Editorial

This first edition of *Historic Environment* has evolved out of the newsletter of the Council for the Historic Environment which has been published over the last three years. During this period, it has become apparent that from within the small number of professionals involved in historic conservation there was a recognizable source of material for publication. Most of these persons are Council for the Historic Environment members.

Similarly, perusal of other professional journals and specialist magazines indicates that there is a considerable variety of articles, dealing with aspects of historic conservation, which are published on a regular basis. Many of these pertinent articles may go unnoticed by practitioners not interested in the mainstream content of these journals.

With the established interest and activity in conservation of the built and cultural environment at all levels of the Australian community, it is logical that there should be a means of communication between practitioners in the many fields embraced by historic conservation. Conferences, seminars, workshops and tours all are communication means but in spite of continued technological advancement, magazines and journals are still a readily accepted forms of communication.

*Historic Environment* is based upon the premise that there is an accumulation of information and knowledge to disseminate between people participating in conservation projects.

This knowledge has been made available to *Historic Environment* from both Melbourne based practitioners as well as overseas sources, such as the Association of Preservation Technology Bulletin and many other similar publications.

We hope to correct the Melbourne bias in our local content, with articles from interstate in our next issue.