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**Australia ICOMOS and National
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**Melbourne, Australia
27-30 October 2011**

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AUSTRALIA ICOMOS & THE NATIONAL TRUSTS OF AUSTRALIA ARE PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO A JOINT CONFERENCE ON THE HERITAGE OF WATER TO BE HELD FROM 27-30 OCTOBER 2011 IN THE STATE-OF-THE-ART MELBOURNE CONVENTION & ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE.

CONFERENCE THEMES

Before the European settlement of Australia, Aboriginal people lived in close harmony with the land and water, which provided both physical and spiritual nourishment. Today, the ownership, allocation, management and use of water have become some of the most important issues in contemporary Australia.

Fittingly, the conference venue is situated on the south bank of the River Yarra, just 500 metres from the site of the city's foundation.

The importance and use of water and waterways to Aboriginal people, exploration, settlement, aquaculture, fresh water supply, flood control, irrigation, recreation, transport and communication, hydro-electric power and environmental conservation are some other sub-themes to be explored.

CONFERENCE FORMAT

The program will consist of two days of presentations and a full-day Conference Excursion to highlight the themes of Melbourne's water supply and waste removal. There will also be pre- and post- conference tours.

A special welcome reception will be held on Thursday, 27 October aboard the historic *Polly Woodside* moored in the Duke's and Orr's Dry Dock beside the Melbourne Convention and Entertainment Centre. A conference dinner will be held on Saturday, 29 October at a special water-related venue. A themed photography competition will be held in conjunction with the conference and the winners will be announced at the dinner.

Separate events for members of ICOMOS international specialist committees and others interested in their work, as well as an event for young professionals and a workshop for members of the Association of Preservation Technology will be scheduled during the day on Thursday, 27 October.

The conference will provide participants with a memorable experience, rare access to special heritage places and true Victorian hospitality. The conference will also showcase Melbourne's urban and urbane success, growing from 'a place for a village' into one of the most livable cities in the world. It coincides with its best known event and most glamorous weekend, the racing of the Melbourne Cup.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The conference will appeal to academics, officers of water authorities, local government planners and councillors, state and federal government officials, architects, historians, landscape architects, archaeologists and others with a general interest in understanding and managing Australia's water heritage.

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

A Call for Papers, seeking a 200 word abstract, a nominated sub-theme and a brief speaker's biography, will appear at the beginning of February 2011. As well as full papers, delegates are also invited to submit 'snapshots', very brief expositions of their work focused on one place or one issue. A limited number of papers will be selected for publication in *Historic Environment*, the refereed journal of Australia ICOMOS.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Two keynote speakers have confirmed their attendance. They are:



Damein Bell is a Gunditjmarra man from Heywood in Victoria. He is CEO of the Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation, was Project

Manager for Lake Condah Sustainable Development Project and has extensive experience in management roles. Damein has a Graduate Diploma in Natural Resources Management, and is a member of the Aboriginal Heritage Council and of the Indigenous Advisory Committee under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.



Prof. Gray Brechin, PhD is a historical geographer, a frequent radio and television guest, and a popular public speaker. Gray is currently a visiting

scholar in the U.C. Berkeley Department of Geography and founder and project scholar of California's Living New Deal Project. In one of his recent books, *Imperial San Francisco: Urban Power, Earthly Ruin*, Gray compares and contrasts the supply of fresh water to the cities of San Francisco and Los Angeles, both influential on the development of eastern Australia cities.

REGISTRATION

Proposed conference fees will be available in December 2010. Registration will include two days of presentations, morning and afternoon teas and lunches, and the welcome reception. Tickets for the conference dinner, to be held at a special water-related venue on Saturday, 29 October and the special excursion on Sunday, 30th, will be available for separate purchase. Tickets for the APT workshop on Thursday, 27 October will be available for separate purchase. The ICOMOS ISC events and young professionals' event are free.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Delegates are reminded that this is the Melbourne Cup weekend so they are encouraged to book their travel and accommodation as soon as possible. The excitement of Spring Racing Carnival awaits those who would like to stay over a few more days.

ABOUT AUSTRALIA ICOMOS

ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites) is a non-government professional organisation formed in 1965. The Secretariat is in Paris, while it has members in over 100 countries formed into National Committees. Australia ICOMOS aims to 'lead cultural heritage conservation in Australia by raising standards, encouraging debate and generating innovative ideas. It is devoted to improving conservation philosophy and practice for culturally significant places.'

ABOUT THE NATIONAL TRUST

The National Trust of Australia is a community-based, non-government not-for-profit organisation, committed to promoting and conserving Australia's indigenous, natural and historic heritage through its advocacy work and its custodianship of heritage places and objects. The National Trust's vision is for the Australian community to understand, value, and enjoy the built, natural and cultural heritage that creates our national identity.

COVER IMAGE: Aerial photo of the Yarra River, Melbourne, 1925, courtesy of the University of Melbourne Archives

RIGHT: Conference site and the Yarra River, 2010, courtesy of Aaron Murphy Photography

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