

# Melbourne Conversations

## Heritage and development innovation: making Melbourne a world leader

*Inner Melbourne will experience development and growth to meet contemporary needs and maintain prosperity. How should Melbourne lead by example and balance this need with the tangible heritage values of the material form and the newly emerging heritage paradigm associated with the values of cultural identity, memory and usage of urban spaces and places? Hear from the experts and have your say.*

Date: Friday 27 July 2012

Time: 6.00pm to 7.30pm – entry from 5.30pm

Venue: RMIT Capitol Theatre, 113 Swanston Street, Melbourne

Panellists:

**Helen Lardner** is an Architect and the Director of Helen Lardner Conservation & Design, a successful and innovative heritage consultancy in Victoria. The practice specialises in complex heritage places requiring a multidisciplinary team approach, such as industrial sites, institutions and major infrastructure. Helen has wide experience in coordinating the input of a range of specialists on such projects to bring a practical focus to the end product. She has extensive experience in facilitating the transition of development projects from initial assessment through to implementation. As a strong advocate for good heritage solutions, Helen is often required to give strategic input on large scale developments. Helen is among the most experienced heritage advisors to local government in Australia.

**Shelley Penn** is National President Australian Institute of Architects and a Melbourne-based, sole Architect who mixes the fine scale of residential work with the big picture of working with government in various ways to advance the quality of design in the built environment. Shelley is the director of Shelley Penn Architects. She has continually contributed to the advancement of architecture and the built environment through her practice, and through advising, writing, teaching and advocacy about architecture and design. Shelley provides advice to government and the private sector on design matters for numerous developments and public places.

**William Logan** is Alfred Deakin Professor and UNESCO Chair in Heritage and Urbanism at Deakin University, where he was director of the Cultural Heritage Centre for Asia and the Pacific from 2001 to 2009. He was President of Australia ICOMOS in 1999–2002 and is currently a member of the Heritage Council of Victoria and a fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia. He has worked closely with UNESCO and ICOMOS since 1986. He is a member of the editorial boards of the *International Journal of Heritage Studies* and *Historic Environment*, and is co-editor of the Routledge 'Key Issues in Cultural Heritage' series .

Moderator - **Dr Colin Long** was Director of the Cultural Heritage Centre for Asia and the Pacific at Deakin University, and Senior Lecturer in Cultural Heritage until October 2010, when he was elected Victorian Secretary of the National Tertiary Education Union. He taught extensively in Asian history, urban studies and cultural heritage preservation at undergraduate and post-graduate levels and remains an honorary fellow at the university. He has taught at the University of Melbourne and Victoria University, as well as the World Heritage program at Cottbus University, Germany and heritage law and heritage and development at Silpakorn University, Thailand. He has also undertaken aid and development projects in the field of heritage for the Vietnamese and Lao governments, UNESCO and the UN World Tourism Organisation.

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