

# Shaping the Future of Heritage in Victoria

**Our Melbourne team is deeply committed to the history and heritage of Victoria and beyond.**

Our heritage consultants work across the built environment, landscape heritage, First Peoples heritage, cultural values, history, collections management and access, archaeology, strategic planning, and interpretation and design.

We have a 30+ year record of achievement across local, state significant and World Heritage sites. Our work includes the Grassdale Aboriginal Cultural Values Assessment in collaboration with Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation, landscape studies such as the Victorian Government's Avenues of Honour Project, landmark community values studies such as LGBTIQ+ heritage values for City of Yarra, World Heritage sites such as the Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens, heritage interpretation plans for landmark developments including Melbourne Connect (Royal Women's Hospital), and the award-winning Hoddle Grid Heritage Review.

We offer expert advice and strategic thinking to the private and public sector, including property owners, not-for-profits, corporate clients, local government, and state and federal agencies.

The team is deeply committed to understanding, protecting, planning, and managing heritage places. Our team partners with clients to create positive solutions in heritage environments, to articulate past stories and imagine future possibilities.

We excel at understanding and articulating the connections between people and place. We deliver respectful consultation services with First Peoples that recognises and protects cultural knowledge and values.

Our heritage services and advice are trusted because of our sound understanding of the legislative framework, the Burra Charter and other industry guidelines and standards. Our team is here to help find heritage solutions.

We can navigate permit and consent processes, undertake historical research, prepare heritage documentation, and consult with regulatory authorities and Traditional Owners. We also conduct detailed research to understand the heritage values of places and support listings on statutory registers.

Where others might see heritage risks and challenges, we seek collaborative solutions and heritage outcomes that create new futures.

Clients return to us for our professionalism, expertise and reputation.

# Services

**The Melbourne team specialises in the following areas:**

## First Nations Heritage

We work with Registered Aboriginal Parties, Traditional Owner organisations and other First Peoples to understand cultural values and develop cultural heritage management plans and interpretation plans, which respect First Peoples' cultural heritage and align with legislative requirements. Our team includes Heritage Advisors listed with First Peoples– State Relations.

## Community Engagement and Participation

We are experienced facilitators in community engagement and participation. We are committed to deep listening, truth telling and inclusive histories of heritage places, to enabling First Peoples' and diverse community voices to be heard. Our team are engaging communicators who are able to share history and heritage with the community through talks, tours and story-telling.

## Landscape Heritage

By applying a balance of strategic thinking, technical knowledge, and landscape and horticultural expertise, we help our clients to understand, manage, conserve and renew significant cultural landscapes, parks, gardens and trees. Our expertise can help identify important landscape heritage places and advise on sensitive ongoing management and renewal.

## Archaeology

We deliver a full suite of Aboriginal and historical archaeology services, from desktop assessments and research methodologies to excavation

and curation. Our methods and standards of documentation are industry leading, and align with legislative requirements and consent conditions.

## Built Heritage

Across all types of historical buildings, from vernacular to iconic, our heritage assessments, planning, management and conservation advice has ensured important places across Australian neighbourhoods, suburbs and cities and regions are protected and contribute to life in our communities. We excel in providing peer design review and heritage advice to assist our clients and their design teams tailor their proposals to sensitive heritage contexts.

## History

Many of the projects we work on require historical research. Using documentary and physical research and community engagement, our narrative and thematic environmental histories underpin and evidence the cultural significance and archaeological assessments of all types of heritage places and provide insightful understandings of lived experiences in the past.

## Interpretation and Design

We can work with you to develop interpretation strategies and plans that creatively present the significance of places, with engaging themes and storylines, discovered through our research. We can lead you through the interpretation planning process from concept, through design development and installation.

# People

**Skilled in collaborating across disciplines and working with a range of stakeholders, our team acts with professionalism, pragmatism and genuine curiosity to provide the best outcomes for heritage and our clients.**

**Our Technical Leads would be happy to discuss your heritage obligations and questions.**



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