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- 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.

Policy and Strategy

- A Bill has been tabled in the Legislative Assembly for a new Heritage Act for the Northern Territory.

Mastertons Cave and Garden
McLachlan’s Tree
Methodist Manse (Former)
Milingimbi Mud Brick Houses
Milkwood Tree corner Woods and Foelsche Street
Mt Riddock Cemetery
Mt Riddock Homestead (Old)
Munmarlary Homestead
Murranj Track
Myilly Point Precinct
Myrtle Villa Date Palm

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
Olive Pink Botanic Parks
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
Pitchi Richi Sanctuary
Playford Club Hotel (Old)
Powell Creek Telegraph Station
Puritjarra Rock Shelter

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
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.

*Dr Brian Reid - Chairman*

Dr Reid has qualifications in both medicine and history. He is a member of the Professional Historians’ Association, and is President of the Historical Society of the Northern Territory. He was appointed as Chairman in May 2007.

*Mrs 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.

*Mr Peter Madden*

*Nominee of the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority*

Peter is a Researcher/Anthropologist at the AAPA in Alice Springs, where he has worked for four years. Before joining the AAPA Peter worked for some years in the fields of Native Title and archaeological cultural heritage management. Peter was appointed to Council in February 2011

*Mr Greg Coleman*

*Nominee of the Director*

Greg is Director of Sports Development with the Department of Natural Resources, Environment, the Arts and Sport. He is a former Director of NT Archives Service, and has had a long involvement in the information management industry, representing the Territory Government at a range of historical and heritage related forums. He has been a member since June 2008.

*Mr 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.
Mr Allan Garraway

Allan has a background in accounting and commerce. He has a particular interest in appropriate development in the Darwin CBD. He was appointed to Council in November 2006.

Dr Mickey Dewar

Dr Dewar is a freelance consultant with nearly 30 years experience working Northern Territory history. She has won awards for her writing including publications on Territory literature, heritage, museums and social history. She has been a member since June 2008.

Dr Samantha Wells

Dr Wells is a freelance historical consultant with over 20 years experience in various aspects of Northern Territory history including colonial race relations. Aboriginal land rights and native title. Sam has been a member of Council since July 2010.

Ms Christine Tarbett-Buckley
Nominee of the Museums and Art Galleries Board

Christine has a background in archaeology and professional experience in heritage assessments, research, excavation, survey and project management. Christine has holds post-graduate qualifications in Museums Studies and a Masters of Cultural Heritage with a research focus on the Northern Territory. Christine has been a member of Council since December 2010.

Butterfly Gorge
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
Christ the King Church and Sidney Williams Hut
Climbing Dune, Jessie Gap Locality
Commonwealth Bank
Connellan Hangar
Courthouse Building, Alice Springs (Old)
Crash Site of B-24D Liberator Nothing Sacred
CWA/Red Cross Shop
CWA Rooms, Alice Springs (Former)
Cypress Pine Overland Telegraph Poles
C47 plane wreck A65-115 in Fannie Bay

Daly River Coppermine and Graves
Daly Waters Aviation Complex
Darwin Cenotaph
Darwin Botanic Gardens
Defence 17 ½ Mile Camp, Lambrick Avenue, Palmerston
Djirurri Rock Shelter, Arnhem Land
Driffield Mine Site
Drovers Rest Boab Precinct

East Point Fortifications
88 Mile Burrell Creek WWII Chemical Warfare Storage and Maintenance Depot and Camp Site
Eldo Rocket Shelters
Elsey Memorial Cemetery
Emungalan Cemetery
Emungalan Wheel Rim Shrinkage Pit
Escape Cliffs
Ewaninga Conservation Reserve

Fannie Bay Gaol
Fenton Airfield
Fergusson River Railway Bridge and Boiler
Former Reserve Bank
Flying Fox, Daly Waters
Flynn’s Farm
Fogg Dam
Fort Wellington, Cobourg Peninsula
Francis Bay Explosives Complex
Frew Ponds Overland Telegraph Line Memorial Reserve
Appendix 4.
Declared heritage places and objects as of 30 June 2011

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 General Cemetery
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
Anthony Lagoon – Davey Paxman Steam Engine; 1906 and 1945 Cattle Dip; Police Tracker's Quarters and Gaol
Anzac Hill Memorial
Araluen Homestead Precinct
Avon Downs Homestead
Banka Banka mudbrick homestead
Bamboo Creek Tin Mine
Barrow Creek Hotel
Barrow Creek Telegraph Station
Batchelor Primary School (former)
Beatrice Hill Well and Stone Wall fences
Betty Bomber, Cox Peninsula
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
Brocks Creek Cemetery
Brock's Creek Chinatown and Temple Site
Brock's Creek Township, Railway Siding and Military Detention Barracks
Brown's Mart
Bullita Station Homestead Precinct and Stockyard
Bullock Creek Fossil Site
Burrundie Explosives Magazine

Meetings

Council is required under the terms of the Heritage Conservation Act to meet at least four times per year. Council met four times in the 2010-11 financial year: 9-10 September 2010; 3 December 2010; 11 March 2011; and 3 June 2011.

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

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 **three** nominations received during the last year, as follows:

- Various WWII Buildings at Darwin Show Grounds
- Fergusson River Overland Telegraph Line Pylons
- John Milner’s Grave at Attack Creek.

Council accepted all of the above nominations. It also nominated of its own volition the WWII Bomb Crater, McMinn Street, Darwin.

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**Appendix 3. The nomination and assessment process for places and objects nominated to the NT Heritage Register.**

![Diagram of the nomination and assessment process](image)

Figure 1. Simple flow diagram of the nomination and assessment process.
(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.

Assessments

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

- North Australia Railway Corridor at ‘The Narrows’, Darwin
- Former Finke School
- Old Finke Police Station
- Former Finke Post Office & Repeater Station
- Lolly Houses, Yuendumu
- Finke Railway Precinct & Railway Bores
- Larrimah Telephone Repeater Station
- Wildman River Catchment
- Chapman House, Alice Springs
- Ida Standley Preschool, Alice Springs
- Southport Cemetery
- Bunkers, Lee Point Road, Darwin
- Macassan Well, Milingimbi
- WWII Bomb Crater, McMinn Street, Darwin
- 8 Hingston Street, Parap
- Corridors of Native Vegetation, Noonamah
- Fergusson River Overland Telegraph Line Pylons
- RAAF Receiving Building, Lee Point Road, Darwin
- Tropical A Precut House (Formerly 82 Woods Street)
- Railway Trestle Bridge and NAR corridor, north of Katherine River
- Mecca Date Farm, Alice Springs
- Former Wallis Fogarty Store, Alice Springs

Declared heritage places and objects

Eight places were gazetted as heritage places in 2010-11:

- WWII Gorrie Airfield, Larrimah
- Fort Wellington, Cobourg Peninsula
- Maranboy Mining Precinct, south of Katherine
- 88 Mile Burrell Creek WWII Chemical Warfare Storage and Maintenance Depot and Camp Site
- Djirurri Rock Shelter, Arnhem Land
- WWII Larrimah Telephone Repeater Station and Powerhouse
- Bullita Station Homestead Precinct and Stockyard, Gregory National Park
- WWII Coomalie Airstrip
Placed not declared

Under the terms of the Heritage Conservation Act, 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 places as heritage places during 2010-11.

Places revoked

On 10 May 2011, the Minister decided to revoke the declaration of the Pioneer Drive-In, Alice Springs.

Interim Conservation Orders

The Minister declared further interim conservation orders over the wreck of 'Catalina Six' on 8 October 2010, 3 December 2010; 3 March 2011; and 19 May 2011.

The state of the Register

Since the commencement of the Heritage Conservation Act in 1991 to the 30th June 2011 a total of 560 places and objects were nominated to the Northern Territory Heritage Register (NTHR). Of these, 469 have been assessed. A total of 248 places and objects have been declared as heritage places and objects.

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;
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Section 29 consents (Archaeological permits)

Under the provisions of Sections 29 and 39 of the Heritage Conservation Act, 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 eight applications to undertake works on archaeological sites were considered by the Heritage Branch, and permission granted to disturb, as indicated in Table 1.

In some cases the decision to disturb was made at Heritage Officer level, after Council agreed to a more streamlined approach that allows Heritage Officers appointed under the Heritage Conservation Act who are also qualified archaeologists to use their powers under s51 of the Act in relation to archaeological places that consist of only a small number of isolated artefacts, or sites of low archaeological significance.
Table 1. Summary of S29 consents issued during 2010-11.

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<th>Proposal</th>
<th>Decision Date</th>
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<tr>
<td>Jamie Gerrard – Territory Resources; disturb four stone artefact scatters</td>
<td>1 Sep 2010*</td>
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<td>and twenty-six isolated stone artefacts within the Helene 6/7 pit and</td>
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<td>the Jasmine Central pit, Frances Creek Iron Ore mine</td>
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<td>Jamie Gerrard – Territory Resources; disturb a single stone artefact</td>
<td>3 Dec 2010</td>
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<td>scatter at two different locations, Frances Creek Iron Ore Mine</td>
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<td>Jamie Gerrard - Territory Resources; disturb eight stone artefact</td>
<td>7 Oct 2010*</td>
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<td>scatters and twenty-one isolated stone artefacts, Frances Creek Iron</td>
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<td>ore mine, McCarthy Hill Joint Venture project</td>
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<td>Phill Piper - Department of Lands and Planning; disturb ten isolated</td>
<td>3 March 2011*</td>
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<td>stone artefacts within the proposed Kilgariff Residential Development in Alice Springs.</td>
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<td>Tracey Billot - Rio Tinto Alcan Gove; disturb small shell midden within Alcan Gove bauxite lease</td>
<td>31 March 2011*</td>
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<td>Tracey Billot - Rio Tinto Alcan Gove; disturb one stone artefact within Alcan Gove bauxite lease</td>
<td>20 Jan 2011*</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wayne Gaskon – Parks and Wildlife, NRETAS; disturb one stone artefact</td>
<td>27 Jan 2011*</td>
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<td>scatter within Chambers Pillar Historic Reserve</td>
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<td>Richard Woolfe – EarthSea Pty Ltd for DCI; disturb two isolated stone</td>
<td>29 June 2011*</td>
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<td>artefacts, Fog Bay Rd</td>
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* s51 decision

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.

In the last financial year thirteen 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 2.

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;
Policy and Strategy

Review of the Northern Territory Heritage Conservation Act

A Bill has been tabled in the Legislative Assembly for a new Heritage Act for the Northern Territory. Council made an extensive submission to the 'exposure draft' released in 2010, and will be commenting on the final draft Bill.

Annual National Heritage Chairs and Officials Meeting

Mr Michael Wells, Director of the Heritage Branch, and the Chairman of Council, Dr Brian Reid, attended the Annual National Heritage Chairs and Officials Meeting in Alice Springs, on 21 and 22 February 2011. Dr Reid chaired the meeting.

Several items on the agenda related to the ongoing Cooperative National Heritage Agenda, including papers on Heritage and Sustainability, Professional and Trade Training, and Heritage and Climate Change.

Table 2. Summary of S39K decisions made by the Minister or Minister’s Delegate during 2010-11.

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<th>Place/object</th>
<th>Nature of proposed work</th>
<th>Decision date</th>
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<td>Christchurch Cathedral</td>
<td>Roof extension, internal repairs</td>
<td>22 Sep 2010</td>
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<tr>
<td>The Qantas/Guinea Airways Hangar, Darwin.</td>
<td>Installation of new fire exit doors, emergency exit lighting, and new fire hydrant.</td>
<td>4 Oct 2010</td>
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<td>Victoria Settlement, Cobourg Peninsula.</td>
<td>Ground Penetrating Radar survey of cemetery to establish location of gravens, and an archaeological examination of the large beehive-shaped kiln.</td>
<td>18 Oct 2010</td>
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<td>World War Two Strauss Airfield.</td>
<td>Repairs to airstrip, taxways, roads and the removal of intrusive vegetation within aircraft inserts, the railway siding and stores site.</td>
<td>22 Dec 2010</td>
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<td>Gardens Rd Cemetery</td>
<td>New fencing</td>
<td>8 Feb 2011</td>
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<td>17 ½ Mile World War Two Defence Site, Darwin.</td>
<td>Installation of pathways and walking trails to improve visitor access.</td>
<td>4 Apr 2011</td>
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<td>Royal Flying Doctor Service Visitor Centre, Alice Springs.</td>
<td>Remove hedge and fence and replace.</td>
<td>4 Apr 2011</td>
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<td>Alice Springs Heritage Precinct.</td>
<td>New lighting to Stuart Park and laneway between Hartley and Bath Streets.</td>
<td>4 Apr 2011</td>
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<td>Owen Springs Homestead, Alice Springs.</td>
<td>Undertake conservation works to stabilise stone walls.</td>
<td>20 Apr 2011</td>
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<td>Tennant Creek Telegraph Station</td>
<td>Undertake conservation works to the buildings stone walls and re-lime wash.</td>
<td>20 Apr 2011</td>
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<td>Alice Springs Gaol.</td>
<td>Utilise part of gaol as car park on a temporary basis.</td>
<td>29 Apr 2011</td>
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<td>Old Mt Riddock Homestead</td>
<td>Dismantle building with intent to reconstruct</td>
<td>4 May 2011</td>
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<td>East Point Military Museum</td>
<td>New Defence of Darwin Museu</td>
<td>7 Jun 2011</td>
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Advice on development proposals

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

**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 2010-11 round are listed in Table 3, including projects that were not originally recommended by Council, but were subsequently approved by the Minister. A total of 20 projects were funded to a value of $242,660.

### Table 3. Successful applicants and projects in the 2010-11 round of NTHGP.

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<th>Recipient</th>
<th>Project</th>
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<td>Alice Springs Youth Centre</td>
<td>Restoration and Conservation of the Higgins Theatre</td>
<td>$ 40,000</td>
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<td>CentreCorp (Central Aboriginal Charitable Trust)</td>
<td>Construction and installation of double doors to the rear verandah at 82 Hartley Street Alice Springs</td>
<td>$ 3,720</td>
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<td>Christ Church Cathedral</td>
<td>Assist with the Christ Church Cathedral Restoration</td>
<td>$ 39,470</td>
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<td>Darwin City Council</td>
<td>Gardens Road Cemetery Site Restoration</td>
<td>$ 30,000</td>
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<td>Darwin Festival Association Incorporated</td>
<td>Production of <em>The Tent</em></td>
<td>$ 4,500</td>
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<td>Engineers Australia Northern Division</td>
<td>Plaque for the “Young Australian” - Roper River</td>
<td>$ 5,000</td>
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<td>Friends of East Point</td>
<td>Ludmilla Salt Pans - Then and Now (interpretative signage)</td>
<td>$ 2,650</td>
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<td>Friends of the North Australia Railway Inc</td>
<td>Restoration work and signage at the Narrows Railway Bridge</td>
<td>$ 1,500</td>
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<td>Genealogical Society of the Northern Territory Inc</td>
<td>Southport Cemetery Marker</td>
<td>$ 3,000</td>
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<td>Megg Kelham</td>
<td>&quot;For Love and Punishment&quot; Heritage Site History Talk</td>
<td>$ 5,000</td>
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<td>Richard Luxton</td>
<td>Conservation of Coomalie Airstrip</td>
<td>$ 8,000</td>
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<td>Richard Luxton</td>
<td>Re-roof Sidney Williams Hut Camp 118 at 28 Westralia Street Stuart Park</td>
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**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 2010-11 round are listed in Table 3, including projects that were not originally recommended by Council, but were subsequently approved by the Minister. A total of 20 projects were funded to a value of **$242,660**.

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<td>Centrecorp (Central Aboriginal Charitable Trust)</td>
<td>Construction and installation of double doors to the rear verandah at 82 Hartley Street Alice Springs</td>
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<td>Christ Church Cathedral</td>
<td>Assist with the Christ Church Cathedral Restoration</td>
<td>$ 39,470</td>
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<td>Darwin City Council</td>
<td>Gardens Road Cemetery Site Restoration</td>
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<td>Production of &quot;The Tent&quot;</td>
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<td>Engineers Australia Northern Division</td>
<td>Plaque for the &quot;Young Australian&quot; - Roper River</td>
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<td>Ludmilla Salt Pans - Then and Now (interpretative Signage)</td>
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<td>Conservation of Coomalie Airstrip</td>
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Policy and Strategy

Review of the Northern Territory Heritage Conservation Act

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Annual National Heritage Chairs and Officials Meeting

Mr Michael Wells, Director of the Heritage Branch, and the Chairman of Council, Dr Brian Reid, attended the Annual National Heritage Chairs and Officials Meeting in Alice Springs, on 21 and 22 February 2011. Dr Reid chaired the meeting.

Several items on the agenda related to the ongoing Cooperative National Heritage Agenda, including papers on Heritage and Sustainability, Professional and Trade Training, and Heritage and Climate Change.

Advice on development proposals

The Heritage Conservation Act 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 revoked, or whether it is kept, which includes a list of all declared heritage places. Council would now very much like to see the declaration of Fort Wellington, which represents the fifth and first successful attempt at settlement.

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<td>Christchurch Cathedral</td>
<td>Roof extension, internal repairs</td>
<td>22 Sep 2010</td>
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<td>The Qantas/Guinea Airways Hangar, Darwin.</td>
<td>Installation of new fire exit doors, emergency exit lighting, and new fire hydrant.</td>
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<td>Victoria Settlement. Cobourg Peninsula.</td>
<td>Ground Penetrating Radar survey of cemetery to establish location of graves, and an archaeological examination of the large beehive-shaped kiln.</td>
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<td>World War Two Strauss Airfield.</td>
<td>Repairs to airstrip, taxiways, roads and the removal of intrusive vegetation within aircraft inserts, the railway siding and stores site.</td>
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<td>Gardens Rd Cemetery</td>
<td>New fencing</td>
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<td>17 ½ Mile World War Two Defence Site, Darwin.</td>
<td>Installation of pathways and walking trails to improve visitor access.</td>
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<td>Remove hedge and fence and replace.</td>
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<td>New lighting to Stuart Park and laneway between Hartley and Bath Streets.</td>
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<td>Owen Springs Homestead, Alice Springs.</td>
<td>Undertake conservation works to stabilise stone walls.</td>
<td>20 Apr 2011</td>
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<td>Tennant Creek Telegraph Station.</td>
<td>Undertake conservation works to the buildings stone walls and re-lime wash.</td>
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<td>Alice Springs Gaol.</td>
<td>Utilise part of gaol as car park on a temporary basis.</td>
<td>29 Apr 2011</td>
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<td>Old Mt Riddock Homestead</td>
<td>Dismantle building with intent to reconstruct</td>
<td>4 May 2011</td>
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<td>East Point Military Museum</td>
<td>New Defence of Darwin Museum</td>
<td>7 Jun 2011</td>
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<td>Jamie Gerrard - Territory Resources; disturb a single stone artefact scatter at two different locations, Frances Creek Iron Ore Mine</td>
<td>3 Dec 2010</td>
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<td>Jamie Gerrard - Territory Resources; disturb eight stone artefact scatters and twenty-one isolated stone artefacts, Frances Creek Iron Ore mine, McCarthy Hill Joint Venture project</td>
<td>7 Oct 2010*</td>
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<td>Phill Piper - Department of Lands and Planning; disturb ten isolated stone artefacts within the proposed Kilgariff Residential Development in Alice Springs.</td>
<td>3 March 2011*</td>
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<td>Tracey Billot - Rio Tinto Alcan Gove; disturb small shell midden within Alcan Gove bauxite lease</td>
<td>31 March 2011*</td>
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<td>Tracey Billot - Rio Tinto Alcan Gove; disturb one stone artefact within Alcan Gove bauxite lease</td>
<td>20 Jan 2011*</td>
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<td>Wayne Gaskon – Parks and Wildlife, NRETAS; disturb one stone artefact scatter within Chambers Pillar Historic Reserve</td>
<td>27 Jan 2011*</td>
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<td>Richard Woolfe – EarthSea Pty Ltd for DCI; disturb two isolated stone artefacts, Fog Bay Rd</td>
<td>29 June 2011*</td>
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* s51 decision

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.

In the last financial year thirteen 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 2.

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;
Message from the Chairman

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I was also very pleased with the listing of the Djirurri rock shelter. This stunning site, notable for its extensive and detailed contact art, was nominated by its Arnhem Land Traditional Owners. This site is of national significance, and we hope other special Aboriginal heritage sites will follow.

On a less positive note, Council was disappointed at the decision to revoke the declaration of the Pioneer Drive-In site in Alice Springs, and believes that this sets an unfortunate precedent.

In February 2011, Alice Springs was the venue for the annual meeting of the Chairs and Officials of Australia and New Zealand. The meeting was a success, but marred by the shocking news of the Christchurch earthquake. My heart goes out to all the people of Christchurch, and I wish them the best in rebuilding their beautiful city.

Finally, I wish to thank departing members of Council Andrew Allan and Sue Bassett, and to welcome new members Peter Madden, Dr Samantha Wells and Christine Tarbett-Buckley.

DR BRIAN REID

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, 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 eight applications to undertake works on archaeological sites were considered by the Heritage Branch, and permission granted to disturb, as indicated in Table 1.

In some cases the decision to disturb was made at Heritage Officer level, after Council agreed to a more streamlined approach that allows Heritage Officers appointed under the Heritage Conservation Act who are also qualified archaeologists to use their powers under s51 of the Act in relation to archaeological places that consist of only a small number of isolated artefacts, or sites of low archaeological significance.
Places not declared

Under the terms of the Heritage Conservation Act, 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 places as heritage places during 2010-11.

Places revoked

On 10 May 2011, the Minister decided to revoke the declaration of the Pioneer Drive-In, Alice Springs.

Interim Conservation Orders

The Minister declared further interim conservation orders over the wreck of 'Catalina Six' on 8 October 2010, 3 December 2010; 3 March 2011; and 19 May 2011.

The state of the Register

Since the commencement of the Heritage Conservation Act in 1991 to the 30th June 2011 a total of 560 places and objects were nominated to the Northern Territory Heritage Register (NTHR). Of these, 469 have been assessed. A total of 248 places and objects have been declared as heritage places and objects.

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.

Assessments

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

- North Australia Railway Corridor at 'The Narrows', Darwin
- Former Finke School
- Old Finke Police Station
- Former Finke Post Office & Repeater Station
- Lolly Houses, Yuendumu
- Finke Railway Precinct & Railway Bores
- Larrimah Telephone Repeater Station
- Wildman River Catchment
- Chapman House, Alice Springs
- Ida Standley Preschool, Alice Springs
- Southport Cemetery
- Bunkers, Lee Point Road, Darwin
- Macassan Well, Milingimbi
- WWII Bomb Crater, McMinn Street, Darwin
- 8 Hingston Street, Parap
- Corridors of Native Vegetation, Noonamah
- Fergusson River Overland Telegraph Line Pylons
- RAAF Receiving Building, Lee Point Road, Darwin
- Tropical A Precut House (Formerly 82 Woods Street)
- Railway Trestle Bridge and NAR corridor, north of Katherine River
- Mecca Date Farm, Alice Springs
- Former Wallis Fogarty Store, Alice Springs

Declared heritage places and objects

**Eight** places were gazetted as heritage places in 2010-11:

- WWII Gorrie Airfield, Larrimah
- Fort Wellington, Cobourg Peninsula
- Maranboy Mining Precinct, south of Katherine
- 88 Mile Burrell Creek WWII Chemical Warfare Storage and Maintenance Depot and Camp Site
- Djirurri Rock Shelter, Arnhem Land
- WWII Larrimah Telephone Repeater Station and Powerhouse
- Bullita Station Homestead Precinct and Stockyard, Gregory National Park
- WWII Coomalie Airstrip
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 three nominations received during the last year, as follows:

- Various WWII Buildings at Darwin Show Grounds
- Fergusson River Overland Telegraph Line Pylons
- John Milner’s Grave at Attack Creek.

Council accepted all of the above nominations. It also nominated of its own volition the WWII Bomb Crater, McMinn Street, Darwin.

Appendix 3. The nomination and assessment process for places and objects nominated to the NT Heritage Register.
Appendix 4.
Declared heritage places and objects as of 30 June 2011

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 General Cemetery
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
Anthony Lagoon – Davey Paxman Steam Engine; 1906 and 1945
  Cattle Dip; Police Tracker’s Quarters and Gaol
Anzac Hill Memorial
Arabuuen Homestead Precinct
Avon Downs Homestead
Banka Banka mudbrick homestead
Bamboo Creek Tin Mine
Barrow Creek Hotel
Barrow Creek Telegraph Station
Batchelor Primary School (former)
Beatrice Hill Well and Stone Wall fences
Betty Bomber, Cox Peninsula
Blyth Homestead
Boab Tree, Cavenagh Street, Darwin
Bonney Well
Bonrook Station (Old)
Bunya
Borroloola Police Station Museum
Bowson Hut
Bradshaw’s Homestead
Bradshaw’s Packhorse Cutting
Brocks Creek Cemetery
Brock’s Creek Chinatown and Temple Site
Brock’s Creek Township, Railway Siding and Military Detention
  Barracks
Brown’s Mart
Bullita Station Homestead Precinct and Stockyard
Bullock Creek Fossil Site
Burrundie Explosives Magazine

Meetings

Council is required under the terms of the Heritage Conservation Act to meet at least four times per year. Council met four times in the 2010-11 financial year: 9-10 September 2010; 3 December 2010; 11 March 2011; and 3 June 2011.

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

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.
Mr Allan Garraway

Allan has a background in accounting and commerce. He has a particular interest in appropriate development in the Darwin CBD. He was appointed to Council in November 2006.

Dr Mickey Dewar

Dr Dewar is a freelance consultant with nearly 30 years experience working Northern Territory history. She has won awards for her writing including publications on Territory literature, heritage, museums and social history. She has been a member since June 2008.

Dr Samantha Wells

Dr Wells is a freelance historical consultant with over 20 years experience in various aspects of Northern Territory history including colonial race relations. Aboriginal land rights and native title. Sam has been a member of Council since July 2010.

Ms Christine Tarbett-Buckley

Nominee of the Museums and Art Galleries Board

Christine has a background in archaeology and professional experience in heritage assessments, research, excavation, survey and project management. Christine has holds post-graduate qualifications in Museums Studies and a Masters of Cultural Heritage with a research focus on the Northern Territory. Christine has been a member of Council since December 2010.
Frog Hollow
Gardens Road Cemetery
Ghan’s Bore
Gilbert Well
Government Battery and Cyanide Works, Arltunga
Government House
Gregory’s Tree
Grove Hill Hotel
Gurindji Wave Hill Walk Off Route
Hamilton Downs Station (Old)
Hartley Street School (Old)
Harts Range Mica Mining Complex
Heavitree Gap Police Station Historic Reserve
Heenan Building
Helen Springs Quarry (Kurutiti)
Henbury Meteorites Conservation Reserve
Hermannsburg Cemetery (Old)
Hermannsburg Historic Village
Higgins Theatre
Hope Inlet Archaeological Sites
Hore’s Homestead
Hunter House
Ilamurta 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)
Ludmilla Saltpan
Lutheran Church (Old)
Lyons Cottage - B.A.T House
MacClark (\textit{Acacia peuce}) Conservation Reserve
Manbulloo Airfield and Abattoir
Maranboy Mining Precinct

Council Members

The \textit{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.

\textbf{Dr Brian Reid - Chairman}

Dr Reid has qualifications in both medicine and history. He is a member of the Professional Historians’ Association, and is President of the Historical Society of the Northern Territory. He was appointed as Chairman in May 2007.

\textbf{Ms Elizabeth Close – Deputy Chair}
\textbf{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.

\textbf{Mr Peter Madden}
\textbf{Nominee of the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority}

Peter is a Researcher/Anthropologist at the AAPA in Alice Springs, where he has worked for four years. Before joining the AAPA Peter worked for some years in the fields of Native Title and archaeological cultural heritage management. Peter was appointed to Council in February 2011.

\textbf{Mr Greg Coleman}
\textbf{Nominee of the Director}

Greg is Director of Sports Development with the Department of Natural Resources, Environment, the Arts and Sport. He is a former Director of NT Archives Service, and has had a long involvement in the information management industry, representing the Territory Government at a range of historical and heritage related forums. He has been a member since June 2008.

\textbf{Mr 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.
Achievements 2010-11

Assessment and Declaration

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- **Eight** places were gazetted as heritage places.

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 **20** projects were funded under the 2010-11 NT Heritage Grants Program to a value of **$242,660**.
- 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.

Policy and Strategy

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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
Sue Wah Chin Building
17 Shepherd Street

Tennant Creek Hospital Outpatients Department
Tennant Creek Telegraph Station
The Residency, Alice Springs
Timber Creek Police Station Precinct
Thorala (Gosse Bluff) Conservation Reserve
Totem Theatre, Alice Springs
Town Hall Ruins
Townsite of Southport
Tree of Knowledge
Tunck’s Store (Former)
Twelve Mile Chinatown (Settlement and Battery)

Ucharonidge Station
Union Camp
Uniya Station

Vestey’s Tank
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