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Message from the Chairman, Mr Bob Alford

It is with pleasure that, as Chairman of the Heritage Advisory Council, I present the 15th Annual Report.

This has been a good year for the Council. There is a sense that we have turned the corner in dealing with an issue that has troubled Council for some time, and that is the backlog of nominations to the NT Heritage Register that haven’t been dealt with. All nominations to the Register that are accepted by Council have to be thoroughly assessed, and it has been difficult to keep pace with the number of nominations accepted from members of the public over the years. There is a significant backlog of places still to be assessed by Council. In 2005-06, twenty assessment reports were considered by Council – definitely a step in the right direction. The rate of nominations now seems to be slowing and Council has high hopes that significant inroads can be made into the backlog this coming year.

Considerable progress was made in building the NT Heritage Register, with thirteen more places added. Notably all but one of these places are located out of the Darwin Region. This is a good sign that the Register is growing to include many heritage places from regional areas.

Council continued to provide the Government with advice about a range of heritage related matters including development proposals. I would like to particularly note the effort put in by the Works Committee of Council which met many times outside the normal scheduled meetings of Council.

BOB ALFORD
Achievements 2005-06

Assessment and Declaration

- A total of twenty places nominated to the NT Heritage Register were assessed by Council.

- Thirteen places were gazetted as heritage places.

Permits and consents

- Nineteen applications to undertake work to registered heritage places were considered by Council and referred to the Minister/the Minister’s Delegate.

Conservation and Management

- The Government’s Incentive Package continues to operate successfully, providing support in a number of ways to the owners of heritage places.

- A total of seventeen projects were funded under the 2005-06 NT Heritage Grants Program, to a total of just over $190,000.

- Major conservation work was carried out to a range of places across the Territory through the Government’s $1 million per annum Repairs and Maintenance Program for Government-owned heritage assets.
Education and Promotion

- ‘Heritage News’ was published regularly and opportunities were taken to publicise the activities of Council in the media.

Policy and Strategy

- The Chairman of the Council, and the Acting Director of Heritage Conservation Services, attended the Annual National Heritage Chairs and Officials Meeting in Hobart, Tasmania, on 18-21 April 2006.

Council Members

The Heritage Conservation Act provides for a Council of nine members, appointed by the Minister, of whom four are nominees of various government and non-government organisations.

Mr Bob Alford – Chairman

Previously a member of Council as the National Trust representative between 1994 and 1999, Bob has an intense interest in the history and heritage of the NT and is also a noted aviation historian.

Ms Elizabeth Close – Deputy Chair
Nominee and Director of the National Trust

Elizabeth was appointed as the National Trust representative in April 1999 after she took up the position of Director of the Trust. She is particularly interested in increasing public awareness of the Territory’s unique heritage.
Ms Sue Dugdale
Sue was appointed to the Council in 2002. She is a practicing architect based in Alice Springs, with a particular interest in solutions for adaptation and re-use of built heritage. She is also interested in the heritage of Aboriginal communities.

Ms Leshay Maidment
Leshay is from Alice Springs and was appointed to the Council in 2002. She is a local Central Australian Arrernte woman who is interested in the history of the Territory and promotion of its heritage to the public. Leshay retired from Council in March 2006.

Ms Ruth Murphy
Ruth has been a member of Council since late 1996 and is from an old Katherine family. Her particular interests lie in the history and preservation of representative samples of the early lifestyles of the Katherine and rural area, and in the pastoral history of the NT.

David Curtis
David is from Tennant Creek. He has held many posts in the community and local government and was an ATSIC Regional Councillor for 13 years. He has an interest in early European settlement in Central Australia.
Ms Anna Malgorzewicz  
Nominee and Director of the Museum and Art Gallery of the NT

Anna is the Director of the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory. She has worked in the heritage field for many years and her special area of interest includes migration history and heritage.

Andrew Allan  
Nominee of the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority

Andrew is the Regional Manager of the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority, based in Alice Springs, where he has worked for nine years. He is an anthropologist but has also worked for some years in the field of land development. His interest is in ensuring that the importance of heritage protection is recognised in the development process.

Mr Vic Stephens  
Nominee of the Director

Vic was appointed to Council in 1999 as the representative of the former Department of Lands, Planning and Environment. In August 2005 he was asked to remain on Council representing the new Department of Natural Resources Environment and the Arts. Vic is interested in achieving a balance between heritage values and development needs in a rapidly growing community.

Meetings

Functions of Council

The functions of the Heritage Advisory Council are set out in Section 12 of the *Heritage Conservation Act* (reproduced in Appendix 1).

In broad terms Council has an advisory role regarding all matters pertaining to the identification, assessment, conservation and management of the Territory’s natural and cultural heritage. This role also extends to provision of advice regarding appropriate policies and strategies for both the Territory’s heritage, and nationwide through the National Heritage Chairs and Officials.

The *Heritage Conservation Act 1991*

The purpose and scope of the Act is to provide a system for the identification, assessment, recording, conservation and protection of places and objects of prehistoric, protohistoric, historic, social, aesthetic or scientific value, including geological structures, fossils, archaeological sites, ruins, buildings, gardens, landscapes, coastlines, and plant and animal communities or ecosystems of the Territory.

Assessment and Declaration

The *Northern Territory Heritage Register* includes a list of all places and objects that have been nominated to it, and their subsequent status following the assessment process.

Each place or object nominated to the NT Heritage Register is assessed against a number of criteria in order to ascertain its heritage value. These criteria are specified in the Regulations of the Act (Appendix 2).
The process by which places and objects are nominated, assessed and recommended for declaration is not a process that is undertaken lightly. As the figure in Appendix 3 illustrates, it is a process in which consultation and negotiation plays a large and important role in securing outcomes that provide for the future conservation of the Territory’s heritage places.

Nominations

There were sixteen nominations received during the last year, as follows:

- Section 2819 Hundred of Goyder (George Ryland & Flynn’s old farm)
- Ucharonidge Station No 1 Windmill
- The Wallis Fogarty Store, Alice Springs
- Konfrontasi Cruciform, Lee Point
- Gun Emplacements Strauss & Gunner Accommodation
- Corridors of Native Vegetation East & West of Stuart Highway to Noonamah
- Various Structures, Shell Depot, Darwin
- ‘Little Vanderlin Island’ – Macassan site
- Myrtle Villa site in Alice Springs
- Date Farm in Alice Springs
- Former Katherine Airfield
- Ruin of No. 6 Oil Tank, Stokes Hill and Oil Pipes in Kitchener Drive, Darwin
- Old Coach Road Paqualin Hump to Stapleton Creek
- Rye House, Alice Springs
- Larrimah Railway Precinct
- DD Smith House, Alice Springs
Council accepted all of the above nominations, and also made three nominations to the Register of its own volition under Section 23(1) of the Act, as follows:

- Hangar 119, RAAF Base Darwin (old 13 Squadron work shops)
- Barrow Creek Hotel
- Hunter House, Katherine

**Assessments**

A total of twenty places were assessed by Council, as follows:

- Banka Banka Mudbrick Homestead
- Lot 536 WWII Building
- Christ the King Church (Catholic Church) Tennant Creek
- 17 ½ Mile Camp at Lambrick Avenue, Palmerston
- 1869 Virginia Townsite Survey Markers
- Middle Arm Petroglyphs
- Konfrontasi Military Emplacement
- Frew Ponds Overland Telegraph Line Oppenheimer Poles and Memorial
- Paqualin Hump
- Flynn’s Farm
- Warruwi Church
- Warruwi Sister’s House
- Fogg Dam
- Wells on the North-South Stock Route & Deep Well
- Ghan’s Bore (No. 7 Government Bore)
- Fazal Deen’s Battery
- Gurindji Wave Hill Walk Off Route
- Eldo Rocket Shelters
- Hunter House
- Alice Springs General Cemetery
Declared heritage places and objects

Thirteen places were gazetted as heritage places in 2005-06:

- Alice Well Police Station and Well
- Pioneer Drive-In, Alice Springs
- 7 Mile Aerodrome, Alice Springs
- Avon Downs Homestead
- Former Batchelor Primary School
- Wimmera Home, VRD
- Aileron Homestead
- John Flynn Memorial Church, Alice Springs
- St Barbara Church, Batchelor
- Stella Maris Hostel, Darwin
- Totem Theatre, Alice Springs
- Old MacDonald Downs Homestead
- Adelaide River War Cemetery

Alice Well Police Station and Well

Alice Well and Police Station is associated with the European settlement of central Australia. The site is also important owing to its association with the Hayes family who played a significant role in the development of the central Australian pastoral industry. It has the archaeological potential to address issues relating to the nature of culture contact between Aboriginals and non-Aboriginals in central Australia.

The nature of the building materials and construction techniques evident at the site are generally no longer used. The old well, and later well constructed in 1923, are representative of a stock well technology no longer practiced in the Northern Territory.
Pioneer Drive-In, Alice Springs

Constructed during 1963-64 the Pioneer Drive-In is of significance as it is the only remaining Drive-In in the Northern Territory. It represents a particular era in the Australian cinema industry, that of the Drive-In of the mid 1950s to late 1960s when Drive-Ins were the most popular form of cinema entertainment. It is also testimony to the increasing sophistication of Alice Springs during the 1960s.

Certain features such as the screen, cafeteria/projector room building and open space between the two, are particularly evocative of the Drive-In culture and are reminders of a way of life and technology that was once common-place but is now in danger of being lost.

The Drive-In also derives significance from its associations with Snow Kenna who built it as part of his theatre business and who made an important contribution to the town of Alice Springs.

7 Mile Aerodrome, Alice Springs

The 7 Mile Aerodrome precinct reflects both military and civilian aviation history during the early war years and post war era. The most intense usage as a staging point occurred in the early 1940’s in the building up of aerial forces to assist the war effort in the Netherlands’s East Indies. The facility was made an RAAF base from 1942 until 1946. Several of the buildings reflect the military usage of World War II and the immediate post war period.

The civilian airport precinct which developed post war because of the transfer from the town Aerodrome of all but Connellan Airlines to the better facilities at 7 Mile reflects the style of Airport development in remote airfields throughout the country in the late 1950’s. It is believed to be the most intact precinct of that era left in Australia.
Avon Downs

Avon Downs pastoral station is significant as it represents one of the earliest and most successful sheep stations and for its association with some of the pioneer settlers of the Barkly Tableland. The various buildings at Avon Downs are excellent examples of progressive building techniques and styles dating from the mid 1800s to the mid 1900s.

The well site and boiler located at Bulls Creek, the Overshot Dam on the James River, the old Marshal steam engine and the dam construction scoop provide tangible evidence of the physical and financial burdens experienced by the early pastoralists when developing their properties. The property's association with the James River and the Barkly Stock-route was highly significant for drovers overlanding cattle to southern markets. It was also the site of early contact between Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal people and marks the final resting place of four people whom had lived and worked in the Barkly Region.

Former Batchelor Primary School

The Former Batchelor Primary School (built 1953) was built in response to the growth of the mining township of Batchelor and the need to provide for an expanding population during the 1950s. The elevated school building was the first built in the township and retains much of its original design and fabric. The school provided essential education facilities for the children of the uranium mine employees.

The significant position of the Primary School in the general layout of the town helped to establish the character of the town service centre. The former school building is an excellent example of a functional, special purpose building designed for the humid tropics and applies design principles that facilitate climate control e.g. wide overhanging eaves, large banks of shutters and louvres and gable vents.
**Wimmera Home, VRD**

Wimmera Home, built 1923-24 following several serious malaria epidemics, is a tangible reminder of the Reverend John Flynn’s and the Australian Inland Mission’s vision and commitment to provide a ‘mantle of safety’ through practical medical care and spiritual help to the isolated settlers, drovers, bagmen, dingo scalpers and Aborigines in the Victoria River Region.

The building has changed little internally and externally since it was constructed and retains a good degree of its original fabric and integrity. The two storey building is an excellent example of a functional, special purpose building designed for the humid tropics and applies design principles that facilitate climate control.

Wimmera Home was also an important communication link for the Australian Inland Mission Sisters and the isolated population when a pedal powered radio was installed in 1932.

**Aileron Homestead**

The original Aileron Homestead is of architectural and historical significance to the NT. Constructed in 1933 by Fred Colson the homestead retains some of its original features including the masonry, majority of flooring and other timberwork, kitchen stove, verandah and windows. The scale of the building, high standard of workmanship, detailing and finishes distinguishes it from other homesteads of this era in Central Australia which were generally of a more rudimentary and less expensive construction. The building has some historical significance owing to its associations with the development of the Centralian pastoral industry during the 1930s and links with the Colson family for over 60 years.
John Flynn Memorial Church, Alice Springs

The John Flynn Memorial Church is highly regarded by the community both as a place of worship for the congregation of the Uniting Church in North Australia and as a memorial to an ordained Minister who, during his lifetime, devoted much of his energy towards improving and providing a “Mantle of Safety” for the people of the outback.

The Church was specifically designed to reflect the life and achievements of John Flynn (1880-1951), a Presbyterian minister, who was founder and Superintendent of the Australian Inland Mission of the Presbyterian Church in Australia. He is acknowledged also as one of the founders of the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

The foundation stone was laid by the Prime Minister on 26 June 1954 and was opened by the Governor-General and dedicated by the Moderator General of the Presbyterian Church in Australia on 5 May 1956.

St Barbara Church, Batchelor

Built in 1954, St. Barbara’s Catholic Church is connected with the uranium mining industry at Rum Jungle. The church, which was built on the site of the former 1940s Royal Australian Air Force Chapel, was constructed by Irish miners employed at Rum Jungle by the British firm George Wimpey and Co. Pty. Ltd. The church still retains much of its original features and fabric. The method and materials used in constructing the church walls (recycled timber and prefabricated steel) are considered unique and architecturally significant.

St. Barbara’s was named after the patron saint for architects, builders, carpenters, construction workers, explosives workers, geologists and miners, all of whom worked on the Rum Jungle uranium project. St. Barbara also protects against explosions and against mine collapse. The church represents the provision of worship for the past and present community in and around Batchelor.
Stella Maris Hostel, Darwin

Stella Maris Hostel is associated with the construction of the North Australian Railway in the inter-war period and provision of accommodation for railway personnel. This house was originally constructed as a residence for railway staff and is one of only three pre-war houses remaining which would have been enclosed by a slatted or latticed verandah, the typical design at that time, and now extremely rare.

Totem Theatre, Alice Springs

The Totem Theatre Complex includes two WWII Sidney Williams Huts, a Wride & Abley shed and ablutions facility. The WWII structures functioned as part of the military Regimental Aid Post & Dental Clinic. These buildings are of particular significance as the last surviving in-situ physical evidence associated with the ‘Anzac Hill Camp’, Darwin Overland Maintenance Force (DOMF) and subsequent transport units. They are a reminder of the impact of WWII upon Alice Springs and the vital role the town and these units played as the command centre of the convoy system for the transport of personnel and supplies to the north. The DOMF was instrumental in the creation of the North-South Road, now known as the Stuart Highway, between Tennant Creek and Birdum (Larrimah), a feat that was completed in 90 days.

Collectively the existing buildings are of historical and social value for their associations with the post-war social and cultural development of Alice Springs and in particular the Alice Springs Theatre Group. The buildings also derive some significance from their associations with members of the theatre group who made an important contribution to the Territory; Agnes East and Mona Greatorex.
Old MacDonald Downs Homestead

Old MacDonald Downs Homestead is both historically and architecturally significant to the Northern Territory. The Homestead provided the first permanent home for a pioneer family, that of Charles and Cora Chalmers, which opened up a part of Central Australia. It was built in 1933/34 with assistance by Charles' son, Mac, and using Aboriginal labour. Local materials were used including lime kilned on site, timber and stone.

The building has demonstrated its durability through the years of use and subsequent abandonment following the death of Charles Chalmers in 1967.

Adelaide River War Cemetery and Wartime Civilian Cemetery

The Adelaide River War Cemetery is the fourth largest war cemetery in Australia. As one of the many war cemeteries managed by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission it reflects the scale, intensity and human sacrifice that is recognised and associated with the Second World War. As part of a worldwide group of War Cemeteries it contributes to the continuity with which military personnel are mourned. It contributes to the sense of enormity of the loss of life resulting from WWII.

The adjacent Adelaide River Civilian Wartime Cemetery is of particular interest as the resting-place for some of the few civilians killed as a result of enemy attacks on Australia.

Both cemeteries are significant to the Territory as reminders of the important role that the Top End played in the defence of Australia during World War II.
**Places not recommended**

Council resolved, after considering assessment reports, that it would not recommend Lot 536 Alice Springs (WWII building); the Middle Arm Petroglyphs, Darwin; the Konfrontasi Military Emplacement at Lee Point; the Warruwi Sister’s House; or Jack Gray’s Well, Indembra Well, Kangaroo Well and Bore, and Temple Bar Bore and Well to the Minister for declaration.

**Places not declared**

Under the terms of the *Heritage Conservation Act 1991*, once the Heritage Advisory Council has made a recommendation to the Minister that a place should be declared a heritage place, the Minister may either: agree to the declaration; refuse; or refer the matter back to Council for further information.

The Minister did not refuse to declare any place recommended to her by Council, nor was any matter referred back to Council for further information during the year.

**Places revoked**

There were no places revoked by the Minister during the year.

**Places destroyed**

There were no registered heritage places destroyed.

**Interim Conservation Orders**

The Minister did not sign any Interim Conservation Orders during the year.
The state of the Register

Since the commencement of the Heritage Conservation Act in 1991 to the 30\textsuperscript{th} June 2006 a total of 518 places and objects were nominated to the Northern Territory Heritage Register (NTHR). Of these, 367 have been assessed. A total of 188 places and objects have been declared as heritage places and objects.

Permits, consents and advice on development proposals

Section 29 consents (Archaeological permits)

Under the provisions of Sections 29 and 39 of the Heritage Conservation Act 1991, no work may be undertaken on a prescribed archaeological place or object without the permission of the Minister or the Minister’s delegate.

From time to time applications are received to do work, including archaeological excavation and collection as well as disturbance and destruction, on prescribed archaeological places and objects.

During the last financial year a number of applications to undertake works on archaeological sites were considered by Council and referred to the Minister.

Section 39 consents (Consent to undertake works on declared heritage places and objects)

Under the provisions of Section 33 of the Heritage Conservation Act, no work can be undertaken on a declared heritage place or object without the permission of the Minister or the Minister’s delegate under Section 39.

From time to time applications are received to do works on these places. In the last financial year nineteen applications to undertake
works to registered heritage places were considered by Council and referred to the Minister or the Minister’s Delegate, as indicated in Table 1.

Table 1. Summary of S39K consents issued by the Minister or Minister’s Delegate during 2005-06.

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<th>Nature of proposed work</th>
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<td>Strauss Airstrip</td>
<td>Interpretive works and carpark</td>
<td>4 July 2005</td>
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<td>Katherine Railway Precinct</td>
<td>New shelter</td>
<td>15 Nov 2005*</td>
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<td>Old Post Office</td>
<td>Restoration/reconstruction</td>
<td>1 Nov 2005</td>
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<td>77 Hartley Street</td>
<td>Demolition unsympathetic structures, construction new storage building</td>
<td>2 Nov 2005</td>
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<td>Old Gaol</td>
<td>Restoration &amp; reconstruction associated with adaptive re-use as NPWHF new headquarters</td>
<td>9 Nov 2005</td>
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<td>Alice Well &amp; Police Station</td>
<td>Routine maintenance</td>
<td>23 Dec 2005</td>
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<td>Pioneer Drive In</td>
<td>Work associated with new development</td>
<td>23 Dec 2005</td>
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<td>Old Gaol</td>
<td>Disabled access ramps</td>
<td>23 Dec 2005</td>
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<td>Gregory’s Tree</td>
<td>Landscaping work</td>
<td>30 Sept 2005</td>
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<td>Cape Don Lighthouse</td>
<td>Repair wiring, upgrade plumbing</td>
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<td>Quarantine AA Battery site</td>
<td>Repairs</td>
<td>5 Jan 2006</td>
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<td>Repeater Stn</td>
<td>R&amp;M, installation new services, Restoration original/early fabric</td>
<td>20 Jan 2006</td>
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<td>Repeater Stn</td>
<td>Demolition recent additions</td>
<td>23 Jan 2006</td>
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<td>Hermannsburg Precinct (Strehlow’s House)</td>
<td>Repairs to verandah</td>
<td>23 Jan 2006</td>
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<td>Old Post Office &amp; Repeater Stn</td>
<td>Works amendments, installation air-con</td>
<td>13 April 2006</td>
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<td>Adelaide House</td>
<td>Repairs to stonework, disabled access ramp, fencing</td>
<td>18 April 2006</td>
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<td>Government House</td>
<td>Replace retaining wall</td>
<td>May 2006</td>
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<td>Government House</td>
<td>Refurbish Queen’s room</td>
<td>May 2006</td>
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<td>Anzac Hill</td>
<td>Works as per C&amp;M</td>
<td>14 Jun 2006</td>
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<td>Old Gaol</td>
<td>Amendments to buildings A &amp; D</td>
<td>20 Jun 2006</td>
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* Permission not granted

Section 47 Delegations

Under Section 47 of the Heritage Conservation Act 1991 the Minister may appoint a person as the Minister’s delegate for the performance of a function or exercise of a power under the Act. Table 2 lists people
that held delegation under Section 47 of the Act at some stage during 2005-06.

Table 2. Minister’s delegates under Section 47 of the *Heritage Conservation Act*.

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<td>Anna Malgorzewicz</td>
<td>Museums and Art Galleries of the Northern Territory</td>
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<td>Elizabeth Anne Close</td>
<td>National Trust of Australia (NT)</td>
<td>Section 39K(1)(a) powers in relation to places/objects owned, managed or controlled by the National Trust</td>
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<td>Chief Executive Officer</td>
<td>Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority</td>
<td>Section 29 powers in relation to human remains that are archaeological objects</td>
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<td>David John Ritchie</td>
<td>Parks and Wildlife Commission</td>
<td>Section 39K(1)(a) powers in relation to places/objects owned, managed or controlled by the Commission</td>
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<td>Lynette Gaye Allen</td>
<td>Office of Environment and Heritage, DIPE</td>
<td>Section 29 powers in relation to work on a place or object subject to an Interim Conservation Order, and section 39K(1)(a) powers</td>
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<td>Sarah Jane Butterworth</td>
<td>DPI</td>
<td>Section 39K(1)(a) powers in relation to places/objects owned, managed or controlled by the Department</td>
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All work authorised by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DPI) during the year was referred for advice to Council and is included in Table 1. The Museums and Art Galleries of the NT undertook repairs and routine maintenance on the Residency, the Old Courthouse, and Connellan Hangar in Alice Springs; and also Lyon’s Cottage, Fannie Bay Gaol, and the Old Qantas Hangar in Darwin. The National Trust undertook conservation work to Audit House, Magistrate’s House, Mines House, and Burnett House in Darwin; Katherine Railway Station; Pine Creek Repeater Station; and the Hartley Street School and 86 Hartley Street in Alice Springs.
**Advice on development proposals**

The *Heritage Conservation Act 1991* requires Council to cause a register to be kept, which includes a list of all declared heritage places. This register is known as the Northern Territory Heritage Register (NTHR). A constant task for staff is responding to queries from members of the public as to whether a property is listed on the NTHR, or whether it is affected in some other way by the provisions of the *Heritage Conservation Act 1991*.

Staff are also required to provide more detailed advice to development proponents regarding their obligations under the *Heritage Conservation Act 1991*.

**Conservation and Management**

Council oversees a range of programs designed to both assist owners and to achieve the best possible conservation outcome.

**Government Incentives Package**

For owners of declared heritage places, the Government Incentives Package provides rates relief, free technical advice, and eligibility for funding under the NT Heritage Grant Program (NTHGP).

Owners of declared heritage places used for residential purposes are reimbursed 75% of their rates whilst owners of commercial places are reimbursed 25% of their rates.

Free expert advice is available to owners of declared heritage places regarding proposed work. Heritage conservation architects have been retained in Darwin and Alice Springs in order to provide Territory-wide coverage.
Applications for the NTHGP are received and assessed by the Heritage Advisory Council, which then forwards a recommended program to the Minister for consideration. The successful projects for the 2005-06 round are listed in Table 3. A total of 17 projects were funded to a value of $191,932.

Table 3. Successful applicants and projects in the 2005-06 round of NTHGP.

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<td>Apostleship of the Sea (Darwin)</td>
<td>Former North Australian Railway House, Darwin</td>
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<td>Aputula Housing Assoc. Inc. Finke</td>
<td>Finke Old Fettlers Cottage &amp; Police Office</td>
<td>$8,900.00</td>
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<td>Arnarpilta Community Govt. Council</td>
<td>Atitjere Culture &amp; Knowledge (Education Project – Spotted Tiger Project</td>
<td>$21,000.00</td>
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<td>Catholic Diocese of Darwin</td>
<td>Nguiu Catholic Mission Precinct – Old Presbytery</td>
<td>$20,000.00</td>
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<td>Sidney Williams Hut Catholic Precinct Tennant Creek</td>
<td>$11,299.00</td>
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<td>Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association Radio 8KIN FM (CAAMA)</td>
<td>Digitisation and Preservation of Indigenous Radio Broadcasts relating to the Northern Territory</td>
<td>$5,000.00</td>
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<td>Daly Waters Progress Assoc. Inc.</td>
<td>Daly Waters Courthouse and Police Station</td>
<td>$10,000.00</td>
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<td>Hamilton Downs Youth Camp Inc.</td>
<td>Installation of new plumbing in Kitchen</td>
<td>$3,500.00</td>
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<td>Hamilton Downs Youth Camp</td>
<td>Preparation &amp; Installation of Interpretative Signage</td>
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| TOTAL                                          | $191,932.00

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**Major Conservation Work**

2005-06 was the second year of the Government’s $1 million per annum Repairs and Maintenance Program for Government-owned heritage assets. Conservation work was carried out as part of the program to Lyons Cottage, Darwin; WWII Explosives Stores, Charles Darwin National Park, Darwin; Adelaide River Railway Station; Bonney Well, south of Tennant Creek; Overland Telegraph Line Pylons, Katherine; Cape Don Lighthouse Precinct; Bullita Station Precinct, Timber Creek; WWII Anti Aircraft Battery, Darwin; and Gregory’s Tree, Timber Creek

**Education and Promotion**

Education and promotion of heritage is an important function of Council.

‘Heritage News’ was published regularly in 2005-06. Copies are posted to about 200 interested people and organisations within the Territory and interstate, and the publication is also available through the Department’s internet site.

Opportunities were taken throughout the year to publicise the activities of Council in the media.

**Policy and Strategy**

**Review of the Northern Territory Heritage Conservation Act 1991**

During 2005-06 Government was giving further consideration to the review of the *Heritage Conservation Act*. The proposed new Heritage Act will overcome the shortcomings of the existing Act and provide a ‘best-practice’ framework for the future management of the Territory’s
heritage.

The new legislation will provide for:

- a new Heritage Council with expanded membership and decision making powers in respect of heritage listing (subject to a ministerial call in power for matters of Territory significance);
- expanded appeal provisions for both the community and property owners;
- interim protection for sites once they are nominated;
- stricter time lines for decision making so that the community and property owners can operate with greater certainty;
- increased penalties for destroying or damaging listed heritage places; and
- two new types of heritage protection in addition to heritage listing of individual sites: serial listing and notified heritage areas.

**Annual National Heritage Chairs and Officials Meeting**

Mr Bob Alford, Chairman of the Council, and Mr Michael Wells, Acting Director of Heritage Conservation Services, attended the Annual National Heritage Chairs and Officials Meeting in Hobart, Tasmania, on 18-21 April 2006. Key items on the agenda included the proposed Integrated National Heritage Policy, the Federal Government’s Productivity Commission Enquiry into Built Heritage, World Heritage, Indigenous heritage, and heritage tourism.
Appendix 1. Functions of the Heritage Advisory Council

The Council is responsible to the Minister for Environment and Heritage under section 12 of the Heritage Conservation Act, for a number of functions pertaining to heritage matters. These are described below.

- To carry out research into, and evaluate the heritage value of, places and objects;

- To recommend to the Minister places and objects of heritage value for inclusion in the NT Heritage Register (NTHR);

- To recommend to the Minister the removal of places and objects from the NTHR;

- To advise the Minister on the conservation and use of heritage places and heritage objects;

- To promote as it thinks fit the public use and enjoyment of heritage places and heritage objects in a manner consistent with the conservation of their heritage value and facilitate relevant public education and programs;

- To advise the Minister on financial incentives or concessions for heritage preservation;

- To advise the Minister on all matters affecting the natural and cultural heritage of the Territory;

- To make recommendations to the Minister on heritage agreements in general or particular agreements;
• To recommend to the Minister the imposition of an interim conservation order for the protection of a place or object;

• To prepare Conservation Management Plans in respect of heritage places; and

• To perform other such functions as required by or under this, or any other Act or as directed by the Minister.
Appendix 2. Heritage Assessment Criteria

The criteria to be used in assessing whether or not a place or object should be recommended for declaration under Part 4 of the Act as a heritage place or a heritage object are whether or not the object or place (as the case may be) has special significance in the Territory -

(a) for the evolution of flora, fauna, landscape or climate;

(b) because of the diversity or richness of its flora, fauna, landscapes or cultural features;

(c) because it contains rare, endangered or uncommon flora, fauna, biotic communities, ecosystems, natural landscapes or phenomena;

(d) in demonstrating the principal characteristics of the range of landscapes, environments or ecosystems, the attributes of which identify them as being characteristic of their class;

(e) as wilderness;

(f) for the maintenance of existing natural processes or systems;

(g) because it contributes to a wider understanding of natural history by virtue of its use as a research site, a teaching site, an example of a type of locality or reference area;

(h) by virtue of its association with events, developments or cultural phases in human occupation and evolution;

(j) by providing information contributing to a broader understanding of the history of human occupation;
(k) in demonstrating a way of life, custom, process, land use, function or design no longer practised, in danger of being lost or of exceptional interest;

(m) in demonstrating the principal characteristics of the range of human activities which take or have taken place in the Territory, including ways of life, customs, processes, land uses, functions, designs or techniques;

(n) by virtue of aesthetic characteristics or through technical, creative, design or artistic excellence, innovation or achievement held in high esteem or otherwise valued by a community;

(p) in being highly valued by a community for religious, spiritual, symbolic, cultural, educational or social associations; or

(q) through its close association with individuals whose activities have been significant in the history of the Territory.
Appendix 3. The nomination and assessment process for places and objects nominated to the NT Heritage Register.

Nomination

Notification of decision by:
- gazettal (s26(1)(a)),
- letters to owners (s26(2)(a), and
- advertisements in Territory newspapers (s26(2)(b))
Appendix 4. Declared heritage places and objects as of 30 June 2006
(places declared in 2005-06 shown in **bold**)

Adelaide House
Adelaide River Pioneer Cemetery
Adelaide River Railway Siding and Bridge
**Adelaide River War Cemetery and Wartime Civilian Cemetery**
Administrator’s Office
**Aileron Homestead**
Albert Namatjira’s House
Albert Namatjira Memorial
Alcoota Fossil Beds
Alice Springs Heritage Precinct
Alice Springs Post Office (Former)
Alice Springs Telegraph Station Historical Reserve
**Alice Well Police Station and Well**
Anna’s Reservoir Conservation Reserve
Angurugu Heritage Precinct
Anzac Hill Memorial
Araluen Homestead Precinct
**Avon Downs Homestead**
Bamboo Creek Tin Mine
Barrow Creek Telegraph Station
**Batchelor Primary School (former)**
Beatrice Hill Well and Stone Wall fences
Blyth Homestead
Boab Tree, Cavenagh Street, Darwin
Bonney Well
Bonrook Station (Old)
Booya
Borroloola Police Station Museum
Bowson Hut
Bradshaw’s Homestead
Bradshaw’s Packhorse Cutting
Brock’s Creek Cemetery
Brock’s Creek Chinatown and Temple Site
Brock’s Creek Township, Railway Siding and Military Detention Barracks
Brown’s Mart
Bullock Creek Fossil Site
Burrundie Explosives Magazine
B24-J Liberator Aircraft Wreck Site

Cape Don Lighthouse Complex
Catholic Church Precinct, Alice Springs
Chambers Pillar Historical Reserve
Channel Island Leprosarium and Reefs
Charlotte Waters Telegraph Station ruins
Christ Church Cathedral Heritage Precinct
Commonwealth Bank
Connellan Hangar
Courthouse Building, Alice Springs (Old)
CWA/Red Cross Shop
CWA Rooms, Alice Springs (Former)
Cypress Pine Overland Telegraph Poles

Daly River Coppermine and Graves
Daly Waters Aviation Complex
Darwin Cenotaph
Darwin Botanic Gardens
Driffield Mine Site
Drovers Rest Boab Precinct

East Point Fortifications
Elsey Memorial Cemetery
Emungalan Cemetery
Escape Cliffs
Ewaninga Conservation Reserve

Fannie Bay Gaol
Fenton Airfield
Former Reserve Bank
Flying Fox, Daly Waters
Francis Bay Explosives Complex
Frog Hollow

Gardens Road Cemetery
Gilbert Well
Government Battery and Cyanide Works, Arltunga
Government House
Gregory’s Tree
Grove Hill Hotel

Hamilton Downs Station (Old)
Hartley Street School (Old)
Harts Range Mica Mining Complex
Heavitree Gap Police Station Historic Reserve
Heenan Building
Henbury Meteorites Conservation Reserve
Hermannsburg Cemetery (Old)
Hermannsburg Historic Village
Higgins Theatre
Hore’s Homestead

Illamurta Springs Conservation Reserve
Jasper Gorge

**John Flynn Memorial Church, Alice Springs**
John Flynn’s Grave Historical Reserve

Kaporilja Springs
Katherine Overland Telegraph Pylons
Katherine Railway Precinct
Kelat
Kintore Caves Nature Reserve
Knott’s Crossing
Kohinoor Adit
Koolendong Waterhole Boabs

Lot 5601 Town of Darwin (Qantas Hangar)
Lots 7733-7736 Town of Alice Springs (Railway Cottages)
Lutheran Church (Old)
Lyons Cottage - B.A.T House

MacClark (*Acacia peuce*) Conservation Reserve
McLachlan’s Tree
Methodist Manse (Former)
Milingimbi Mud Brick Houses
Mt Riddock Cemetery
Mt Riddock Homestead (Old)
Munmarlary Homestead
Murranji Track
Myilly Point Precinct

Naval Oil Tunnels (No.s 5 & 6)
Navy Victualling Yards
N’Dhala Gorge Nature Park
Neutral Junction Homestead (Old)
Newcastle Waters Township
Noltenius Billabong and Grave
9 Aust. Advanced Ordnance Depot

Observation Post, Sandy Creek
O’Keeffe House
Old Admiralty House
Old Andado Station

**Old MacDonald Downs Homestead**
Old Owen Springs Homestead Complex
Original Glen Helen Homestead Ruins

Palmerston Cemetery
Peel’s Well
Pine Creek Bakery
Pine Creek Butchery (Old)
Pine Creek Post and Office Repeater Station
Pine Creek Railway Precinct
**Pioneer Drive-In, Alice Springs**
Playford Club Hotel (Old)
Powell Creek Telegraph Station

Quarantine Anti-Aircraft Battery Site

RAAF Explosives Storage Area (Former)
Repeater Station Alice Springs (Former)
Roper River Overland Telegraph Construction Depot
Ross River Homestead
Rumbalara Ochre Mine
Rum Jungle Mine Manager's House
Ryan Well Reserve

**St Barbara’s Church, Batchelor**

**Seven Mile Aerodrome, Alice Springs**
Silver Bullets (old Timber Creek School)
Smith Point Beacon
Snake Creek Armament Depot
Springhill Battery
Springvale Homestead Complex
SS *Ellengowan*
State Square Banyan Tree
Steam Pump House

**Stella Maris Hostel**
Stone Hut (Old)
Strauss Airstrip
Stuart Memorial Cemetery
Stuart Town Gaol
17 Shepherd Street

Tennant Creek Hospital Outpatients Department
Tennant Creek Telegraph Station
The Residency, Alice Springs
Timber Creek Police Station Precinct

**Totem Theatre, Alice Springs**
Town Hall Ruins
Townsite of Southport
Tree of Knowledge
Tunck’s Store (Former)
Twelve Mile Chinatown (Settlement and Battery)

Uniya Station

Victoria Settlement Historical Reserve

Well (48 Bath Street, Alice Springs)
Westpac Bank

**Wimmera Home, VRD**
Winnecke Goldfields ‘Cemetery’
Wishart Siding and Fettler’s Mess
World War II RAAF Ops Room
World War II Shipwrecks
Wreck of the Young Australian