



CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Watermarks, Water's Heritage Australia ICOMOS – Australian National Trusts Joint Conference October 27 – 30, 2011, Melbourne, Australia

Australia ICOMOS and the National Trusts of Australia are jointly convening the annual Australia ICOMOS conference to be held in Melbourne on Friday, 28 October and Saturday, 29 October 2011 with peripheral events on Thursday, 27 October and Sunday, 30 October. The conference will be held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre beside the Yarra River at Southbank, Melbourne.

The importance of water to Australia's heritage is obvious, from the diversity of Aboriginal occupation and subsequent European development of the land through to the most recent floods and cyclones following more than a decade of drought. Indeed, the devastating 'Federation' drought was a midwife at the birth of our nation. Australia is the driest continent. Our geographical spread is from the Tropics to the sub-Antarctic. We face great challenges from climate change, including an immediate threat to the built environment which hugs our coastline and worsening weather events reaching deep into the interior. It is timely, therefore, to look at that heritage.

Only contributions which are related to the conference themes will be considered. The six themes are:

- **Theme 1:** *Water Beginnings* – Indigenous use of water and waterways
- **Theme 2:** *European Arrival* – exploration, early settlement and squatting
- **Theme 3:** *Working Water* – agriculture, aquaculture, irrigation, industry, and power
- **Theme 4:** *Moving Water* – water supply and sewerage, water collection, transport and communication
- **Theme 5:** *Too Much or Not Enough* - floods, storms and cyclones, droughts, fire protection and environmental conservation
- **Theme 6:** *Celebrating Water* – tourism, recreation, designed features and landscapes, and heritage recognition

Call for Contributions – closing date Friday 15 April 2011

Abstracts are requested in two categories:

- for formal papers (20 minute presentation)
- for snapshots (6 minute presentation)

Applicants must complete the 2011 Conference Paper Abstract form (available here: <http://www.aicomos.com/wp-content/uploads/2011-Conference-Paper-Abstract-form.doc>), which outlines the submission requirements. The completed form should be sent to bradley@ccem.com.au. Successful applicants will be notified by the end of April 2011. The conference committee reserves the right to invite individual submissions.

Submission of Papers and Snapshots

Formal papers and snapshots, along with their abstracts and brief biographical information about the authors, will be included in a CD available to all participants and available for purchase after the conference.

- The deadline for the submission of all invited formal papers and snapshots is **Friday 9 September 2011**
- The deadline for the submission of all revised texts so they can be burnt onto the conference CD is **Friday 30 September 2011**
- The deadline for the submission of all PowerPoint presentations, so that they can be downloaded onto the conference hardware, is **Friday 21 October 2011**

Publication

A limited number of papers will be published in the Australia ICOMOS refereed journal, *Historic Environment*. These are likely to be drawn from the formal papers, which will have to be blind refereed after the conference to comply with ERA requirements. The conference committee reserves the right to invite the author of a snapshot to develop their presentation into a paper for subsequent blind refereed publication.

Who should attend?

The conference will appeal to the staff of water authorities, local government planners, engineers, architects, historians, landscape architects, archaeologists and others with a general interest in managing Australia's unique heritage.

Registration and Accommodation

Please note that participants are required to pay for attendance to the conference. There are no free registrations provided for people presenting papers. In this way, the conference fees can be kept to a minimum to make the conference affordable for as many people as possible. Some assistance may be available through the Australia ICOMOS Indigenous Fund. The conference is just before the Melbourne Cup (run on Tuesday, 1 November 2011) so participants travelling to the conference are urged to find accommodation as soon as possible.

Enquiries

Dr Ursula De Jong is overseeing the call for contributions. She can be contacted at ursuladj@deakin.edu.au for any queries relating to the content of proposed contributions. Bradley Hayden, the conference manager, is coordinating the call for contributions. He can be contacted at bradley@ccem.com.au for any processing or technical queries.