

International Day for Monuments and Sites

April 18th

Theme for 2010 – “The Heritage of Agriculture”

April 18th is a major celebration for ICOMOS and each year the state representatives of Australia ICOMOS organize a number of activities around Australia so that you can celebrate the diversity of the world's cultural heritage with colleagues along with ICOMOS members the world over. It is important to note that this day is not (and never was called) called 'world heritage day'!

Australia ICOMOS welcomes other conservation minded organizations celebrating this day by organising their own heritage activities, however we ask that you use the correct title to promote the day. This day is about more than 'world' heritage sites - it seeks to raise public awareness of the full diversity of cultural heritage places and landscapes whether they be of international, national or local significance.

About the day

In response to a proposal by ICOMOS, 18 April was endorsed as *The International Day for Monuments and Sites* by UNESCO in 1983. This special day offers an opportunity to raise public awareness concerning the diversity of the world's heritage and the efforts that are required to protect and conserve it, as well as to draw attention to its vulnerability. ICOMOS through its Scientific Council develops a triennial plan for the themes for the International Day for Monuments and Sites. Australia ICOMOS joins with our colleagues around the world to celebrate and promote this theme by holding activities, conferences, colloquia or other events to raise awareness among the public, the owners of heritage places, or the public authorities by linking a global theme to local or national realities.

For further information on the Day, previous themes, support material and the calendar of activities around the world consult

<http://www.international.icomos.org/18thapril/index.html>.

About the theme

This years theme draws international attention to the issues facing the conservation of the worlds Agricultural heritage. For detail about some of these issues see:

http://www.international.icomos.org/18thapril/2010/18_April_2010_Agricultural%20Heritage_Eng_20100323.pdf?lng=en&menuID=9&submenuID=7&idnews=278

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The 2011 theme will be the Heritage of Water

Below is a list of Australia ICOMOS hosted activities celebrating the heritage of Agriculture

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Celebrating *Agricultural Heritage*
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Australia ICOMOS Activities State by State**

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

ICOMOS members in WA are having a day in the country. Join ICOMOS members and friends to celebrate this year's International Day of Monuments and Sites. This year's theme is AGRICULTURE which we will be exploring with a twist.

The day will start at Balladong Farm, York (Avon Tce) which is reputed to be the oldest rural farm in Western Australia. Having undergoing expansion and contraction over the years, the place now comprises a reconstructed cottage (on 1835 footings) and a group of farm buildings including expansive Stables, a two-storey Granary as well as a Butcher's Shop and Shearing Shed, constructed in the 1850s and 1870s. Balladong has also had an interesting history from a heritage perspective. Nerida Moredoundt of Palassis Architects will give an overview of the history and potential future of this significant site.

The visit to Balladong will be followed by lunch at Jah Roc Café in the 1892 York Flour Mill (7 Broome St).

And for those who like their agriculture with a bit of a difference, we will stop at The Ruined Piano Sanctuary located on Wambyn Olive Farm, 17km from York (Great Southern Highway). As well as over 1300 olive trees, the property has been 'planted' with old pianos now in various states of repair. Visitors are given a map of the pianos and can stroll through the picturesque grounds and, depending on our numbers, we may get a tour (and maybe a tinkle) and be able to see the olive processing plant.

Time: 10.30 for 11.00 at Balladong Farm (simple cup of tea / coffee on arrival) 12.30 – lunch 2.30 – Ruined Piano Sanctuary (\$5)

Date: Sunday 18 April

Cost: \$5 entry to the ruined piano sanctuary.

RSVP: anne.brake@ntwa.com.au by Wednesday 14 April

Travel in own cars or, if you would like to car pool, let me know.



Balladong Farm



Ruined Piano Sanctuary (Wambyn Farm)

NEW SOUTH WALES

Guest Lecture: Deborah Boden, who is the Co-ordinator, Cornwall & West Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage Site. Deborah will talk about the cultural landscape of the Cornwall & West Devon Mining Landscape Site, discuss how it exhibits the Outstanding Universal Values that have resulted in its inscription on the World Heritage List, and discuss examples of some of the strategic initiatives the site's managers have undertaken to implement key policy initiatives in the Management Plan. Deborah will also provide some comments about the proposal for a trans-national serial WHS nomination, "The Frontiers of Cornish Mining", which includes Burra and Moonta in South Australia, and is in the final planning stages.

When: 5.15pm for 5.45pm, Monday 12 April (**NOTE:** because of security arrangements you will NOT be able to enter the building after 6.00pm - so please don't be late)

Where: SHFA - Sydney Harbour Room, L6 66 Harrington Street, The Rocks

Who: We welcome both ICOMOS members and others with an interest in the topic, but

PLEASE RSVP to Peter Romey (Australia ICOMOS NSW Representative) by **COB**

Friday 9 April at peter@gml.com.au or (02) 9319 4811.

Thanks to Ian Kelly and SHFA for providing the venue and catering, and to Sue Jackson-Stepowski for liaison with Ms Boden

VICTORIA

Victorians will be celebrating the International Day for Monuments and Sites in a range of events. These include:

Saturday 17th April

The Geelong Heritage Festival

Time: 9:30 am - 5:30 pm

As part of the Trust's celebration of World Heritage this April, the Trust's Geelong Branch will be staging its own Heritage Festival celebrating the Centenary of the City of Geelong Proclamation in 1910. Geelong Heritage Festival Saturday 17 and Sunday 18th April 2010. Various opening times at different locations

Please click here for the full program.

More information about Geelong Heritage Festival can be found at www.nattrust.com.au/events/geelong_heritage_festival

Sunday 18th April

Visit historic Gulf Station

Australia ICOMOS will hold a joint event with the National Trust and Heritage Victoria. It will be an open day at the Trust's Gulf Station, an 1850s farm in the Yarra Valley. Apart from family-friendly activities for the general public in line with the theme of agricultural heritage, like a working horses and rare breeds display, there will be two tours for ICOMOS members. They will cover the interior works and revamped interpretation of the homestead, and look at the ongoing reconstruction of an 1870s prefabricated building (Croydon House) recently moved to the site. (Please note that entry to the Gulf Station is by gold coin donation).

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Open Day at Bessie Belle sheep wash

In addition some Australia ICOMOS members and friends will be joining colleagues at the National Trust in Portland, in association with the Gunditjmarra people and the Lake Condah Sustainable Development Project, are holding an open day at the Bessie Belle sheep wash, Tyrendarra. It is being run by Gordon Stokes, It is scheduled to start at 11.00 am and includes a BYO picnic lunch. Email: For more information. Gordon Stokes, 0438 012 352

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

(Agri)Cultural heritage

South Australian ICOMITES will celebrate the International Day for Monuments & Sites in Adelaide by holding a talk/ drinks event for ICOMOS members on 19th April. Our speakers will include:

- James Hayter, Landscape Architect, will talk about the problems associated with the loss of agricultural landscapes due to the crawl of suburbia. Can such

landscapes be developed for urban development and food production at the same time? James will challenge the notion of purely recreational and aesthetic landscapes and consider the value of landscapes which can also produce food.

- Deborah Bowen, Dip Museum Studies, and Co-ordinator, Cornwall County Council Historic Environment Service's Cornwall & West Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage site, will provide an update regarding the proposed World Heritage trans-national nomination of Cornish mine sites, which includes the local historic mine sites at Moonta and Burra.
- Keith McAllister, of Heritage Stone Restorations will provide a short presentation covering his work in Wilcannia, New South Wales, where they are teaching the local community basic stone management skills - to assist them in the future conservation of main street buildings.

We will also have a wine tasting and lots of discussion!

Cost is \$15 non members; \$10 members

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QUEENSLAND

AICOMOS members will join members of The National Trust of Queensland at historic Wolston House for an evening Soiree.

Wolston House is a former stone and brick homestead built in 1852, now owned by The National Trust, and opened regularly as a house museum. The house is one room in width with rooms linked by verandahs, with cellar and dairy underneath. The pastoral setting extending out to the Brisbane River remains substantially intact. During the event there will be a talk about the proposed facilities and gallery building and its planning at this Heritage Register place.

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