

Prof Richard Mackay, AM – Lectures and Papers

‘Looking Backwards: in Tasmania it was the 1970s!’. Keynote address to Cultural Heritage Practitioners Tasmania Symposium, Looking Backwards – Looking Forwards: 30 Years and 50 Years of Tasmania’s State Cultural Heritage Legislation, Hobart, May 2026.

‘Who’s Who in the Heritage Zoo?’ Public Lecture hosted by Cultural Heritage Practitioners Tasmania, Hobart, May 2026.

‘Archaeological Sites: Conservation, Management and Meaning’. ACCU International Conference on Cultural Heritage 2025, Nara, Japan, December 2025.

‘HIA as a Decision-making Tool for Sustainable Heritage Management: Guidance and Toolkit for Impact Assessments in a World Heritage Context’. Heritage Impact Assessment: Navigating Development and Conservation Conflict Symposium, Melaka, Malaysia, October 2025.

‘Heritage Matters: The Hon Bob Carr in Conversation with Prof Richard Mackay, AM’. Union University and Schools Club of Sydney, August 2025.

‘Cultural Heritage in Danger: Current Crises and Practical Solutions’. History Council of New South Wales’s 2025 History Now Series, Chau Chak Wing Museum, University of Sydney, July 2025.

‘The World Heritage Impact Assessment Guidance’. ICOMOS Asia-Pacific HIA Webinar Series, February 2025.

‘Universalism and Diversity: Rereading The Doctrinal Documents From Diverse Perspectives’. Roundtable Panel, Revisiting the Venice Charter: Critical Perspectives and Contemporary Challenges, ICOMOS 2024 Scientific Symposium, Ouro Preto, Brazil, November, 2024.

‘The Strategic Importance of Hosting Global Conferences: Elevating Local Associations to the Global Stage’. A discussion of successful conference delivery with Prof Richard Mackay, AM – Convenor of ICOMOS GA2023, Association Leader’s Symposium Conference Oct 2024, ICC Sydney, October 2024.

‘Values-based Approaches to Adaptation of Cultural Heritage Places: an Australian Perspective’. HEI TRANSFORM, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, Faculty of Architecture, October 2024.

‘The State of NSW Planning System’. Panel, NSW Division of the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand, Sydney, August 2024.

‘Guidance and Toolkit for Impact Assessment in a World Heritage Context’. ALULA International Conference on Heritage Impact Assessment, ICOMOS Saudi Arabia, November 2023.

‘Impact assessment: A tool for better decision-making in World Heritage’. Building Capacity: Managing Culture-Nature in World Heritage, 21st General Assembly and Scientific Symposium of ICOMOS, Sydney, September 2023.

‘The Reactive Monitoring Process’. Information Session on World Heritage. 21st General Assembly and Scientific Symposium of ICOMOS, Sydney, September 2023.

‘Guidance and Toolkit for Impact Assessments in a World Heritage Context’. Australian World Heritage Advisory Committee, December 2022.

‘Management Planning for World Heritage Properties’ and ‘Heritage Impact Assessment Steps and Processes’. Webinar an Capacity-building for World Heritage site managers in Central Asia and Southern Caucasus, UNESCO, 2021.

‘Overview of the Impact Assessment Process’, ‘Values and Attributes’ and ‘Evaluation of Impacts and Mitigation: Cultural Context’. Online Workshop on World Heritage Impact Assessments for the Arab States, UNESCO, ICCROM, ICOMOS, with support from the Ministry of Education Culture and Science, The Netherlands, 2021.

Identifying Factors and Impacts for Planning and Impact Assessments in and around the World Heritage Properties’. (jointly with ICCROM and IUCN colleagues), Masterclass on Sustainable Development & World Heritage Conservation in Bangladesh, UNESCO World Heritage Centre and Dhaka Office, in cooperation with ICOMOS, ICCROM, IUCN, and funding from the UNESCO/Netherlands Funds-in-Trust, 2021.

‘Managing the State of Conservation of Serial World Heritage Properties’. Keynote Address to the International Seowon Forum: Seowon, Korean Neo-Confucian Academies, after Inscription on the World Heritage List, Seoul, 2021.

‘How should we describe Seibi? World Heritage Seminar Part 2’. Discussion, Tokyo National Research Institute for Cultural Properties, Japan, 2021.

‘Addressing the Existential Threat: Climate Change as a Catalyst for Reform in World Heritage’. World Heritage Convention and Climate Change Roundtable, Australian Academy of Science, 2021.

‘Conservation, Management, Adaptation and Presentation of Archaeological Sites: Sydney on the Rocks’. Keynote Address to online seminar: Policies and Approaches of Preserving Archaeological Sites in India, Centre for Historic Conservation, CEPT University, India, 2021.

‘Factors Affecting the Property’. Periodic Reporting in the Asia-Pacific Region’, joint presentation for ICOMOS, with ICCROM and IUCN for the UNESCO World Heritage Centre, 2020.

‘Greater Blue Mountains: Cultural Values of a Natural World Heritage Property’. Planetary Health in the Blue Mountains, Celebrating 20 years of World Heritage Listing, 2020.

‘Heritage Impact Assessment: Steps and Processes’, Heritage Impact Assessment for World Heritage 2: What you need to know, ICCROM Webinar Lecture Series, 2020.

‘Heritage Crises: National Identity and National Leadership’ Environment Association of Australia and New Zealand Annual Conference: Recovering From Disaster, 2020.

‘Bagan Hotel Strategy’, Myanmar Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, Online Presentation, 2020.

‘Heritage Impact Assessment and Cultural World Heritage Properties’, Heritage Impact Assessment for World Heritage 1: What you need to know, ICCROM Webinar Lecture Series, 2020.

‘Halong Ha Long Bay World Heritage Property: Management Effectiveness’, Ha Long Bay Management Department, Ha Long, Vietnam, 2019.

‘Challenges in Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment’, World Heritage Leadership Programme, Establishing Guidance for Heritage Impact Assessment, International Association for Impact Assessment, Brisbane, Australia, 2019.

‘Policy Response: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage: Preservation, Pressures and Workable Policy’, Seminar convened by Professor Hilary du Cros, E.G. Whitlam Research Fellow, Whitlam Institute, within the University of Western Sydney, February 2019.

‘Taming Tourism at Angkor’, Organisation of World Heritage Cities Asia-Pacific Workshop on Heritage and Sustainable Tourism, Suzhou, China, 2018.

‘Challenges in Heritage Impact Assessment’, Expert Meeting for Examining the Japanese Guideline for Heritage Impact Assessment, Tokyo National Research Institute for Cultural Properties, Japan, 2018.

‘The ICOMOS Guidance on Heritage Impact Assessments for Cultural World Heritage Properties’, World Heritage Leadership Programme Impact Assessment Workshop, IUCN, Gland, Switzerland, 2018.

‘National Frameworks for Heritage Impact Assessment and the World Heritage Committee’, World Heritage Leadership Programme Impact Assessment Workshop, IUCN, Gland, Switzerland, 2018.

‘World Heritage and Communities’, Murujuga World Heritage Summit, Karratha, Australia, 2018.

‘Creative & Cultural Futures’, Creative and Cultural Futures - Leadership and Change: A symposium exploring the critical issues driving change in the sector, University of Canberra, Australia, 2018.

‘Cities, World Heritage and People’ Organisation of World Heritage Cities World Congress, Gyeongju, South Korea, 2017.

‘The State of the Environment 2016: Heritage’, Australian Heritage Council, Canberra, 2017.

‘Not Everything Looks Better in Black and White’, Provocation presented at: (ir)replaceable—a discussion about heritage, conservation and future-making, Association for Critical Heritage Studies, University of Canberra, 2017.

‘World Heritage Trends and Perspectives’, Shudao Routes International Workshop, Sichuan Province, China, 2017.

‘SoE 2016 – the State of Australia’s Heritage’, Australia ICOMOS and the National Trust of Australia (WA), Perth, 2017.

‘The State of the Environment 2016: Heritage Theme’, Australian Heritage Chairs and Officials, Adelaide, 2017.

‘Our Cultural Inheritance and Global Hope’, Barker Institute, Sydney, 2017.

‘Values-based Management and the Burra Charter: 1979 – 1999 – 2013’, Symposium on Values in Heritage Management: Emerging Approaches and Research Directions, The Getty Conservation Institute, Los Angeles, California, 2017.

‘Heritage and Community’, 2nd OWHC Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting of World Heritage Cities, Gyeongju, Republic of Korea, 2016.

‘Strategy or S-tragedy? The effectiveness of cultural heritage management in Australia’, National Environmental Law Association, Melbourne, 2016.

‘Heritage Crises and National Identity’, New and Emerging Challenges to Heritage and Well-being Conference, Griffith University, Gold Coast, 2016.

‘Managing Heritage and Tourism at Angkor, Cambodia’, Association of Myanmar Architects and Yangon Heritage Trust, Yangon, 2016.

‘Education as conservation: the importance of meaning’, National Trusts Education Conference, Canberra, 2016.

‘The Australian Heritage Strategy and the EPBC Act’, Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand Inc, Environment Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act Forum, Canberra, 2016.

‘Perspectives on Indigenous Heritage Management in Australia’, Keynote Address to the Heritage Network Seminar Heritage Division, NSW Office of Environment and Heritage, Parramatta, 2015.

‘Heritage: Value: Mutable – or Carved in Stone?’, Keynote Address to the 21st Australasian Conference on Cave and Karst Management, Naracoorte, South Australia, 2015.

‘Could Do Better: An Indigenous Heritage Report Card’, AIATSIS Occasional Seminar Series, Australian Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, in conjunction with Aboriginal Archaeologists Australia and the ANU Centre for Archaeological Research, Canberra 2014.

‘Safeguarding the places which are our cultural inheritance: towards a national heritage strategy’, ACT and Region Annual Australian Heritage Partnership Symposium: ‘The Future of Heritage’, Canberra, 2014.

‘People and Place: Living with Heritage’, Keynote Address to the First Organisation of World Heritage Cities Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting, Gyeongju, Republic of Korea, 2014.

‘Integrated Site Management at Angkor’ Hall, N, Hang, P, Lloyd, G, Mackay, R, and Sullivan, S, Heritage Management in Cambodia session, Indo-Pacific Prehistory Association conference, Siem Reap, Cambodia, 2014.

‘The Angkor Heritage Management Framework’, Side Event Briefing, 37th Session World Heritage Committee, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 2013.

‘The Challenge of Tourism at Angkor’ Sullivan, S and Mackay, R, Colloquium on Visitor Management at Mogao, Getty Conservation Institute and Dunhuang Academy, Dunhuang, China, 2013.

‘The Angkor Tourism Management Plan’ Mackay, R, and Sullivan, S, Colloquium on Visitor Management at Mogao, Getty Conservation Institute and Dunhuang Academy, Dunhuang, China, 2013.

‘Jenolan: Speleology, Science Heritage’, Keynote Address to Scientific Symposium: The Science of Jenolan – What Do We Know? Linnean Society of NSW and Australian Speleological Federation, Jenolan Caves, NSW, 2013.

‘Heritage Trades and Professional Training’ Paper presented at the Missing Links Roundtable on Heritage Education, Melbourne University, 2012.

‘Tourism and Development: Angkor’s Away’ Delanghe, P, Hang, P, Lloyd, G, Mackay, R and Sullivan, S, Heritage Driver for Development Symposium, ICOMOS General Assembly, Paris, 2011.

‘Our Heritage Report Card: the State of the Environment 2011’, Presentation to the Commonwealth Government (SEWPaC, DAFF and Parks Australia), the Australian Heritage Council, the Heritage Council of New South Wales, Australia ICOMOS, Deakin University, 2011–12.

‘A Clash of Values: Perspectives on Evolving Approaches to Archaeological Site Conservation’ Paper presented at ‘In a Global Context – Australasian Society for Historical Archaeology and Australian Institute of Maritime Archaeology conference, Launceston 2009.

‘Living with Heritage at Angkor’, Mackay, R and Sullivan, S, presented at ‘Finding the Spirit of Place’, Scientific Symposium of the 15th General Assembly of ICOMOS, Quebec, Canada, 2008.

‘Living with Heritage: Managing Contested Values at Greater Angkor’, Mackay R and Sullivan S, Australia ICOMOS Extreme Heritage Conference, Cairns, 2007.

‘Heritage Management in the Antipodes’ Lecture, Getty Conservation Institute, Los Angeles, 2007.

‘Connecting Archaeology and Community’, Mackay R and Sullivan, S, ‘Conservation in Changing Societies: Heritage and Development’, Keynote Address at Conference held to celebrate 30 years of the Raymond Lemaire International Centre for Conservation, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven, Belgium, 2006.

‘Values-based Participatory Planning at Greater Angkor’, Mackay, R and Sullivan, S, ‘Angkor: Landscape, City and Temple’, International Conference, University of Sydney, 2006.

‘Down Little Lon: An Introduction to the Casselden Place Archaeological Excavations, Melbourne’, Mackay, R, McCarthy, J, Sneddon, A and Wilson, G, paper presented to the 25th Annual ASHA Conference, Melbourne, 2005.

‘Expert Witness Forum’, Panel Member, Urban Design Institute of Australia: 2003 and 2004.

‘Connecting Community with History: Archaeology at Camp Street, Ballarat’, Murray, T, Mackay, R, and Wilson, G, ‘Eureka 1954–2004: Reappraising an Australian Legend’, Public Symposium to mark the Sesquicentenary of the Eureka Stockade, University of Melbourne, 2004.

‘Maritime Heritage and the Changing Harbour’ Public Lecture, Australian National Maritime Museum, Sydney, 2004.

‘It’s All in the Telling: Interpreting Archaeological Remains’, Vinton, N and Mackay, R, paper presented to Australia ICOMOS Telling Tales Conference, Sydney, 2004.

‘Finding Common Ground: The role of Stakeholders in Decision-making’, rapporteur: ‘Of the Past, For the Future: Integrating Archaeology and Conservation’, Fifth World Archaeology Congress, Washington, 2003.

‘Parramatta Historical Archaeology Landscape Management Study’, Mackay, R and Kelly, M, ‘World Heritage/Virtual Heritage/Cultural Heritage/Whose Heritage?’ stream, Fifth World Archaeology Congress, Washington, 2003.

‘History in Ruins?’, National Archaeology Week Public Lecture, Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists, 2003.

‘The Randwick Destitute Children’s Asylum, Sydney: Issues Arising from the Excavation and Re-burial of Nineteenth Century, Non-Indigenous Human Remains’, Ireland, T and Mackay, R, paper presented to combined AAA/ASHA Conference, Townsville, 2002.

‘GIS-based Documentation of Urban Archaeology in Australia’, paper presented at the Documentation Scientific Symposium of the 13th General Assembly of ICOMOS, Madrid, Spain, 2002.

‘Heritage Lotto’, NSW Environmental Law Association Annual Conference, 2002.

‘The Parramatta Historical Archaeological Landscape Management System’, paper presented to 21st Annual ASHA Conference, Canberra, 2001.

‘Twentieth Century Heritage’, NSW Heritage Council Heritage Festival Lecture, 1999.

‘From Cows to Cameras: The Conservation and Adaptation of the Sydney Showground’, Fox Studios Australia Training and National Trust Open Day Presentations, 1999–2000.

‘Layers of History: Layers of Meaning’, 5th World Congress Heritage Interpretation International, 1998.

‘The Big Dig and Convict Consumerism’, Seminar at School of Archaeology La Trobe University, 1997.

‘On the Rocks: Across the Cove from the Governor’s House’, 1995 First Government House Site Foundation Day Lecture, 1995.

‘Political, Pictorial, Physical and Philosophical Plans: Realising Archaeological Research Potential in Urban Sydney’, Museum of Sydney SITES Seminar, 1995.

‘Industrial Sites Rehabilitation’, ICOMOS Redundant Sites Conference, Launceston, 1994.

‘Censory Perceptions—Editing the Final Chapter of Kakadu History’, paper presented at the Managing a Shared Heritage Conference, Australia ICOMOS, Darwin, 1993.

‘Statutory Protection and Predictive Plans—Archaeological Heritage Management in Sydney’, paper presented at the Archaeological Heritage Management Scientific Symposium of the 10th General Assembly of ICOMOS, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 1993.

‘Documentary Prediction or Physical Examination? CRM Considerations at Dickson’s Mill, Sydney’, paper presented at 12th Annual ASHA Conference, Sydney, 1992.

‘Research Design: Concept and Product’, discussion presented to Historical Archaeology in The Rocks and Millers Point Seminar, 1991.

‘Historic Significance’, paper presented to the Professional Historians Association Seminar, Sydney, December 1990.

‘Identification and Investigation of Historical Archaeological Sites—A Different Perspective’, paper presented to NSW Department of Planning/University of Sydney Centre for Historical Archaeology, Historical Archaeology Guidelines Seminar, 1989.

‘Built Environment Conservation: Concentrating on the Fabric’, paper presented in the Inventing the Unwritten Past Symposium at the ANZAAS Centenary Congress, Sydney, 1988.

‘The Conservation Plan: A Co-operative Approach’, James, P. C and Mackay, R, paper presented to Australia ICOMOS Seminar, 1987.

‘The Provision of Statutory Protection for Artefacts’, paper presented (jointly with Peter James) to seminar on ‘The Problems and Prospects of Preserving the Portable Scientific and Technological Heritage’ organised by the National Trust of Australia (NSW), Powerhouse Museum and Royal Society of NSW, 1986.

‘The Preservation and Management of Redundant Industrial Archaeological Features’, paper delivered to 5th Annual ASHA Conference, Melbourne, 1985.

‘The Archaeological Significance of the Old Government House, Parramatta’, paper delivered to National Trust Seminar, Old Government House, Parramatta, 1985.

‘The Burra Charter and Conservation Practice—Principles and Conservation Policy’, paper and seminar presented in Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong, Darwin and Perth for Australia ICOMOS Inc, 1992–1998.

Lectures to undergraduate and postgraduate Conservation, Heritage, Fine Arts, Archaeology, Architecture and Town Planning Students, Deakin University, La Trobe University, University of New South Wales, University of Sydney, University of Technology, Sydney, 1986–2026.