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HERITAGE ADDRESS

Former Chair of English Heritage Sir Neil Cossons, OBE FSA FMA will be the keynote speaker at the second annual Heritage Address to be held at the Age Theatre, Melbourne Museum at 4 pm on Friday 30 April.

“The growth of industrialisation in the 18th century, coinciding with mercantile and imperial ambitions, has left us a global inheritance of immense complexity,” notes Sir Neil.

“It is a rich and varied heritage, often misunderstood, and the economic capacity to secure its future can be fragile.”

In his lecture Neil Cossons will explore the options for conservation, from adaptive re-use to World Heritage nomination and the emerging cult of the ruin.

Knighted for services to the Museum Industry, Sir Neil was one of the pioneers of industrial archaeology in the 1960s and instigator in 1973 of the First International Congress on the Conservation of Industrial Monuments, which developed into The International Committee for the Conservation of Industrial Heritage (TICCIH).

He has been Director of the Ironbridge Gorge Museum, the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, and the Science Museum, London – the National Museum of Science & Industry and has published and broadcast widely on industrial archaeology, conservation and heritage management.

Retiring Heritage Victoria Executive Director Ray Tonkin spoke at the inaugural Heritage Address in 2009.

Registrations should be sent to discoverylectures@museum.vic.gov.au by 27 April.

REGISTRATIONS

An early secondary college and an inner city municipal complex were added to the Victorian Heritage Register in March.



Established in 1907, Bendigo Senior Secondary College is one of the state’s earliest secondary colleges.

Following the establishment of the first state secondary school in Melbourne, new secondary schools were established in four country towns: Bendigo, Ballarat, Sale

and Warrnambool. Only the Ballarat and Bendigo Schools still operate on their original sites.

The oldest purpose-built building dates from 1913-14 (above left) and was designed by the Public Works Department under the chief architect, G W Watson. Another building constructed in 1929-30 (centre and right) is a good example of that era when classicism became the dominant architectural style for such buildings.

The school was built on the site of the former Government Camp, established in the 1850s to keep law and order in the goldfields, so the site is also of archaeological significance due to its potential for containing artefacts associated with its use as a Government Camp during the goldrush.



One of the earliest of the grand municipal buildings that characterised Victoria in the post-gold era, the former North Melbourne Town Hall and municipal buildings (above) also have been included in the Register.

Now known as Arts House, the Town Hall was built in 1875-6 to the competition winning design of architect George Johnson.

The former Town Hall features a corner tower with clock and bells. The five bells were constructed in Glasgow and the clock was designed by the Government Astronomer at the time, Robert Ellery.

To the south, separated from the Town Hall by Johnson Lane, are the North Melbourne Municipal Buildings (above right), built to match the Town Hall, but with an impressive wide veranda and including an exceptional group of intact 19th century shopfronts.

Registrations for Rosalind Park, Bendigo and residence and air raid shelter at 23 Mitford Road, St Kilda were amended to provide further clarification of the reasons for their significance

LOCAL HERITAGE TOOLKIT

The vast majority of heritage places in Australia are recognised through local planning schemes, local heritage lists, conservation areas and heritage overlays.

A new toolkit on the Heritage Victoria website brings together a range of strategic and statutory tools, and actions to help deliver good decisions, engender community support and build capacity for local heritage management - across Australia and New Zealand.

It is aimed at:

- planners
- local government heritage advisors
- heritage consultants

The local heritage toolkit, see <http://heritage.vic.gov.au/Local-government/Local-heritage-toolkit.aspx>, is made up of the following five documents:

- Heritage Advisory Services Handbook

- Protecting Local Heritage Places
- Incentives for Heritage Protection Handbook
- Making Good Local Heritage Decisions
- Supporting Local Government Heritage Conservation - final report to Heritage Chairs and Officials of Australia and New Zealand.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT HERITAGE STRATEGIES

Complementing the Local Heritage toolkit is the new Guide to Local Government Heritage Strategies. This document has been prepared to help a local government authority prepare its Heritage Strategy. The guide includes a checklist for heritage identification, management and promotion and a template for a Strategy.

WOMEN'S MELBOURNE

"Looking at Melbourne's buildings from a female history perspective casts new light on many treasured places," the Minister for Women's Affairs, Maxine Morand noted at the launch of *Women's Melbourne* on 29 March.

The new book is derived from the successful iPod walking tour established by the Trust in 2008 in celebration of the centenary of women's suffrage. This was developed under a grant provided by Heritage Victoria through the Brumby Labor Government's four-year, \$20.5 million strategy, *Victoria's Heritage: Strengthening our communities*.

The new publication provides more in-depth information regarding the history of women in Melbourne, from buildings designed by women to the homes, workplaces and artwork of significant women as well as sites linked to the struggles for women's suffrage and equal pay.

Minister Morand said the National Trust's Senior Historian and author Dr Celestina Sagazio and her team had worked hard to redress the lack of recognition of the role of women in the city of Melbourne with 140 significant women's sites featured in the publication.

The publication is available free of charge from the National Trust.

MASTER CLASS

A second Heritage Master Class will be held at Woodlands Homestead in Greenvale.

The master class on Timber Decay and Conservation will be led by David Young OAM and cover issues such as wood anatomy, wood and water, fungal rot, borers, termites and conservation and repair. Keep 4 June free and watch for further information on the website (www.heritage.vic.gov.au) in coming weeks.

This follows a successful Master Class on Disability Access in Heritage Buildings, led by Eric Martin, held at Fitzroy town Hall on 26 March.

All Heritage Master Classes fulfil the requirements for formal points as part of the Building Commission's Continuing Professional Development Program.

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Inherit welcomes suggestions of stories and events to be included in future issues.