

BUILT AND HISTORICAL HERITAGE

Capability Statement



At Ecology and Heritage Partners our team of highly respected heritage professionals include archaeologists, historians, planners and GIS specialists. We bring extensive experience in working collaboratively with corporate, government and private clients, as well as urban and rural government authorities.

Our team are consistent, dynamic contributors to cultural heritage assessments, impact analysis and policy development. As trusted advisors, we are often called on for expert cultural heritage advice. We regularly provide expert evidence and advice on planning panels and at Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) hearings.

At all times our approach is pragmatic and professional. Our priority is to achieve the best possible outcomes for your project whilst ensuring heritage values are protected and where possible enhanced.

Built heritage

Our built heritage work is undertaken in accordance with the *Australia ICOMOS Burra Charter (2013)* - a best practice document that defines the principles and processes of conservation and management for places of cultural heritage significance.

We work closely with the Victorian State Government and local councils, property owners, managers and developers to provide expert advice on the significance of places and appropriate interventions in significant heritage contexts with regard to design, materials and detailing of new built form.

Proposals for works may be in relation to individually listed places or buildings located within a heritage precinct. Our team have extensive knowledge of heritage planning issues in relation to new works, alterations or additions to heritage listed buildings and are well-accustomed to preparing heritage assessments and impact advice for submission to local councils and Heritage Victoria.

Historical heritage

Historical archaeology

Historical archaeological sites are protected by the *Victorian Heritage Act 2017*.

Our projects range from historical and predictive archaeological assessments, site surveys, Consent applications to Heritage Victoria to uncover, excavate or damage archaeological sites, excavation and salvage of both large-scale and smaller sites, recording and reporting on archaeological sites, assessment of archaeological value and due diligence appraisals.

Maritime heritage

Maritime heritage includes historic shipwrecks and shipwreck artefacts as well as jetties, piers, navigation structures, sunken aircraft and ship building sites. Maritime heritage is variously protected by the *Heritage Act 2017* and Commonwealth maritime legislation.

Our involvement in maritime projects includes heritage assessments as well as permit and consent applications.

Capabilities

Built heritage

- › Built heritage assessments and preliminary appraisals
- › Community consultation, presentations and workshops
- › Conservation Management Plans
- › Dry Stone Wall Management Plans
- › Expert witness (appeals, tribunals and Panel hearings)
- › Facilitation of heritage amendments
- › Heritage Impact Statements
- › Heritage policy and guideline development and analysis
- › Impact mitigation recommendations
- › Preparation of applications for consents and permits (to government agencies)

Historical heritage (archaeology and maritime)

- › Archaeological excavation and salvage
- › Artefact analysis
- › Compliance audits
- › Due diligence and desktop assessments
- › Historical and predictive archaeological assessments
- › Historical research
- › Maritime heritage assessments, permits and consents
- › Predictive modelling and GIS mapping of historical sites
- › Preparation of applications for consents and permits (to government agencies)

Our priorities

- › Close working relationships with Commonwealth and state regulators
- › Comprehensive Occupational Health and Safety, and Quality and Environmental Management Systems
- › Excellent project management skills
- › High technical competency
- › In-depth knowledge of relevant legislation and its practical application
- › Independent and objective advice
- › Minimising project risks
- › Responsiveness to client requests
- › Timely project completion

Talk to us today about how to achieve the best possible outcomes for your project.



Directors



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Services

- › Aboriginal Heritage
- › Aquatic Ecology
- › Archaeology
- › Biodiversity Offsets
- › Built Heritage
- › Bushfire Risk Assessment and Management
- › Environmental Auditing, Monitoring and Compliance
- › Geospatial Solutions
- › Historical Heritage
- › Land Management and Restoration
- › Maritime Heritage
- › Terrestrial Ecology

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