

## WELCOME TO THE **SUMMER 2017 EDITION** OF THE MOUNT LOFTY RANGES WORLD HERITAGE BID NEWSLETTER.



*Kaurna and other Aboriginal representatives met with Project Management Group and Aboriginal Advisory Group members at the Warriparinga Living Kaurna Cultural Centre in October.*

### Warriparinga Workshop and Kaurna Statement of Support

Securing Aboriginal Traditional Owner support is a requirement of the UNESCO World Heritage Convention, and incorporating the Aboriginal perspective on South Australia's colonisation story will be an important aspect of the Mount Lofty Ranges bid consortium's National and World Heritage nominations. On the advice of the consortium's Aboriginal Advisory Group, an open invitation was extended to Aboriginal groups and individuals within the Mount Lofty Ranges bid region to attend a workshop at Warriparinga Living Kaurna Cultural Centre in October.

Professor Randy Stringer from the University of Adelaide's Centre for Global Food and Resources spoke to the gathering about his own experiences growing up in Arkansas and discovering the different cultural traditions of the Caddo, Osage, and Quapaw peoples. A presentation on the National and World Heritage nomination timelines led members of the group to make the decision to draft a Kaurna Statement of Support for the nominations, and to urge the state and federal governments to prioritise assessment of the bid consortium's National Heritage Listing nomination, with a view to World Heritage nomination. There was much discussion around how to encourage truth-telling around the South Australian colonisation story, and how to use the listing process to create partnerships and alliances around landscape management, cultural regeneration and economic participation for Aboriginal people associated with the region.

The Kaurna Statement of Support was subsequently signed by three Kaurna groups at a meeting in Adelaide on November 30th. It is hoped that other traditional owner groups associated with the region will follow suit.

### Australia ICOMOS Cultural Landscapes & Cultural Routes National Scientific Committee Meeting and Jacob's Creek Workshop

The Mount Lofty Ranges bid consortium and event sponsors Jacob's Creek were excited to host the Australia ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites) Cultural Landscapes & Cultural Routes National Scientific Committee

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*Project Steering Group Chair Mayor Bill Spragg witnesses the signing of the Kaurna Statement of Support. From left: Mayor Spragg, Rodney O'Brien, Frank Wanganeen and Lynette Crocker.*

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Meeting and workshop at Jacob's Creek Heritage Vineyard in early November. ICOMOS is a non-government, not-for-profit organisation of cultural heritage professionals, and the cultural heritage advisory body to the World Heritage Committee. Bid supporters Margaret Lehmann, Nicole Hodgson and Maggie Beer hosted a welcome reception and Taste Your Birth Year tour of Seppeltsfield ahead of the weekend, and Heritage Advisory Group member Angie Heuzenroeder treated our interstate guests to a walking tour of the Bethany settlement, its hufendorf blocks and settler cottages on the Sunday. A tour of Pernod Ricard Winemakers' newly renovated St Hugo's site completed the experience. The workshop explored the challenges and complexities of managing change and conflict across large cultural landscapes under threat. Project consultant Stephanie Johnston and PMG member Divya Bali Dogra presented on the challenges of determining a boundary for the Mount Lofty Ranges National Heritage nomination with multiple government and private stakeholders.



Angie Heuzenroeder identifies a settler's cottage featured in an early 19th century George French Angas painting of the Bethany settlement.

## World Heritage Nomination Expert Workshop at White Hill Estate

Following the workshop at Jacob's Creek, Australia ICOMOS cultural landscape experts were joined by Australian and New Zealand migration history specialists and Adelaide University academics to start developing the potential case for World Heritage listing, at a two day workshop held at White Hill Estate in McLaren Vale. The workshop was funded by the University of Adelaide's Centre for Global Food and Resources, and guided by a methodology developed by the state government's Department for Environment, Water and Natural Resources [DEWNR].

Participants developed preliminary values statements in the context of selected World Heritage criteria, started identifying potential attributes and sites in the landscape that reflect those values, and documented research gaps and potential comparative sites. Beach Road Wines, White Hill Estate, Oliver's Taranga and Coriole Vineyards all supported the event.



Australia ICOMOS cultural landscape experts, migration history specialists, Adelaide University academics and other experts at the White Hill Workshop.

## Federal government review of the bid consortium's National Heritage nomination

The workshop at White Hill Estate marked the beginning of a transition phase from National Heritage Listing nomination to World Heritage nomination. A decision from the Australian government to prioritise the assessment of our national nomination is yet to be made, and will be reviewed in early 2018. Because the national assessment will likely take a number of years, work on refining the national nomination in response to State and Federal government comments will be undertaken in tandem with preparation of our case for World Heritage nomination.



The view from Beach Road Wines, McLaren Vale, courtesy of Rachel Jackson

The Mount Lofty Ranges World Heritage Bid benefits from an enormous number of hours of pro bono contribution and advice from highly qualified experts and passionate advocates. We thank all our advisors and supporters for your continued interest in our endeavours and wish you all the best for Christmas and the New Year.

