

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **Australia ICOMOS Executive 2012**

Thursday last week (24 November) was an eventful day with the last Executive Committee for the year, the AGM, and the opening drinks for the Watermarks conference on the Polly Woodside. We were blessed with excellent weather for all three.

I would like to announce the results of the election to the Executive Committee. We had seven vacancies and seven nominations, so there was no need to hold an election. We have four returning members, and three new members. Congratulations to all!

Helen Wilson NSW (returning)  
Michael Queale SA (returning)  
Natica Schmeder VIC (returning)  
Tracy Ireland ACT (returning)  
Ruth Woods QLD (new, previously co-opted)  
Andrew Sneddon QLD (new)  
Jacqueline Pearce QLD (new)

The continuing members of the Executive Committee are as follows:

Anne Brake (WA)  
Anthony Coupe (SA)  
Kerime Danis (NSW)  
Jane Harrington (Tas)  
Angie McGowan (Tas)  
Kevin O'Sullivan (SA)  
Peter Romey (NSW)  
Natica Schmeder (Vic)

We are regrettably saying farewell to some of our Committee members, and I thank them for their excellent contribution: Megan McDougall, Anita Krivickas, Amy Chan and Robert Bevan.

Immediately after the AGM we had a short meeting of the new committee to elect the Office Bearers for this year:

President: Jane Harrington  
Vice President: Michael Queale  
Secretary: Helen Wilson  
Treasurer: Kevin O'Sullivan

I have found serving as President for the past year to be a rewarding experience (albeit at times somewhat challenging!) and I thank the Executive for the opportunity to serve as President for a second year and for their ongoing support. I note that this will be my last year on the committee. I would also like to acknowledge and thank Anthony Coupe for his contribution and support in the previous year as Vice President.

### **Executive Committee Vacancy – Call for Expressions of Interest from Victorian Members**

Due to commitments it is with regret that Amy Chan has decided to tender her resignation from the Committee. This was after the election and leaves a vacancy on the Executive Committee. The option available to the Executive Committee is to appoint another member for the remainder of that term, one year. As we now have only one member of the Committee from Victoria this leaves a gap in representation and we have decided to call for Expressions of Interest from Victorian members to fill the vacancy. It is anticipated that a new Victorian Committee Member would take on the responsibility of Victorian Representative. If you are a Victorian member interested in joining the Executive Committee please submit a short Expression of Interest indicating your experience and indicating your interest in contributing to the Committee. This should be forwarded to the Secretariat [austicomos@deakin.edu.au](mailto:austicomos@deakin.edu.au) by **Monday 5 December**. If you have any queries about being on the Executive Committee please feel free to contact me (0409 344 598) or any member of the Committee.

### **Watermarks Conference**

I would like to congratulate the Conference Convenors and Organising Committee for what was a most successful, engaging and enjoyable conference. I am sure those who attended will agree with me that it was an impressive event. While recognising our National Trust partners, I particularly thank our Australia ICOMOS members who were involved: Timothy Hubbard, Megan McDougall and Natica Schmeder. Well done. I am sure a report from the committee will be provided in a future edition of this E-news.

### **17th General Assembly, Paris**

We have a very strong Australian contingent attending the meeting that commences at the end of this month. As most of you would be aware Kristal Buckley has been nominated for a third term as a Vice-President for ICOMOS and in a spirit of confidence we will look forward to informing you of a successful outcome in the election. David Bridgman has been co-ordinating information for attendees and if you are attending and haven't contacted him yet please feel free to do so on [david.bridgman@bipond.com](mailto:david.bridgman@bipond.com). I shall provide a report once I return from the General Assembly.

Jane Harrington.