ACT Region Heritage Symposium 2018

Heritage on the Edge: Continuity with Change in Canberra?

Saturday, 18 August 2018

Convened by Heritage Partners:
Australia ICOMOS, Canberra Archaeological Society, Canberra & District Historical Society
and National Trust of Australia (ACT)

Date: Saturday 18 August 2018
Venue: to be advised
Cost: $75 full registration; $55 member host organisation; $35 (concessions, full-time students, speakers)

Heritage on the Edge: Continuity with Change in Canberra will focus on Canberra’s Modern (‘Modernist’) Architecture, a style widely used in Canberra for public buildings and private housing in the mid-20th Century, and of international standing. Its minimalist form is not a contemporary style today as Canberra rapidly changes with a focus on innovation and development, and high rise living. Change is a constant, but how are we applying it in Canberra so heritage is identified and protected to ensure a connection with our past, and a continuity of our sense of place?

With the sub-themes Vital and Vulnerable: threats to the Modern Urban Landscape; Continuity with Change: sustaining Canberra’s Modern heritage; and Hidden yet Found: revealing invisible Modern heritage, we’ll look at what Canberra’s Modern Urban Landscape is and its heritage values are—central to Canberra story, and its vulnerability. How can we take such values into account with development and the broader impact on heritage with change? What processes, what guidelines can we apply to sustain Canberra’s modern heritage, and our heritage and its landscape more generally to ensure continuity with change and maintain a sense of place—a sense of community engagement? What are methods to see hidden aspects of this heritage, applying tools, such as the archaeology of structures, oral histories, and other evidence, so the Canberra community and visitors can appreciate this aspect of Canberra’s story.

Call for Papers: We are seeking papers from a diverse range of viewpoints: architects, heritage practitioners, developers, planners, archaeologists, community advocates.

We welcome papers from students and emerging professionals on heritage and change more generally.

To propose a paper, please submit an abstract to the National Trust (ACT) care of Liz McMillan (info@nationaltrustact.org.au) by 6 JULY 2018.

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