



To me, heritage is about connection; connection to the past, the future and to the community. A built environment that values these connections helps to enrich everyday life.

Francesca Cooper Heritage Consultant

Francesca Cooper is a heritage consultant with a background in architecture and urban planning. She is currently studying a Masters of Cultural Heritage and Museum Studies at Deakin University. Francesca also holds a Masters of Architecture and a Masters of Urban and Regional Planning.

She has provided heritage advice, liaised with clients and prepared heritage reports on a number of heritage projects. Francesca has been involved with several highly significant projects that included nationally listed heritage places. She has experience preparing heritage impact statements, conservation management plans and archival recordings.

She has a strong stakeholder and client focus, which have been developed throughout her career in both government and non-government roles. In addition, Francesca held employment as a policy officer with the Planning Institute of Australia and as a research assistant at Geoscience Australia. She also worked at the University of Canberra as a sessional tutor for 'The History of Australian Architecture' subject. These experiences have given Francesca excellent architectural understanding and research skills that now enhance her as a heritage consultant.

Qualifications

Master of Cultural Heritage and Museum Studies, Deakin University (currently undertaking)

Master of Architecture, University of Canberra

Bachelor of Arts in Architecture, University of Canberra

Master of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Queensland

Bachelor of Arts (Economics and Architecture), University of Queensland

Key experience

Heritage impact assessments and advice

- RMC Duntroon Parade Ground Buildings, IT Upgrade, Heritage Impact Assessment—Client: Downer for the Department of Defence
- Australian National University, Acton Campus, Hail Remediation and Roof Repairs (multiple), Heritage Advice and Heritage Impact Statements—Client: Construction Control for ANU
- Canberra Light Rail City to Woden, Heritage Advice—Client: ACT Government/Major Projects Canberra
- Edinburgh Defence Precinct, Heritage Impact Assessment—Client: WSP for the Department of Defence
- Government House, Yarralumla, Heritage Values Assessment—Client: Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor General
- National Library of Australia Masterplan, Heritage Advice—Client: GMB Architects for the NLA
- John Gorton Building Refurbishment, Heritage Advice—Client: Cox Architecture
- Canberra Light Rail, Commonwealth Avenue Fibre Relocation, Heritage Advice—Client: ACT Government
- Lake Burley Griffin Sauna, Heritage Impact Assessment—Client: National Capital Authority
- Lake Burley Griffin Seaplanes, Heritage Impact Assessment—Client: National Capital Authority
- Thematic Study Modernist Houses, ACT—Client: National Trust of Australia
- National Gallery of Australia, Capital Works, Heritage Impact Assessment—Client: GMB Architects
- OPH Gardens and Planting, Management Strategy—Client: Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House

Archival recordings

- School of Music, Australian National University, Archival Recording—Client: Construction Control for ANU
- Florey Building, Australian National University, Archival Recording—Client: Construction Control for ANU
- Drill Hall Gallery, Australian National University, Archival Recording—Client: Construction Control for ANU
- Cotter Pumping Station, Archival Recording—Client: Icon Water

Heritage management plans

- CSIRO Parkes Observatory, Heritage Management Plan—Client: CSIRO
- CSIRO Black Mountain, Heritage Management Plan—Client: CSIRO

Master plans

- Yarralumla Master Plan—Client: NCA (for HBO + EMTB)
- Labrador Local Area Plan, QLD—Client: Internal Report for Gold Coast City Council
- Ormeau Local Area Plan, QLD—Client: Internal Report for Gold Coast City Council

Architectural projects

- Edmund Barton Building Refurbishment—Client: Australian Federal Police (for HBO + EMTB)
- Lyneham High School, Performing Arts Centre—Client: ACT Government (for HBO + EMTB)

Professional background

Heritage Consultant, GML Heritage, 2023–present

Member Services Officer, Australian Institute of Architects, July 2014–2023

Sessional Academic Tutor, University of Canberra, February 2014–June 2014

Research Assistant, Geoscience Australia, December 2012–June 2013

Architectural Assistant, HBO + EMTB, July 2008–July 2009

Policy Officer, Planning Institute of Australia, March 2007–July 2008

English Language Teacher, Ambassade de Langue, Paris, February–December 2006

Policy Planner (Strategic Planning Department), Hastings Borough Council, United Kingdom, September–December 2005

Town Planner (Strategic Planning), Gold Coast City Council, 2003–2005

Urban Planner, JBA Urban Planning Consultants, 2002–2003