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## National Trust for Fiji Seeking Consultant for World Heritage Submission

The Fiji Government through the National Trust for Fiji is seeking a consultant to write the nomination document for **Fiji's nomination to the UNESCO World Heritage List**. The site for nomination as a cultural site is the **old town capital of Fiji, Levuka**. The nomination must be submitted by **31 July 2002**.

If you are interested, please **send details of experience, suitability etc to the Australia ICOMOS Secretariat** (details at the end of this e-mail) and we will forward the contact details of applicants. **Applications must be received by the Australia ICOMOS Secretariat by COB Monday 18 March 2002.**

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## Current Research into the Conservation of Australian Aboriginal Bark Paintings

### One Day Seminar

Friday, 22 March 2002 @ 9am

Broadcast Studio, National Museum of Australia, Canberra

The morning session of this seminar will present the findings of research carried out during the Bark Paintings Research Project. This project has been funded through the National Museum of Australia, National Gallery of Australia and University of Canberra by a SPIRT Grant from the Australian Research Council. Research to be presented includes a summary of the findings of field work carried out in Arnhem Land, a survey of previous consolidation treatments, bark anatomy and the dimensional change of bark. The afternoon session will include papers from authors carrying out research in Australia.

**For further information contact:**

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## **Creating a Democracy**

### **Australia ICOMOS State Focus Groups**

A team of researchers from **The Cultural Heritage Centre for Asia and the Pacific (CHCAP)**, at Deakin University, is working on a project for the Australian Heritage Commission entitled **Creating a Democracy**. Members of the research team are Professor William Logan (Director, CHCAP; and President of Australia ICOMOS), Professor Geoffrey Stokes (Professor of Politics), Adjunct Professor Susan Balderstone (Manager, Special Projects, Heritage Victoria), Dr Colin Long, and Ms Karen Gillen (Project Officer).

The purpose of the project is to provide an authoritative essay sketching the broad history of the issues, events, places and people that have been associated with the growth of democracy in Australia. This report will then provide the historical context for the **selection and assessment of places of outstanding heritage significance relating to the theme Creating a Democracy**. In compiling a list of indicative places of heritage significance, the project will also develop a set of indicators of significance and assessment thresholds. Recommendations will also be made for a strategy for additional research, heritage listing and conservation of significant places identified, and for future work on related stories and place types. **As part of the research project, we will be holding focus groups with heritage experts and managers.**

**We are seeking ICOMOS members interested in participating in a focus group (one to be held in each state)** as part of this research project. The focus groups will be conducted between **mid-March and mid-April**. The purpose of these focus groups will be to discuss processes for establishing thresholds. **Any significant findings from the focus groups will be incorporated into the final research report to the Australian Heritage Commission.** Release of the findings from the study in any form will be at the discretion of the Australian Heritage Commission.

If you are willing to participate in a focus group, or for any further information about the project, please contact:

**Ms Karen Gillen (Project Officer), Telephone: (03) 9251-7206 or (03) 9808-5471;  
Email: [kagillen@deakin.edu.au](mailto:kagillen@deakin.edu.au)**

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## **New Australia ICOMOS ISC Rep'**

The **ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Legal, Administrative and Financial Issues** has accepted the nomination of **Graeme Wiffen** as the committee's Australia ICOMOS representative. Congratulations Graeme.

Thanks go to **Dr Patrick O'Keefe**, the retiring AI representative

**Nominations are still being sought** for Australia ICOMOS representatives on the International Scientific Committees for the **Study and Conservation of Earthen Architecture** and the **Wall Paintings** Committee. People interested in nominating should contact Brian Long at the Australia ICOMOS Secretariat (details at the end of this e-mail).

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## Employment Openings

Details of the following jobs are currently listed on the Australia ICOMOS website:

- **Cultural Heritage Officer** 0.8 EFT (12 month Maternity Leave vacancy) City of Boroondara
- **Museum Development Officer**. Toowoomba and Golden West Region
- **Principal Heritage Officer**, Heritage Office, NSW
- **Book Conservator/Senior Book Conservator**, National Library of New Zealand
- **Planning Lawyer**

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### Diary Reminder

**31 March:** Entries close for the **UNESCO Asia-Pacific Heritage 2002 Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation**. For further info:

<http://www.unesco.org/culture/heritageawards>

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**Australia ICOMOS Conference: *Islands of Vanishment* 8-10 June 2002 Port Arthur Tasmania.**

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