

WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION OF THE MOUNT LOFTY RANGES WORLD HERITAGE BID QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER.



Showcasing the bid at the nation's capital

In early August Project Steering Group Chair Mayor Lorraine Rosenberg joined some of South Australia's best wineries, food producers and tourism services to showcase the Mount Lofty Ranges World Heritage Bid at Jamie Briggs 'Discover: the Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu Peninsula and Kangaroo Island' event at Parliament House in Canberra. The trip incorporated meetings with relevant federal ministers and ministerial advisors.



Presentation to the Australian Garden History Society national conference

Project Manager Stephanie Johnston gave a presentation to an audience of over 300 at the Australian Garden History Society national conference held at the National Wine Centre in late October. The theme of the conference was productive gardens and productive landscapes. The society has a charter to promote the heritage of cultural landscapes across Australia and the SA chapter has already passed a resolution to support our bid. SA president Richard Heathcote, Director of Carrick Hill, was voted the new national president of the society at the October AGM.



Engagement with Jane Lennon, Expert Voting Member of ICOMOS's International Scientific Committee on Cultural Landscapes

Also in Adelaide for the Australian Garden History Society conference was Dr Jane Lennon, expert Australian voting member on UNESCO's International Council of Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) International Scientific Committee on Cultural Landscapes, and member of the related World Rural Landscape Group. A key speaker at the Landscape Heritage Symposium we staged in late 2014, Jane met with members of the bid's Heritage Advisory Group, took a tour of the region, and gave us some advice around boundary determination and national heritage listing processes ahead of the conference.

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Australia ICOMOS national conference and Mount Lofty Ranges Field Trip

In early November Project Manager Stephanie Johnston led a field trip of the Mount Lofty Ranges for Australia ICOMOS's national conference. This proved to be by far the most popular field trip, with over 60 heritage professionals taking in Willunga Slate Museum, The Cedars at Hahndorf, the Lenswood Cold Stores, Marble Hill, and all the wonderful landscapes in between. World Heritage Bid advisory group members and National Trust members helped host the field trip, and Stephanie also gave a formal presentation on the bid to the conference.



University of Adelaide research and the visit of Jean-Alain Heraud

The University of Adelaide is supporting our project with research across a number of disciplines and in early December hosted the visit of economist Professor Jean-Alain Heraud, a world expert on regional economies, regional development and innovation. Jean-Alain was guest speaker at our end of year event and also the keynote speaker at the Barossa Generations lunch, which provided another opportunity to highlight the bid to 300 residents of the Barossa.



Mount Lofty Ranges Landscape Quality Assessment Project

While the core significance of the Mount Lofty Ranges cultural landscape is based on the historic values associated with Edward Gibbon Wakefield's 19th century systematic colonisation model, other values, such as geology, Aboriginal culture, ecological and cultural diversity, agricultural and viticultural production, innovation, recreation and aesthetics all underpin the national and global significance of the contemporary landscape. To that end Dr Andrew Lothian has completed a Landscape Quality Assessment of the region, which can be viewed in full at [Mount Lofty Ranges](#).

Early Christmas present from the Legislative Council

Just as we went to hit the button on this newsletter, an unexpected and unsolicited Christmas present landed in the form of a motion and speech in Parliament by Mark Parnell MLC 'urging the State Government to support the Mount Lofty Ranges Working Agricultural Landscape World Heritage Bid...' The full transcript of his speech can be found [here](#).

We hope to use this speech to keep building momentum amongst Parliamentarians and the broader community into 2016. 2015 has been a busy year as our Project Management Group has worked hard to progress the nomination for National Heritage listing with the help of all our wonderful advisory groups and sturdy support of a renewed Project Steering Group, under the leadership of Mayor Lorraine Rosenberg.

We wish everyone the best for the 2016, thank you all for your continued support of our endeavours, and look forward to bringing you another update in the Autumn.