ICOMOS is an International Organisation of Heritage Practitioners, dedicated to the Conservation of the World’s Cultural Heritage.

The International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) is an association of heritage practitioners that currently brings together approximately 10,000 members in 110 national committees throughout the world, dedicated to the conservation of the world’s cultural heritage. As well as the national committees, many ICOMOS members participate in the organisation’s 27 International Scientific Committees. It is the only global non-government organisation of this kind, dedicated to promoting the application of theory, methodology and scientific techniques to the conservation of cultural heritage places. ICOMOS benefits from the interdisciplinary exchange of a membership body that incorporates a wide variety of disciplines engaged in heritage conservation. This provides a forum for significant dialogue and debate on cultural heritage. ICOMOS has the additional responsibility of advising UNESCO on World Heritage listed properties and their conservation.

The objectives of ICOMOS are:

- To bring together conservation specialists from all over the world and serve as a forum for professional dialogue and exchange
- To collect, evaluate and disseminate information on conservation principles, techniques and policies
- To participate in the organisation of training programs for conservation specialists on a world-wide scale
- To put the expertise of highly qualified professionals and specialists at the service of the international community
- To cooperate with national and international authorities on the establishment of documentation centres specialising in conservation
- To work for the adoption and implementation of international conventions on the conservation and enhancement of cultural heritage

Australia ICOMOS is a non-government, not-for-profit organisation of cultural heritage practitioners, and its national committee was formed in 1976. Australia ICOMOS operates within a regulated international and national framework. It is managed by an Executive Committee which coordinates a robust national program and makes significant contributions to ICOMOS internationally.

THE BURRA CHARTER

The Burra Charter: The Australia ICOMOS Charter for the Conservation of Places of Cultural Significance 2013

Australia ICOMOS has produced and published this seminal document, which guides the conservation of cultural heritage places in Australia. *The Burra Charter* and its accompanying guidelines are considered best practice standard for cultural heritage management in Australia. *The Burra Charter* has been formally endorsed by the Australian Heritage Council and a number of other state heritage agencies. It complements the 1964 International Charter on the Conservation and Restoration of Monuments and Sites (the *Venice Charter*).

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KEY STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

1. Conservation Philosophy, Policy and Practice
Ensure that Australia ICOMOS takes a leadership role in conservation philosophy and practice for culturally significant places.

2. International Partnerships
Participate in the international arena, both within and beyond the ICOMOS International family.

3. Education and Communication
Promote an understanding of the cultural significance of places and raise conservation standards through education and communication programs.

4. Advocacy
Inform and influence key decision-makers through the communication of Australia ICOMOS’ aims and approaches to conservation philosophy and practice.

5. Membership
Develop, maintain and support a broad-based membership through effective administration.

OUR MISSION
Our mission is to lead cultural heritage conservation in Australia by raising and maintaining standards, encouraging debate and generating innovative ideas.

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT
Historic Environment is the refereed journal of Australia ICOMOS. It brings together dynamic, critical interdisciplinary research in the field of cultural heritage and heritage conservation.

Historic Environment (ISSN 0726-6715) is available online at www.icomos.org/australia

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Bottom: 1 - St Nicholas Church, Ballarat; apprentice training in restoration; photo: City of Ballarat. 2 - The bow of the shipwreck SS Wond, north of Cape Pillar, Tasmania; photo: copyright, Mark Spencer.
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Australia ICOMOS has over 600 members, including a wide range of practitioners such as planners, historians, educators, curators, anthropologists, archaeologists, architects, interpretation specialists, conservators, engineers, site/asset managers and qualified tradespeople working in heritage conservation.

**Basic Benefits**

Different benefits and requirements apply to the different categories of membership. Benefits for all members include:

- Weekly email news with information about national and international activities, current heritage issues and employment opportunities
- Opportunities to participate in national activities including seminars and conferences.
- Professional networking opportunities
- Subscription to the Australia ICOMOS refereed journal *Historic Environment*.

**FULL INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP (INCLUDING YOUNG PROFESSIONALS)**

People with appropriate conservation experience over a substantial period of time (the equivalent of at least three years full-time), whose current core professional focus is heritage conservation and who practice within the terms of *The Burra Charter* and the *Ethical Commitment Statement for ICOMOS Members*, can apply for full membership.

A discounted rate of membership is available to eligible Full International Members who are under 30 years of age (known as Young Professionals) or who are retired or unwaged.

**Basic benefits plus the following:**

- Opportunities to participate in national and international ICOMOS activities including the national and international Executive Committee and International Scientific Committees/expert panels and advisory committees
- Voting rights in Australia ICOMOS
- Access to professional information through the members only section of the website.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP**

This category is designed for two groups:

Prospective members who do not meet the requirements for Full International Membership can be admitted as Associate Members until such time as they are able to qualify for Full International Membership. This category is also suitable for prospective members who are studying.

Individuals who have a professional interest in heritage conservation and who may undertake some work in this area, but do not have cultural heritage as their core focus, may also apply to be Associates.

A discounted rate of membership is available to eligible Associate Members who are retired or unwaged, and to those who are full time students.

**Basic benefits plus the following:**

- Opportunities to participate in some national ICOMOS activities and working groups
- Discounts for Australia ICOMOS events, conferences, and publications.

**INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

Institutional Membership is available to organisations that wish to demonstrate their support for Australia ICOMOS. Institutional membership is suitable for organisations that have a strong/sole role in heritage conservation and that support Australia ICOMOS and the principles of the *Burra Charter*. Institutional Membership does not replace the benefits of being an individual member of Australia ICOMOS. See the website for further information.

Refer to the website for more details on membership benefits, application requirements and membership fee details.

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