritage. The first snapshot was facilitated by Duncan Marshall, and was devoted to a snapshot of heritage management in the ACT.

ACT Heritage Council Activities

- The new ACT Heritage Bill has been passed, and consequently frees the Territory's heritage legislation/administration from the Territory's planning legislation. The Bill will come into effect early in 2005.

- Variation 173 [the Garden City variation] was passed early this year, and now forms the basis for consideration of development proposals within the Garden City precincts. Considerable funding has been made available to the ACT Heritage Unit to reduce the large nomination backlog, and to allow preparation of entries to the ACT Heritage Register. This work will be undertaken by the RAIA, the National Trust of Australia [ACT] & by consortia of conservation consultants.

- The ACT Heritage Council has initiated thematic projects related to the mid 20th C planning & architectural heritage of the ACT, and is developing partnerships with the new ACT Planning Authority to undertake heritage surveys & overlays as a component of ACT PLA's planning proposals.

Peter Freeman, M.ICOMOS
co-opted member [from May 2004]
October 2004
New South Wales
Susan Jackson-Stepowski

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It has been a busy year in NSW with many members contributing via various activities and submissions.

Australia ICOMOS events and activities in NSW

- Two workshops were organised for AI members to introduce the new EPBC Federal legislation. The first was held on 16 February, and due to demand a second workshop was organised for 20 August 2004. Our thanks to the NSW Heritage Office and the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority for providing the venues and to representatives from the Federal Department of Environment and Heritage, as well as AI member Duncan Marshall, who formed the presentation team. AI members who assisted on these days were Louise Thom, Helen Wilson and Sue Jackson-Stepowski for the 2nd workshop whilst those helping with the 1st workshop included Caitlin Allen, Lori Sciusco and Sue Jackson-Stepowski.

- To celebrate World Heritage Day and its 2004 theme on mud structures, on 24 April an illustrated talk was presented by Anita Krivickas on ‘Conservation of the Jesuit and Franciscan 18th and 19th adobe mission building within the state of Chihuahua, northern Mexico. Over 50 people came to this event held jointly with the National Trust of Australian (NSW). The venue as the NT Annie Wyatt room and a light supper was served. AI members who assisted included Lori Sciusco, Helen Wilson and Sue Jackson-Stepowski.

- During his visit to Sydney on 8th October, Richard Englehardt presented an informal illustrated talk about the UNESCO Asia Pacific Heritage Awards, world heritage management, the variety of nominations and reasoning behind some citations. His host was Sheridan Burke in her capacity as International Vice President. Acknowledgment to the firm Godden MacKay Logan for providing the venue and light supper for this event.

- On behalf of ICOMOS, member Alan Coker drafted a submission to the Year of the Built Environment Exemplars Programme and National awards, Built Heritage category, for the revised Burra Charter.

- The February Executive meeting was held in the former School of Arts building of Haberfield Garden Suburb. Committee members toured the Garden Suburb commenced in 1901 by Richard Stanton. The State Heritage Register nominated Garden Suburb is threatened by a private toll road around both its sides. On the Sunday afternoon a behind-the-scene of the Sydney Opera House enlightened committee members as to the re-involvement of its architect Joern Utzon and areas within the complex currently under stress and or pending change.

- 2003 Conference Telling Tales - interpretation in the conservation and design process. This was such a great success that a larger venue had to be found and what a site the former Artillery School was, both for its fabric and its magnificent setting overlooking the full horizon of Sydney’s magnificent Harbour. With the sponsorship of the Sydney Harbour Trust, it was wonderful to experience the co-operation of participants from around Australia, ‘on the parade ground’, and interacting in the many varied activities and talks. This was a NSW AI members team effort,
with special thanks to Stephen Couling and the firm Design 5 for co-ordinating the event.

Government matters

State Government and heritage management

The Carr State Government has re-organised former departments into super-portfolios. Heritage responsibilities now are located within the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Mineral Resources (DIPMR) under Minister Mr Craig Knowles MLA, assisted by Ms Diana Bremer MLA who is responsible for Planning (and hence Heritage) matters.

Major changes are under review inclusive of the natural, built and historic environments. The draft Sydney Metropolitan Strategy proposes major increases in residential densities in a wide arc around Sydney CBD and ability to comment has been selectively engineered to date. Associated with the draft Strategy are a clutch of hang-off policies, each in its own right having potential for major revision of heritage management and change to places having heritage values. For example, one deals with Bush Fire Prone areas, another with a review of coverage involving Threatened Species, whilst heritage exclusions have been gazetted for certain government agencies. In the mean time the gazettal of several local environmental plans containing heritage provisions are being put ‘on-hold’.

An ICOMOS submission has urged consideration of cultural heritage values, including the curtilage, buildings and landscapes in the planning processes for new developments. Whilst the submission concentrated upon new release areas, also at risk are heritage places within existing inner ring zones.

Local Government

After extending the terms of local Governments to off set their elections away from those of the State, local government elections were finally held on 8 March 2004. Many councils are experiencing 50 to 100% change of councillors. An independent was elected Mayor of the City of Sydney, after its sacking and amalgamation with the former South Sydney Council. The swing against the two major parties was not confirmed to inner ring of Sydney, which showed several Green preferences.

Both prior to and after the elections, several local government areas were amalgamated. In terms of heritage management, this has resulted in a reduced number of heritage advisor positions dealing with a greater geographical coverage whilst still only on a limited time per month. The number of in-house positions has not increased.

NSW Heritage Council and Heritage Office

- Series of Interpretation Policy and Guidelines Workshops were held on in June, run by the project consultants Meredith Walker and Elaine Lawson, with Bill Nethery assisting from the NSW Heritage Office
- Annual Heritage Advisors Network Meeting was held on 20 August 2004 in the Heritage listed Old Kings School Building, which is also the offices for the NSW Heritage Office. It was preceded by the annual training session for new advisors.
- Major papers produced include: Heritage Sustainability, Economic impacts of heritage, and The Value of Our Heritage project: what is the value of heritage to society.
- A ‘Heritage Icons’ programme which called for nominations from the wider community, was run in part to supplement the NSW State Heritage Register.
- Heritage Council reinstated the Archaeological Advisory Panel, with Sharon Sullivan as Chair.

National Trust of Australia (NSW)

- NSW Heritage Festival is held in March each year, management by the National Trust of Australia (NSW)
- One day course ‘Under Glass’ was held on 8 March. Its theme dealt with increasing tendance to treat heritage in a tokenistic way and rather than relate it to broader environmental and social context.
- The 2004 annual heritage lecture was presented architect Glenn Murcutt. The
venue was the E H Erwin Gallery of the National Trust.

- Board nominations for 2004-2005 were an exact match to vacancies, resulting in no elections.
- The technical committees, made up of professionals from many fields who donate their time and expertise, are currently under review.
- Major continuing issues include urban consolidation, the working harbour, ad-hoc urbanisation of rural towns and within cultural landscapes, and the draft Sydney Metropolitan Strategy (Gosford to Wollongong) and many with associated specific policies and legislative changes.
- Protection? What Protection? by Conservation Manager, Jacqui Goddard appeared in the journal ‘Reflections National Trust Quarterly’ Aug 2004 pp6-8. This raised concerns about listings tied to tiers of government. The National Trust has commenced an intensive programme revolving around ‘listings’.

Other

Sydney Opera House World heritage nomination has been received by the Australian Government for its listing on the World Heritage List. The works to the reception hall, which re-engaged Joern Utzon for the first time since he left the project, are nearing completion. The site has since been included on the NSW State Heritage Register and is now also been nominated for the new National List.

Sue Jackson-Stepowski, M.ICOMOS
October 2004
State elections were held on 7 February 2004 and the Beattie Labor Government was returned and the Hon Dean Wells Minister for Environment stepped down. Following the appointment of the Hon R. John Mickel MP as Minister for Environment an independent review of the administration of historic cultural heritage in Queensland has been undertaken. The report has not been made public as it is the subject of Cabinet consideration.

There has been much speculation about the recommendations contained in the report, however the government has formed a Cultural Heritage Ministerial Advisory Committee to advise the Minister on the review, and the Queensland Heritage Council has held a forum which resulted in a series of recommendations to the Minister.

The Environment portfolio was transferred to the Hon Desley Boyle, Minister for Local Government and Planning and Minister for Women in August 2004, following a reshuffle of Ministerial responsibilities.

It is not known when the outcome of the review will be made public.

Here is a snapshot of some of the issues and events over the past year.

**Legislation**


- The *Cultural Record (Landscape Queensland and Queensland Estate) Act 1987* was replaced by the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003* and *Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage Act 2003* which commenced in November 2003. The two new pieces of legislation are administered by the Department of Natural Resources Mines and Energy. The protection of historic archaeology has been rolled into the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992* by the clarification of Part 7 of the Act.

- The amendments also enable precincts and streetscapes to be entered in the Queensland Heritage Register. Training sessions for local government officers, private certifiers, private consultants, the Queensland Heritage Council and Environmental Protection Agency staff, outlining the amendments to the Act and new administrative procedures, were undertaken throughout the state.

- Environmental Protection Agency staff are continuing to work with local governments across Queensland to complete *Integrated Planning Act 1997* planning schemes. The Minister for Local Government and Planning has approved a further extension of time to complete these schemes. The degree to which these planning schemes address cultural heritage varies considerably, and mechanisms are being considered to address this inconsistency in approach.

**Queensland Heritage Council and Cultural Heritage Branch, EPA**

- The Queensland Heritage Council continued its regional visitation program, and this year visited Ipswich...
and Mackay, but unfortunately a planned visit to Charleville was cancelled. The aim of this program is to engage with regional councils and communities to progress the identification and conservation of Queensland’s cultural heritage.

- Nine members of the Queensland Heritage Council, including Chair and Deputy Chair, are due for appointment by Governor-in-Council in December 2004. The Queensland Heritage Council currently includes AI members Robert Riddel and Catherine Brouwer.

- *Religious Places in Queensland: An Historical Context Study,* was launched by the Queensland Heritage Council in Mackay in October. This document provides guidelines for assessing the cultural heritage significance of religious places, and will assist in deciding future directions for the development of the register.

- The Queensland Heritage Council has also continued to develop a database of cinemas, and is progressing its rural heritage project. The Council is also awaiting approval to launch the *Illustrated Guide to Entering Houses in the Queensland Heritage Register.*

Community / Other

- A program of lectures hosted jointly by the Queensland Museum and the Environmental Protection Agency titled ‘Queensland Connections: People, Places and Collections’ has continued.

- National Trust of Queensland heritage awards were held on 5 August 2004. The awards represent a change of format for the National Trust of Queensland, and included the inaugural Queensland Heritage Council awards.

- Rockhampton City Council hosted the inaugural Queensland Local Government Heritage Services Conference 12-14 August 2004, with keynote speakers Margaret Cook, Deputy Chair Queensland Heritage Council and Wayne Petrie, Queensland Chair Year of the Built Environment Committee.

- Australia ICOMOS, in partnership with the Brisbane Institute, hosted a joint workshop in February explaining the new national heritage system.

Ken Horrigan  M.ICOMOS
November 2004
Victoria
Kristal Buckley

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Australia ICOMOS activities

- During 2004, there were 4 Victorian-based members of the Executive Committee – Bill Logan, Anita Smith, Barry Jones and Kristal Buckley.
- The Executive Committee met in Melbourne in May 2004 at Villa Alba in Kew. Thanks to Robyn Riddett for making the arrangements with Villa Alba, and for providing a tour of the building for the Committee.
- A Melbourne session of the seminars for the new national heritage system was held in February 2004, generously hosted by Heritage Victoria and facilitated by Anita Smith and Kristal Buckley.

World Heritage Listing of the Royal Exhibition Building & Carlton Gardens

Australia ICOMOS welcomed the inscription of this place in the World Heritage List in July 2004. The site was also one of the first three places included in the newly established National Heritage List.

The Royal Exhibition Building is the first Australian cultural place inscribed in the World Heritage List for its post-contact historical values (and the first World Heritage property in Victoria). Many Australia ICOMOS members have participated in the lengthy process of the World Heritage nomination – as consultants, researchers, government experts (Commonwealth, State and local), NGO stakeholders, and ICOMOS advisors.

A revised and integrated Conservation Management Plan for the site – including a masterplan for the Gardens – has been developed during the year, and the draft is currently available for public comment.

A Ball to celebrate the listing and the Year of the Built Environment will be held at the Royal Exhibition Building in December.

Victorian Heritage Strategy

Work on the new Victorian Heritage Strategy is well underway, and a draft for public comment is expected early in 2005. The process of developing the Strategy has involved an innovative program of community consultation, together with negotiations with a wide range of State Government agencies to develop a broad ‘whole of government’ statement.

Another interesting consultative activity initiated by the Heritage Council as part of the development of the new Strategy has looked at the ‘positioning’ of heritage within contemporary society. This has been an extremely interesting exercise, led by Robyn Oswald-Jacobs. Robyn put together a series of breakfasts and lunches with groups of artists, writers and shapers/influencers of Melbourne society to discuss what heritage is and where it fits in our cultural life.

Aboriginal Affairs Victoria is also in the process of developing a Strategy for Aboriginal Heritage Management. The process has involved extensive consultation with Aboriginal people. A draft is expected in early 2005.

Amendments to the Heritage Act

Important changes to the Heritage Act during the year now permit the Heritage Council to include heritage objects in the Victorian Heritage Register. Previously, the provisions for objects/moveable heritage were restricted to those objects...
attached to or related to heritage places on the Register. The amendments to the State legislation allow registration of significant objects that are not attached to or related to registered places. The issue was covered very favourably in the media, and work is underway within Council to develop criteria and other operational guidelines for this new element in the State system.

**Victorian Heritage Program**

The Victorian Heritage Program was funded for a further year in the 2004 State budget, with longer-term funding awaiting the completion of the new Heritage Strategy. The Victorian Heritage Program funding is in addition to the loans and grants provided through the recurrent funding to the Heritage Council. The Victorian Heritage Program funding of $4 million provides grants for adaptive re-use and conservation, funds for ‘places at risk’, local government heritage studies and local government heritage advisors. The program also provides some additional funding for the Heritage Council.

**Coastal Landscapes**

The pressures on cultural landscapes in coastal areas continue to be a focus of community concern. A Coastal Landscape Forum was held in Geelong in July 2004, organised by the Heritage Council’s Landscape Advisory Committee, the National Trust, Victorian Landscape Guardians and the City of Greater Geelong. The Forum was over-subscribed, and there was a very diverse audience.

The inspiring keynote speaker was Richard Offen (formerly of the UK National Trust’s ‘Project Neptune’). Kristal Buckley was invited on behalf of Australia ICOMOS to give a presentation of the ‘heritage values’ of landscapes. There is a good summary of the Forum available on the Heritage Council website: [www.heritage.vic.gov.au](http://www.heritage.vic.gov.au).

Australia ICOMOS has also participated in Stage 1 of the project to develop assessment guidelines for wind farm developments. The project has been developed jointly by the Australian Council for National Trusts (ACNT) and the Australian Wind Energy Association (AusWEA). Kristal Buckley attended the Victorian consultative round-table for the project, held in July 2004.

**National Heritage List**

Announcement of the first three items on the National Heritage List occurred in Ballarat during July, by newly appointed Federal Minister Senator Ian Campbell. The first three items are the Royal Exhibition Building (Victoria), Budj Bim Cultural Landscape (Lake Condah, Western Victoria), and the Lark Quarry dinosaur tracks site (in Queensland).

**Heritage News from 2004**

It seems that heritage is always in the news! Here is a small selection of stories from 2004:

- The Victorian Government has entered into a cooperative land management agreement with the Yorta Yorta people. It will affect a number of large public areas, such as the Barmah Forest, Kow Swamp, and land along the Murray and Goulburn Rivers. The agreement has been made outside of the native title process. An 8-member body with majority representation of the Yorta Yorta will be established to advise the Environment Minister on the management of these lands.

- The future of former defence land at Point Nepean has been a highly contentious heritage issue all year. Although still in Commonwealth ownership, it was included in the Victorian Heritage Register.

- Interesting additions to the State Register: the Nylex sign near the MCG; Bickleigh Vale – a village of small cottages, gardens and lanes designed (and lived in) by Edna Walling; the ‘Aqua Profonda’ sign painted on Fitzroy Pool (which for those of sufficient age, features in the book/film ‘Monkey Grip’); the Royal Park Hospital site (the site for the Village for the 2006 Commonwealth Games); and the Keith Haring Mural in Johnston Street, Collingwood.

- The National Trust’s 2004 list of Endangered Heritage included
Melbourne’s Victorian-era shopping strips – such as High Street and Chapel Street.

- The former Abbotsford Convent is now in community hands – following extensive community campaign, this site will be developed as a public arts, education and tourism precinct. The State government has committed $4 million to the project.

- St Kilda Pier kiosk: this registered place was completely destroyed by fire this year. Following community consultation, including much media comment, the State Government has decided to build a replica of the former building rather than something different. Is this heritage? Some say yes, some say no, and there are many in the design community that feel it is a wasted opportunity.

- Recent RAIA awards – congratulations to the joint winners of the Lachlan Macquarie Award for Heritage: in Melbourne, the 1950s Beaurepaire Centre Pool at Melbourne University (Allom Lovell & Associates); and in Sydney, Old Government House, Parramatta (Clive Lucas Stapleton & Partners). What an interesting pair of projects!

Kristal Buckley, M.ICOMOS
October 2004
During 2004 a number of 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 matters that were considered by the committee in 2004 follows:

**Commonwealth Heritage Legislation Workshop**

In February 2004 a one-day workshop was held in Hobart to assist cultural heritage conservation practitioners and managers to become familiar with the new Commonwealth Heritage legislation that came into force on January 1. The workshop was organized by Australia ICOMOS, and speakers from the Department of Environment and Heritage gave presentations about the background and implications of the legislation.

The workshop was well attended, and 34 delegates were in attendance to improve their understanding of the new system. Those present also provided the DEH representatives with valuable feedback about the implications of the legislation for heritage conservation practitioners and the managers of places that are of national significance. The event also provided an opportunity for ICOMOS members and other practitioners and managers to meet with each other and to develop more effective networks within Tasmania.

**Tasmanian Historic Cultural Heritage Act Review**

In late 2003 the Tasmanian Government announced a review of the main legislation for the identification and protection of Tasmania’s cultural heritage, the Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995. A meeting of Tasmanian members was convened to discuss the issue, and a submission was subsequently prepared on behalf of Australia ICOMOS and forwarded to the Review Panel under the signature of the President. The main points of the submission concerned:

- Issues regarding the current Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995, including the inclusion of *aesthetic significance*, the definition of *cultural landscape* and provisions for their protection, the application of the Act to forestry practices, the constitution of the Heritage Council, the provisions relating to a *Heritage Area*, the standard of documentation required in support of a works application, the provisions for alterations to churches for liturgical purposes, the application of the *prudent and feasible alternative* provision, and the protection of places with archaeological potential.

- The importance of an adequately staffed and resourced Heritage Office to provide guidance and education and to promote qualitative heritage management throughout the community, especially by local government and organisations responsible for the care of places of cultural significance.

- The need to escalate the process of devolving the statutory approval process to local government through the incorporation of heritage registers and provisions within planning schemes and greater delegation.

- The development of local government planning schemes with provisions to protect less-defined cultural assets such as a cultural landscapes or archaeological sites.
The training of local government planning staff and the funding of specialist heritage advisors to provide assistance to local government.

The encouragement of conservation plans prepared in accordance with the Burra Charter and the J. S. Kerr model, possibly with the use of incentives such as exemptions from the need to obtain approval for work that is in accordance with an endorsed conservation plan.

The need to develop a “best practice” approach to the conservation and management of publicly owned sites of state and national significance within Tasmania, based on the Port Arthur Historic Site model with its recurrent public funding for conservation work.

There has as yet been no public announcement of the scope of the submissions or what the next step in the process might be. However, the Chair of the Review Panel has advised that the submissions were “very positive and useful”.

Recherche Bay

The proposal to clearfell timber 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. There is considerable evidence to suggest that the site contains the remains of a vegetable garden (and possibly other elements) left by the expeditions of French explorer Bruny D'Entrecasteau in 1792 and 1793.

After a preliminary investigation, two sites within the peninsula were provisionally placed on the Tasmanian Heritage Register, and in March 2004 the place was nominated for inclusion on the on the new National Heritage List. In October the Tasmanian Minister for Tourism Parks & Heritage Ken Bacon announced a heritage area comprising a 100 metre strip around the entire coast of the North East Peninsula of the Recherche Bay area.

The Minister also announced that he would also be “recommending to the Tasmanian Heritage Council that there should be an additional 100 metre heritage area around both the garden and observatory sites, and that these enlarged sites be registered immediately as historic cultural heritage places of significance”. The area covers the known site of the garden and possibly other evidence of the D'Entrecasteau expeditions, but will not prevent logging activity that could impact on both the overall cultural landscape of the site and any other evidence of the expeditions that may lie beyond the boundaries of the heritage area.

Australia ICOMOS supports the positive steps that have been taken to date by the Tasmanian government to protect cultural values of the Recherche Bay site. However, it shares with a number of other organizations including the Australian Council of National Trusts and the Cultural Heritage Practitioners Tasmania a commitment to the need to carry out a thorough on-site and documentary assessment to determine the extent and cultural significance of the place using the principles of the Burra Charter. Ultimately a conservation management plan should be prepared to provide the necessary guidance for the appropriate long term management of the site.

Australia ICOMOS has previously written to the Tasmanian government urging a measured and comprehensive assessment approach to Research Bay. As this report is going to print a further submission is being prepared cautioning against allowing any activity that would have the potential to affect the cultural values of the place until such time as these values have been adequately determined and protected.

Port Arthur Cultural (Heritage) Tourism Conference 2004

At the Australia ICOMOS Annual General Conference held in Sydney in November 2003, it was announced that the 2004 conference would be held at Port Arthur, with the main theme of cultural heritage tourism.

Planning for the event, set down for November 25-28, has been underway throughout the year. The conference will be primarily sponsored by the Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority, supported by Tourism Tasmania and the

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The conference will provide a forum for a dialogue between participants from right across the cultural tourism industry, from tourism operators, promoters and planners, through to archaeologists, historians and interpreters. It will focus on four main themes: Sustainability, Viability, Integrity and Accessibility, and will highlight and examine the tensions that inevitably arise where competing values, expectations and objectives collide in the management of these places. Further information about the proposal will be provided at the Executive Committee meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of Australia ICOMOS will be held as part of the conference.

Agricultural Heritage Workshop

In April 2004 a 1-day workshop was held in Oatlands, promoted as a heritage & industry partnership event to improve the management and care of Tasmania's agricultural heritage. The workshop was an initiative of the Cultural Heritage Practitioners Tasmania with funding support from the Tasmanian Heritage Council. It attracted interest from a diverse group of 40 participants who collectively represented owners of agricultural heritage, heritage managers, and other cultural heritage practitioners, historians, archivists, educationalists, students, agricultural advisors, rural real estate agents, planners, landscape architects, and conservationists.

The initiative was prompted by the extent and value of agricultural heritage in Tasmania, its poor condition and the lack of interest in its long term conservation, other than by a small number of individuals. The issues considered by the workshop were the individual issues that confront owners of agricultural heritage, primarily farmers, and heritage managers in relation to the conservation of agricultural heritage.

The workshop generated a number of potentially useful and practical solutions to the issues raised. As well as generating ideas for addressing the issues, the workshop also highlighted what might be best described as desirable policy in the long term management of agricultural heritage.

National List Submission

Following the introduction of the new commonwealth heritage legislation on 1 January 2004, a nomination submission was prepared for the Port Arthur Historic Site to be included on the National Heritage List.

The nomination document was prepared by heritage consultant Mary Knaggs, and was formally presented to the Minister, Dr. David Kemp by the PAHSMa Chair, Dr Barry Jones AO at a ceremony at the Female Factory in Hobart in April 2004. The nomination is currently under consideration by the Australian Heritage Council.

Peter Romey, M.ICOMOS
4 November 2004
South Australia
Elizabeth Vines

In 2003 the South Australian Government released the *Heritage Directions Report* and as a continuation of this initiative the Minister for Environment and Conservation has released the Heritage Directions Amendment Bill. This Bill proposes amendments to the *Heritage Act 1993* and the *Development Act 1993*. The bill reconstitutes the State Heritage Authority as the South Australian Heritage Council and makes other minor changes. In late May an increased amount of State Funding for Heritage initiatives was announced to endeavour to implement the recommendations of the Heritage Directions Report.

At a local government level, the Adelaide City Council has completed the first stage of the Adelaide City heritage review focusing on North Adelaide. Unfortunately the Council did not endorse this survey, and there is a level of concern in the community that lack of protection for heritage places in this part of the city will result in ongoing demolitions of heritage buildings. At Port Adelaide, a Plan Amendment Report was completed for the Port Adelaide Waterfront Area. This is an area of great heritage significance, and part of a major redevelopment site by State Government and private developers requiring complex resolution of heritage and redevelopment issues. Other local governments continue to grapple with the issue of heritage protection, balancing this with the constant pressure for redevelopment particularly in the inner city.

As the ICOMOS State Rep, I have introduced a system of email 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.

*Elizabeth Vines, M.ICOMOS*
*4 November 2004*
Western Australia
Agnieszka Kiera

The following are the main activities in Western Australia during the past year.

At the State level the Local Government Heritage Working Party formed by the Hon Tom Stevens, the former Heritage Minister, has completed the first stage of its work. The main role of the Party was to review the status and role of municipal heritage inventories and to provide feedback and advice on the proposed Heritage Bill to replace the Heritage of Western Australia Act, 1990. The current Minister for Local Govt & Regional Development, Heritage, Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich, has supported the Party and continuity of its review. The major achievement of the Working Party to date has been the revised basic principles for the inventories and advancement of the State Planning Policy for Cultural Heritage Conservation to assist local governments in managing their inventories under their local planning schemes.

The Heritage Council significantly renewed its membership this year by appointing the following new members: a representative of the owners: Gerry Gauntlett, Local Government: Nikolee Ansell and the community: Christine Choo, Fiona Kolaf, Ron Davies and Phillip Vincent.

The Heritage Council of WA has also been coordinating the official State of the Environment report on heritage with assistance of the National Trust (WA) and other parties. The report will take some time to produce, however issues highlighted by the National Trust focused on the “heritage under threat” identifying moveable heritage, the serious lack of maintenance of monuments and sites and the lack of resources (financial and other) for heritage in WA as the main threats.

One of the heritage highlights of the year include the re-launch of No 1 Pump Station by the Premier Geoff Gallop on 20 November 2004. The CY O'Connor Museum was established in the mid 1960s in the first of eight pump stations which formed the Goldfields Water Supply Scheme. Now under the management of the National Trust of Australia (WA), No 1 Pump Station is a key component of the Golden Pipeline project which focuses on the history of this amazing water supply scheme.

The project includes the new interpretation scheme applied to this site: an innovative story telling machine which has been designed to take up the same volume as one of the original pumps. It is an exciting approach to interpreting industrial heritage an area of our industry which has not received the level of attention or resourcing necessary to make it accessible to the general public. No 1 Pump Station is located at Mundaring Weir, Perth and will be open Wed - Sun and public holidays, 10 am - 4 pm.

The other highlight was the Commonwealth Legislation workshop, the one-day event run in June by ICOMOS and sponsored by the City of Fremantle. Held in the beautifully restored Fremantle Town Hall, the seminar attracted the audience of 48 heritage professionals representing all disciplines of the heritage conservation industry in WA.

The presenters from the Department of Environment and Heritage included Bruce Leaver, First Assistant Secretary, of Heritage Division, Alex Marsden, Director of Historic Environment Assessment and Rosemary Hollow, Assistant Director, Historic Heritage Management Section. The seminar was arranged and facilitated by Agnieszka Kiera, member of the Executive Committee, assisted by Phil Griffiths (Considine & Griffiths) and Anne Brake the National Trust (WA).

Heritage Council of WA was represented by Ian Baxter, Director and the ICOMOS’s team was assisted by Ian Hocking of Hocking Planning & Architecture, David Johnston, from Business School, University of WA and Jeremy Dawkins, Chair of the Planning Commission of WA as rapporteurs. All ensured that the day was a sold out and a success.

At the local level the Low Interest Loans for heritage conservation introduced late in 2003 are now in full operation in providing much appreciated incentives for heritage conservation. To date the WA Local
Government Association received more than 60 applications and the total amount of loans provided for conservation works exceeds $70,000.

One of the finer achievements in terms of conservation projects has been the completed restoration of the Ballroom of the Government House built between 1860 and 1866 using convict labour to a design by Richard Roach Jewell, longstanding colonial architect and clerk of works. The Ballroom itself was designed in 1897 by John Grainger. The Ballroom project was completed by Considine & Griffiths.

At the international level the WA Architect, John Taylor had recently been awarded with an Award of Distinction for the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel by the UNESCO Asia Pacific Heritage Conservation Awards. Congratulations to John.

Finally Fremantle Prison is the first WA entry to date on the National Heritage List. Other nominations currently being prepared include Port of Fremantle (Victoria Quay) and Rottnest Island.

Agnieszka Kiera, M.ICOMOS
5 November 2004
Northern Territory
Elizabeth Close

The very small ICOMOS membership in the Northern Territory means that meetings and events are not held on a regular basis; interaction is generally by email. This year was no exception and the Northern Territory was the only jurisdiction that was not able to run one of the New Heritage Regime Workshops.

However, there have been a number of events and issues in the Territory that members have been involved with one way or another. These have concerned the review of a number of Government Acts – the Heritage Conservation Act, the Planning Act and the Masterplan for Parks and Reserves. Then there were the major projects the Government managed including the finalising of the Alice to Darwin Railway, the development of the Darwin Wharf Precinct and the development of the land around the heritage listed Old Admiralty House site.

Although the membership is small, each member brings the philosophy and principles of ICOMOS to the table for the matters in which they are involved.

Elizabeth Close
NT Representative