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Dear Australia ICOMOS Members,

Expressions of Interest: ICOMOS General Assembly, Sydney 2020 ('GA 2020')

Australia ICOMOS has been selected to host the 20th Triennial General Assembly of ICOMOS in Sydney in October 2020 (GA 2020) and many opportunities will be provided to Members of Australia ICOMOS to participate in the General Assembly and its related events. Expressions of Interest (EOI) are being invited from Members, Committees or other groups.

EOIs will be invited in a staged process over the next two and a half years. The general sequence for these invitations will be:

- Organising and Executive Committee¹ and Convenor roles (this call for EOI).

Then later calls for EOI will include the following:

- Sub-committees with responsibility for specific GA 2020 program content;
- Core GA 2020 program events, including hosting International Scientific Committee Meetings;
- Other events including (for example) interstate events and site visits, Sydney site visits, pre and post tours;
- Scientific Symposium sessions and roles; and
- Volunteer participation in the staging of GA 2020

We are advising Australia ICOMOS Members about this staging now, so that all Members and Committees can decide the ways in which they would like to offer to participate. At this time, the first call for Expressions of Interest relates to the two committees that will have overall responsibility for GA 2020: the Organising Committee and Executive Committee, and the appointment of the Convenor GA 2020 and the Convenor of the GA 2020 Youth Forum.

Background, Theme and Goals

ICOMOS holds a General Assembly every three years. The General Assembly and the associated Scientific Symposium provide great opportunities for local authorities, decision-makers, administrators, professionals, heritage building owners, tourism experts as well as the wider community to come together to deliberate about heritage conservation and management. Emerging professionals and enthusiasts have an opportunity to interact with international experts and comprehend the emerging issues and case studies of conservation and management of cultural resources.

The first ICOMOS Triennial General Assembly was held in Poland in 1965. Since then, ICOMOS General Assemblies have been held generally every three years. The most recent one was the 19th General Assembly, held in New Delhi, India, 2017 with the theme of "Heritage and Democracy". GA 2020 will be the first ICOMOS General Assembly to be held in the Pacific Region.

¹ NOTE - For the purposes of this call, the Australia ICOMOS national Executive Committee is referred to as the 'EC', in

The theme of the Scientific Symposium to be held as part of GA 2020, 'Shared Cultures – Shared Heritage – Shared Responsibility' provides a major opportunity to focus on the 'Nature-Culture Journey' theme that has been a recent focus of both ICOMOS and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

We hope that GA 2020 will leave a lasting legacy to the management of cultural heritage and the communities that value and care for it in Australia and globally. In particular we are aiming to raise the profile of the cultural heritage sector and provide a powerful stimulus for renewed interest and activity, through:

- A boost in 'grass roots' interest in heritage, which can only assist in conservation work;
- The provision of educational opportunities for local tertiary, and possibly secondary, students;
- Opportunities for local practitioners (at all levels) to benchmark, learn and grow, building relationships with counterparts from across the globe and creating opportunities for exchange of information and experience; and
- Attracting increased government interest and support for heritage conservation.

Draft Program

Although the final program remains under development and may need to be flexible, the following preliminary program provides a general guide:

Day	Date	Time	Event
Thursday	1 Oct.	pm	Bureau meeting
		eve	Board reception
Friday	2 Oct.	am	Board meeting
		pm	Regional Group meetings
		eve	Lord Mayoral Reception
Saturday	3 Oct.	am	National Committees meeting
		pm	Scientific Council meeting
		eve	International Scientific Committee (ISC) meetings
		all day	Youth Forum
Sunday	4 Oct.	am	Advisory Committee: Plenary
		pm	Advisory Committee: Plenary
		eve	Board meeting
		all day	Youth Forum
Monday	5 Oct.	am	General Assembly Opening: Plenary
		pm	Scientific Symposium Opening: Plenary
		eve	Meetings of Candidatures, Credentials and Resolutions Committees
Tuesday	6 Oct.	am	Scientific Symposium: Parallel sessions
		pm	Scientific Symposium: Parallel sessions
		eve	ISC Forum
		eve	Youth Forum Exposition
Wednesday	7 Oct.	am	Scientific Symposium: Parallel sessions
		pm	General Assembly Plenary: Statutory issues and elections
		eve	Reception and Party
Thursday	8 Oct.	am	Site visits (all day)
		eve	Side events
Friday	9 Oct.	am	General Assembly Plenary: Resolutions
		pm	Scientific Symposium Plenary: Concluding presentations
		eve	Closing ceremony, invitation to next triennial General Assembly and dinner
Saturday	10 Oct.	am	Meeting of newly elected Board
		pm	Post General Assembly tours depart

Youth Forum and Expo

The Youth Forum, which has been so successful at past General Assemblies, will be held over two days. The Youth Forum would be guided by emerging professionals from Australia ICOMOS, providing them with opportunities to learn, grow and create global connections. The Youth Forum will culminate in a 'Youth Forum Expo', which will provide an opportunity for emerging professionals to present their views, contribute to contemporary debate and establish connections and networks.

Please note that the 'Young Professional' category of Australia ICOMOS membership (under 30 years of age) will soon be known as 'Emerging Professionals' to match International ICOMOS terminology. The Youth Forum is aimed at this age group.

Organising and Executive Committee and Convenor Roles

This first call for Expressions of Interest relates to Organising and Executive Committee roles. These are listed below.

Organising Committee

The Organising Committee for GA 2020 will meet at least quarterly and provide regular reports to the ICOMOS Board, the Australia ICOMOS national Executive Committee² and to the principal funding agencies from the Australian and NSW Governments; (i.e. this is the oversight committee). It is expected that the Organising Committee will meet in Sydney but will include one or more interstate people. It will comprise:

- Chair: President of Australia ICOMOS (ex officio)
- The Convenor of GA 2020 (an Australia ICOMOS Member)
- Commonwealth Government nominee
- NSW Government nominee
- Representative of International ICOMOS
- Up to two GA 2020 partner agency nominees
- An Australia ICOMOS EC Member
- An Australia ICOMOS Member who is an Emerging Professional
- An Australia ICOMOS Member who is not on the Australia ICOMOS EC
- A member co-opted by the Chair (if necessary).

Executive Committee³

The Executive Committee for GA 2020 will be responsible for the content and delivery of GA 2020 and its associated events; (i.e. this is the working committee). It is expected that the Organising Committee will meet monthly in Sydney, together with the Professional Conference Organiser for GA 2020. It will include one or more interstate people. It will comprise:

- Chair: The Convenor of GA 2020 (an Australia ICOMOS Member)
- Professional Conference Organiser project manager
- A GA 2020 project partner (e.g. government agency supporter) nominee
- GA 2020 Secretariat Officer (to be appointed)
- The Australia ICOMOS EC member from the Organising Committee

² NOTE - For the purposes of this call, the Australia ICOMOS national Executive Committee is referred to as the 'EC', in order to differentiate it from the GA 2020 'Executive Committee' to which this call for EOI applies.

³ As above

- Convenor of the GA 2020 Youth Forum (an Australia ICOMOS member)
- Independent Australia ICOMOS member (not on the Australia ICOMOS EC or Organising Committee)
- Chair (from Australia) of the GA 2020 Scientific Committee (once appointed)
- Up to 2 other members co-opted by the GA 2020 Convenor.

(In due course a series of sub-committees will be established – again via an EOI process – to manage all aspects of the GA 2020, such as the Scientific Symposium, ISC meetings and Forum, site visits and tours, the Opening Ceremony, the Youth Forum and Expo and a Public Lecture and Heritage Exhibition.)

Convenor of GA 2020

This is a voluntary position that will involve overall leadership of the GA 2020 project, including chairing of the Executive Committee, liaison with governments and partner agencies, involvement in budget preparation and financial management, co-ordination of all program elements and collaboration with the Professional Conference Organiser.

Convenor of the GA 2020 Youth Forum

This is a voluntary position that will involve overall leadership of the Youth Forum, including establishing a sub-committee, organising the program including sessions, site visits, and Youth Expo, liaison with the GA 2020 Convenor and Professional Conference Organiser and participating as a member of the Executive Committee.

This Call for Expressions of Interest

Members of Australia ICOMOS are invited to submit an EOI for the Following Roles:

- Convenor GA 2020
- Convenor of the GA 2020 Youth Forum
- Organising Committee:
 - An Australia ICOMOS EC Member
 - An Australia ICOMOS member who is an Emerging Professional
 - An Australia ICOMOS Member who is not on the Australia ICOMOS EC.
- Executive Committee:
 - Independent Australia ICOMOS member (not on Australia ICOMOS EC or Organising Committee).

Expressions of interest should:

- Be of no more than 2 pages in length (plus attachments if appropriate of up to 3 pages);
- State the reason why the applicant seeks appointment to the nominated role (or roles);
- Indicate the relevant skills and experience of the applicant;
- Indicate your availability to carry out the role, acknowledging that the work load may increase as GA 2020 approaches;
- Refer to previous involvement in similar roles (where applicable);
- Nominate two referees; and
- Be sent by email to the Australia ICOMOS Secretariat (at the address at the top of this letter) by 4pm (AEST) on 16 March 2018.

These appointments are expected to be made by the Australia ICOMOS EC during March 2018, based on evaluation of EOIs by the President, Secretary and Membership Secretary (plus the GA 2020 Convenor when appointed).

The selection process will have regard to the requirements of each role, the experience of the applicant, and the need for balance and diversity in the committees, including specific skills, interstate representation, gender, cultural background and involvement with Australia ICOMOS.

We look forward to hearing from you and embarking on this extremely exciting project!

With kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'I' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

IAN TRAVERS
President, Australia ICOMOS