

Prof Richard Mackay, AM

Curriculum Vitae



Richard Mackay is the founder and 'Director of Possibilities' at Mackay Strategic. Richard has worked in cultural heritage management for more than 30 years. He was a founding Partner of GML Heritage Pty Ltd, one of Australia's leading heritage consulting practices.

Richard was an ICOMOS cultural advisor at the most-recent Session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee, and is the immediate past Chair of the Australian World Heritage Advisory Committee and current Chair of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area Advisory Committee. He was a member of the Australian State of the Environment 2011 Committee, and will also be responsible for the 'Heritage' theme of the 2016 Commonwealth State of the Environment report. Richard is also a former member of Australia ICOMOS Burra Charter Working Party, former Non-executive Director of the National Trust in NSW, a former member of the Heritage Council of NSW and was the inaugural Chair of the NSW State Heritage Register Committee.

Richard has extensive skills in facilitation and strategic direction of heritage projects and place management throughout Australia and in Asia. He has worked successfully for government and non-government agencies and corporations, devising innovative but practical solutions to complex cultural heritage challenges at places ranging from Angkor, Cambodia to Sydney's Luna Park. He has pioneered public archaeology and community participation programs, fostered cultural tourism and sustainable livelihoods, advised senior levels of government, provided expert testimony in multiple jurisdictions and published widely on archaeology, conservation and heritage management.

Richard was the inaugural winner of the Australian Heritage Council 'Sharon Sullivan Award' for his contribution to Australia's national heritage. In 2003 he was made a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia for services to archaeology and cultural heritage.

Career

Director of Possibilities, Mackay Strategic Pty Ltd 2015–

Partner, GML Heritage, (and its predecessors Godden Mackay Logan, Godden Mackay and Don Godden & Associates), 1989–2015; Managing Partner /Director 1990–2008.

Research Scholar, Getty Conservation Institute, 2008–2009.

National Trust of Australia (NSW) Research Officer, Archaeologist, 1982–1988.

Awards

Sharon Sullivan Award for Lifetime Contribution to Australia's National Heritage, 2013.

Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia, 2003.

National Trust of Australia (NSW) Voluntary Service Medallion, 1997.

Professional Affiliations

Australia ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites).

Associate, Australian Committee of the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists Incorporated.

Australian Archaeological Association.

Australasian Society for Historical Archaeology.

Royal Australian Historical Society.

National Trust of Australia (NSW).

History Council of New South Wales.

Honorary Positions

Australian World Heritage Advisory Committee, 2009–10, 2015–, Chair 2011–14.

Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area Advisory Committee 2006–2011, Chair 2011–.

Port Arthur Conservation Advisory Committee 2015–Present.

State of the Environment 2016—Heritage Theme Author, State of the Environment 2011 Committee—Heritage Chapter Author.

Heritage Council of New South Wales 1999–2001. Alternate 1996–1998.

National Trust of Australia (NSW), Non-Executive Director, 1991–1996.

Archaeological Advisory Panel of NSW Heritage Council, Chair 1989–1993, 1997–2000.

State Heritage Register Committee of NSW Heritage Council, Chair 1997–2001.

Cemeteries Committee, National Trust of Australia (New South Wales), Chair 1988–1994.

Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust 1992–; Deputy Chair 1996–2000; Chair 2001–2004.

NSW Crown Reserves Advisory Committee 1994–1997.

Gore Hill Memorial Cemetery Trust, 1987–1997; Chair 1992–1997.

Joint Committee of Rookwood Necropolis Trustees 1988–1993.

National Vice President, Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists 1987–1988.

Experience

Specialist Heritage Advice

State of Conservation—Cultural Heritage Advisor to the 39th Session of the World Heritage Committee—GML Heritage for International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS).

Queensland Heritage Strategy Workshop and Advice to Queensland Heritage Council—GML Heritage for Queensland Department of Environment and Heritage Protection.

Tasmanian Historic Cultural Heritage Act Review—GML Heritage for the Government of Tasmania.

Heritage Trades and Professional Training Project—GML Heritage for Heritage Chairs of Australia and NZ.

World Heritage Places

Kokoda and Owen Stanley Ranges World Heritage Roadmap—GML Heritage for Papua New Guinea Department of Environment and Conservation.

Angkor World Heritage Area, Cambodia, Heritage Management Framework—GML Heritage for: UNESCO and the APSARA National Authority, Royal Government of Cambodia.

Royal Exhibition Building, Melbourne, Archaeological Excavation—GML Heritage for Museum Victoria.

Kakadu National Park, Historic Sites Survey—GML Heritage for Australian Nature Conservation Agency.

Heritage Management Planning

Kingston and Arthurs Vale Historic Area, Norfolk Island Heritage Management Plan—GML Heritage for Kingston and Arthurs Vale Historic Area.

The Rocks Heritage Management Plan—GML Heritage for Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority.

Port Arthur Historic Site, Plan of Management—GML Heritage for PAHSMA.

Moore Park Showground, Conservation Strategy—GML Heritage for Fox Studios, Australia.

Archaeology

Casselden Place, Melbourne, Archaeological Excavation—GML Heritage for Industry Super Property Trust.

Parramatta Historical Archaeological Landscape Management Study—GML Heritage for NSW Office of Environment and Heritage.

Prince of Wales Hospital, Randwick, Destitute Children's Asylum Cemetery—GML Heritage for South Eastern Sydney Area Health Service.

Cumberland Street, The Rocks, Archaeological Investigation—GML Heritage for Sydney Cove Authority.

Defence Sites

Defence Heritage Strategy, GML Peer Review—GML Heritage for Department of Defence, Australian Government.

Maribyrnong Defence Site, Principal Heritage Advisor, Integrated Heritage Assessment, Heritage Management Plan, EPBC Referral and Expert Advice—GML Heritage for Australian Department of Defence.
Fortuna, Bendigo, Heritage Management Plan and Expert Advice—GML Heritage for Department of Defence, Australian Government.

Hammerhead Crane, Garden Island, Expert Advice, EPBC Referral, Public Consultation—GML Heritage for Department of Defence, Australian Government.

Industrial Sites

Mt Lyell Mine, Tasmanian Heritage Assessment—GML Heritage for The Tasmanian Government.

Broken Hill, Mining Leases Conservation Management Plan—GML Heritage for Perilya Limited.

Kandos Cement Works and Mining Leases, Heritage Advice—GML Heritage for Cement Australia Ltd.

Brooketon Colliery Heritage Assessment, Brunei—GML Heritage for the Sultanate of Brunei Darussalam.

Cemeteries

Old Melbourne Cemetery, Expert Advice—GML Heritage for Melbourne City Council.

Queensland Historical Burial Grounds Survey—GML Heritage for Queensland Department of Environment.

Old Mans Valley Cemetery, Hornsby, Conservation Plan—GML Heritage for Higgins Family Association.

Hawkesbury Shire Cemeteries Study—GML Heritage for Hawkesbury City Council.

Expert Witness

The Abbey Site, Glebe, NSW Land and Environment Court—GML Heritage for Pike, Pike and Fenwick.

Lakeside Raceway, Planning and Environment Court—GML Heritage for Queensland Crown Law.

The Esplanade Hotel, St Kilda, Victorian Civil Appeals Tribunal—GML Heritage for Minter Ellison Lawyers.

St Patricks Church, Braddon, ACT Civil and Administrative Appeals Tribunal—GML Heritage for Roman Catholic Church, Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

Publications

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Lectures, Presentations and Papers

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