



**To me, heritage is deeply embedded in the connections between people, place and story. I enjoy learning what makes a place important to the community.**

## Therese McCarthy

### Associate

Therese McCarthy is a heritage specialist with extensive experience in heritage management and conservation, assessments of heritage significance, and advising on heritage impacts. She holds a Master of Cultural Heritage from Deakin University and a Bachelor of Arts with First Class Honours in History from the University of Adelaide.

Therese has worked on a diverse range of projects at sites of local to world heritage significance. She has coordinated Commonwealth, state and local government approvals for heritage places and provided expert advice to site managers on conservation activities and the development of heritage management plans.

Therese's experience has allowed her to develop strong relationships with a range of stakeholders and clients. She has engaged with community groups and individuals on issues at high-profile heritage places of community importance. Therese has also undertaken significance assessments for the heritage listing of sites of national importance. Major projects she has worked on include renewal projects at the Australian War Memorial, the Sydney Opera House and Queen Victoria Market.

Prior to joining GML, Therese worked for the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment. She has expertise in interpreting and applying environmental law, and worked to advise the Australian Government on policy reform in response to the Independent Review of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

### Qualifications

Master of Cultural Heritage, Deakin University  
 Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, Australian National University  
 Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours), University of Adelaide  
 Bachelor of Arts (First Class Honours, History), University of Adelaide

### Key experience

#### Heritage advice and heritage impact assessments

- Canberra Light Rail City to Woden, Heritage Advice and Heritage Impact Assessment—Client: ACT Government/Major Projects Canberra
- Australian National University Acton Campus Hail Remediation—Client: Australian National University
- Belconnen Naval Transmitting Station, Development and Heritage Impact Assessment—Client: Defence Housing Australia
- National Gallery of Australia Sculpture Installation, Heritage Impact Assessment—Client: National Gallery of Australia
- Australian War Memorial, Redevelopment and Heritage Impact Assessment—Client: Australian War Memorial (for the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment)
- Sydney Opera House, Renewal Project and Heritage Impact Assessment—Client: Sydney Opera House Trust (for the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment)
- Queen Victoria Market, Renewal Project and Heritage Impact Assessment—Client: City of Melbourne (for the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment)
- Fremantle Warders Cottage, Adaptive Re-use—Client: W1 Hospitality and Silverleaf Investments (for the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment)

#### Management plans

- Australian War Memorial, Heritage Management Plan—Client: Australian War Memorial
- Kingston and Arthur's Vale Historic Area, Heritage Management Plan—Client: Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
- Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens, World Heritage Management Plan—Client: Heritage Victoria
- Australian American Memorial and Sir Thomas Blamey Square, Heritage Management Plan—Client: National Capital Authority
- Old Government House and Domain, Heritage Management Plan—Client: National Trust of Australia (NSW) (for the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment)
- Hyde Park Barracks, Heritage Management Plan—Client: Sydney Living Museums (for the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment)
- Defence Site Maribymong, Heritage Management Plan—Client: Department of Defence (for the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment)
- Sydney Opera House, Conservation Management Plan—Client: Sydney Opera House Trust (for the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment)

## Heritage significance assessments

- Government House, Yarralumla, Heritage Assessment and Values Review—Client: Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor General
- Parkes Observatory, National Heritage Listing and Assessment—Client: Australian Heritage Council (for the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment)
- Parramatta Female Factory and Institutions Precinct, National Heritage Listing and Assessment—Client: Australian Heritage Council (for the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment)
- Willow Court Barracks, National Heritage Assessment—Client: Australian Heritage Council (for the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment)

## Professional background

Associate, GML Heritage, July 2023–present

Senior Heritage Consultant, GML Heritage, March 2021–July 2023

Assistant Director, Environment Protection and Reform Taskforce, Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment, July 2020–March 2021

Assistant Director, Historic Heritage Section, Department of the Environment and Energy, January 2019–July 2020

Senior Heritage Officer, Historic Heritage Section, Department of the Environment and Energy, January 2016–December 2018

Graduate, Department of the Environment and Energy, January 2015–December 2015

## Volunteer roles

Participant, Open Palace Programme, United Kingdom, July 2018

Volunteer, Welfare Rights Centre, South Australia, March–December 2014

Volunteer, National Trust of South Australia, November 2013–March 2014

Intern, Torrens Chambers Barristers, August–November 2010

## Professional affiliations/memberships

Australia ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites), Full International Member

## Selected publications and conferences

McCarthy, T and Sendziuk, P 2018, 'Deserted Women and the Law in Colonial South Australia', *Journal of Australian Colonial History*, Volume 20, pp 63–82

McCarthy, T 2013, 'Deserted Women and the Law in Colonial South Australia', Liliith Journal Conference: 'Women Without Men: Spinsters, Widows and Deserted Wives in The Nineteenth Century and Beyond', Australian National University, Canberra