The International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), an organisation of heritage practitioners that currently brings together over 10,500 members in 107 national committees throughout the world, is dedicated to the conservation of the world's cultural heritage.

It is the only global non-government organisation of its 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 its members, drawn from the wide variety of disciplines engaged in heritage conservation – this provides a forum for significant dialogue and debate on cultural heritage. Members’ participation in the organisation’s International Scientific Committees contributes significantly to this exchange.

Its mission is to promote the conservation, protection, use and enhancement of monuments, building complexes and sites. It participates in the development of doctrine, the evolution and distribution of ideas, and conducts advocacy.

ICOMOS has the additional responsibility of advising UNESCO on World Heritage listed properties and their conservation.

**THE BURRA CHARTER**

**THE BURRA CHARTER: THE AUSTRALIA ICOMOS CHARTER FOR 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 the associated Practice Notes are considered the best practice standards 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 councils. It complements the 1964 International Charter on the Conservation and Restoration of Monuments and Sites (the *Venice Charter*).
MISSION STATEMENT

Australia ICOMOS is a nationally respected organisation of cultural heritage professionals who advance and promote heritage conservation through developing best practice, sharing knowledge and enabling professional development.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1. ADVANCE AND PROMOTE NATIONAL STANDARDS AND BEST PRACTICE
   Improve professional practice through innovation and establishing leading standards of practice in the heritage conservation field to advance cultural heritage management.

2. ENGAGE WITH CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN CULTURAL HERITAGE
   Identify and respond to changes in the context surrounding cultural heritage conservation, such as in government, policy, world events, development and sustainability, and societal and environmental changes.

3. BE AN INFLUENTIAL VOICE TO GOVERNMENT
   Proactively engage with government at all levels to secure support, develop stronger relationships and ensure best practice standards and methodologies are adopted by government agencies.

4. ENHANCE RECOGNITION OF AUSTRALIA ICOMOS
   Ensure relevance in the field of heritage conservation and acknowledgment as the leadership body for advancing professional practice to improve heritage conservation.

5. EMPOWER A DIVERSE MEMBERSHIP
   Increase diversity to be more multi-disciplinary, multi-generational and multi-cultural and empower members to play an active and influential role within Australia ICOMOS and the wider field of cultural heritage conservation.

GA2020

Australia ICOMOS will host the 20th General Assembly and Scientific Symposium of ICOMOS (the International Council on Monuments and Sites) in Sydney from 1-10 October 2020.

Up to 1,500 ICOMOS Members and other heritage experts will gather in Sydney, for an engaging program of site visits, functions, workshops and a four-day Scientific Symposium on the theme of ‘Shared Cultures - Shared Heritage - Shared Responsibility’.

The General Assembly (GA2020) will leave a legacy for the management of cultural heritage and the communities that value and care for it in Australia and globally.

Australia ICOMOS Members will receive a significant discount on both early bird and full registration fees for GA2020.

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.

The entire back catalogue of Historic Environment (ISSN 0726-6715) is available from our website.

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Join Australia ICOMOS and help shape the future of the cultural heritage profession in Australia and the world. Membership of Australia ICOMOS connects you with a community of over 10,500 members in over 100 countries. ICOMOS is the largest global organisation of its kind and includes professionals working in all of the disciplines associated with cultural heritage places. Australia ICOMOS has over 700 members, including a wide range of professionals such as planners, historians, educators, curators, anthropologists, archaeologists, architects, interpretation specialists, conservators, engineers, site/asset managers and qualified tradespeople working in heritage conservation. Together, we give a voice to the cultural heritage sector and uphold the highest standards of our practice.

FIND THE RIGHT MEMBERSHIP FOR YOU

We offer a range of membership options to suit all levels of experience, participation and career stage. Different application requirements apply to the various membership options.

FULL INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP
(INCLUDES YOUNG & EMERGING 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 Principles for ICOMOS Members, are eligible for Full International membership.

Full International Members are nominated and seconded by existing Full International Members. For assistance with finding an existing Member to nominate you, please contact your State representative.

A discounted rate of membership is available to individuals who qualify for Full International Membership and who are either under 30 years of age (known as Young & Emerging Professionals) or who are retired or unwaged.

CORE BENEFITS PLUS THE FOLLOWING:
• Regular newsletters from ICOMOS headquarters in Paris
• ICOMOS membership card, which can be used for discounts at some historic properties, museums and heritage organisations internationally and in Australia – refer to website for details
• The right to use the post-nominal M.ICOMOS
• Opportunities to participate in national ICOMOS activities, including nominating for and electing members to the national Executive Committee, and activities such as working and reference groups and other committees
• Opportunities to participate in international ICOMOS activities, including the international Executive Committee and International Scientific Committees, expert panels and advisory committees
• Voting rights in Australia ICOMOS
• Substantial savings on standard (in addition to extended early bird) registration for the GA2020

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 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.

CORE BENEFITS PLUS THE FOLLOWING:
• Opportunities to participate in national ICOMOS activities, working and reference groups and other committees

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Institutional Membership is available to organisations that wish to demonstrate their support of Australia ICOMOS. Institutional membership is suitable for organisations that have a strong role in heritage conservation and that support Australia ICOMOS and the principals of The Burra Charter. Institutional Membership does not replace the benefits of individual membership of Australia ICOMOS.

Refer to the website for more information on membership benefits, application requirements and membership fees.

LINKS
• AUSTRALIA ICOMOS: WWW.ICOMOS.ORG/AUSTRALIA
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