



Conference 2024

Amanda Mulligan and Chessa Stevens

The ICOMOS Aotearoa New Zealand annual general meeting and conference was held in Ōtepoti Dunedin from Friday 18 to Sunday 20 October 2024. Over three glorious spring days we came together for the AGM and a conference on the theme of 'Everyone's Heritage: Celebrating the values of heritage in Aotearoa New Zealand'.

Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga hosted welcome drinks on Friday at their office in Princes Street. The Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage, **Hon Paul Goldsmith**, opened the conference on Saturday morning with a speech followed by a lively question and answer session.



Over Saturday and Sunday, the conference featured a range of interesting topics, speakers and field trips. It was great to hear from heritage

practitioners of all types, particularly from some amazingly skilled craftspeople, against the backdrop of what is (arguably) our country's most heritage-rich and heritage-friendly city, Ōtepoti Dunedin.

Papers brought some complex issues to the fore, including: how we attract and train a new generation of practitioners, how we make our services accessible, and how we ensure the protection of our heritage in a difficult political, economic, seismic, and meteorological environment. But, more importantly, it reinforced the fact that there are like-minded people out there who share in the challenges and the joys of working with heritage and recognise how important it is.

The conference was also an opportunity to go on some enlightening field trips. These included Larnach Castle, a walk around Otago University and having a peek at works-in-progress at Dunedin Prison.

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Thanks must go to the conference sponsors Dulux, Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, New Zealand Heritage Properties and Origin Heritage. Kudos also to the event organisers, **Mary O'Keeffe** and **Susie Farminer** for organising another memorable conference. 🌍

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President's Report



Stacy Vallis, ICOMOS Aotearoa New Zealand President

Kia ora koutou,

It was a pleasure to host our ICOMOS Aotearoa New Zealand Annual Conference and AGM at Toitu Otago Settlers Museum in Ōtepoti Dunedin during 18–20 October. The conference weekend opened with a networking evening at the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga offices where it was fantastic to catch up with members and colleagues working in the heritage sector.

We were delighted to welcome **Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage, the Honourable Paul Goldsmith** to deliver an address at our conference opening on Saturday 19 October. Minister Goldsmith participated in a Q/A session reflecting on various topics, ongoing challenges, and potential solutions arising from the heritage sector. We plan to continue these conversations in the New Year.

Congratulations again to all our conference speakers - the presentations prompted thought-provoking discussions that included heritage trades practices, digitalisation, conservation planning as well as training and accreditation to name a few, all relating to the theme of "Everyone's Heritage".

A big thank-you goes to our outgoing Board Members for your time, enthusiasm, and efforts over

the past few years – we are very grateful to have you on our team and look forward to continuing to work together. We'd also like to express our gratitude to **Amanda Mulligan** for leading our website refresh and launch at the Conference.

Our deepest appreciation to **Susie Farminer** and **Mary O'Keeffe** as the Conference would not have been possible without your tremendous efforts. We are very grateful to our sponsors Heritage New Zealand, New Zealand Heritage Properties Limited, Origin Consultants Limited and Resene for their support.

Please check out our LinkedIn and Instagram posts for photos from a great weekend.

It was wonderful to also welcome **Elizabeth Pishief** (President, Historic Places Aotearoa), **Chris Jennings** (President, New Zealand Archaeological Association), and **Sarah Gallagher** (Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga) to our Conference.

I enjoyed the opportunity to attend the Historic Places Aotearoa Conference in Napier in November and participate in a panel discussion on 'Mitigating Risks: Seismic, Fire, Floods' with **Andrew Marriott** and **Kate Hooper**. We are keen to continue strong collaboration with our partner organisations over 2025 and beyond - please watch this space and check out our website for more details in the coming months.

Continuing the topics of heritage and risk management, **Heike Lutz**, **Amanda Mulligan**, and I had an opportunity to take part in a session titled "What is Heritage?" organised by the Resource Management Law Association (RMLA NZ), Te Kahui Ture Taiao on 14 November. Our thanks go to Heike for initiating this event, where it was valuable to connect with planners, legal professionals, and others to discuss international best practices, local approaches, and the practical implementation of heritage management.

Closing off the year, the International Congress of Culture in Climate Action recently took place between 4–6 December 2024, hosted by the Institute for Sustainable Urban and Territorial Development of the City of La Plata Foundation, Sustainable Heritage Forum, and the Heritage and Climate Change Initiative, Climate Heritage Network. I enjoyed participating in the virtual roundtable discussion, with **Andrew Simpson** (Chair of the International Committee for University Museums and Collections/UMAC ICOM) where I shared a snapshot

of ICOMOS Aotearoa New Zealand's efforts and initiatives focused on the role of cultural heritage in climate action from recent years. More information about the event is available here: <https://www.even3.com.ar/e/congreso-internacional-de-cultura-en-accion-climatica-2024>

As we head into 2025, we are excited to work with our regional Asia-Pacific ICOMOS network to develop a themed webinar session featuring perspectives on heritage impact assessment. Please reach out if you would like to learn more and get involved.

We look forward to developing our national and international outreach, while the work of our Committees and Working Groups continues to support our strategic priorities. Thanks very much to our Committee and Working Group Chairs who have agreed to continue and also those taking up these roles.

Please head to our new website for information about our Committees and Working Groups: <https://icomos.org.nz/committees-and-working-groups/>

Kia Kaha Aotearoa. 🌱



Have Your Say

Resource Management (Consenting and Other System Changes) Amendment Bill

This bill amends the Resource Management Act 1991 to progress Government priorities, including making it easier to consent new infrastructure, encouraging investment in renewable energy, and making medium-density residential standards optional for councils.

ICOMOS Aotearoa New Zealand members may wish to submit on the proposed amendment that affects heritage. This amendment provides for heritage buildings and structures to be listed or delisted using simplified planning processes.

Read the Bill [here](#). 🌐

Save the Chateau Tongariro Hotel petition

Ruapehu District Council Mayor **Weston Kirton's** [Petition](#) to save the Chateau Tongariro Hotel is still active and seeking signatures.

The future of the Chateau Tongariro Hotel hangs in the balance, with negotiations underway and decisions pending from government officials. There is a strong desire from the local community, as well as from people across New Zealand and around the world, to see this iconic building saved. By imploring the Government to act with urgency to save the Chateau, we seek to preserve a treasured piece of our cultural heritage along with the economic prosperity and tourism excellence that it represents.

The closing date for accepting signatures has been extended to **30 April 2025**. 🌐

Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga seeks feedback on Statements of General Policy Review

The Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 requires HNZPT to review its Statements of General Policy at least once every 10 years and a review is now due.

Statements of General Policy guide how legislation – in this case, the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 – is implemented. HNZPT's Statements of General Policy help HNZPT to make decisions and set the standards of performance you can expect from the organisation.

The review is an opportunity to reflect on experiences using HNZPT's existing Statements of General Policy, and to help update policies.

ICOMOS Aotearoa New Zealand members are encouraged to make submissions.

Read more [here](#) to make a submission. There is also the opportunity to register for consultation events and register for upcoming webinars.

Submission deadline is **9 March 2025**. 🌐

From the Board

The AGM of ICOMOS Aotearoa New Zealand was held on 20 October 2024 at Toitu Settlers Museum, Dunedin. The board met after the AGM.

Annual General Meeting

The Chair's report summarised the range of activities undertaken by the board and national committees throughout 2024, including the ongoing engagement with the Heritage Senior Leaders Forum.

The changing landscape of heritage legislation in Aotearoa New Zealand has been very much at the forefront this year. Discussion and a shared submission were undertaken with the Professional Historians' Association of New Zealand/Aotearoa (PHANZA) on the Fast Track Approvals Bill; ICOMOS Aotearoa New Zealand also appeared before the Environment Select Committee to provide feedback, focusing on the potential impacts on our shared cultural heritage.

One of the highlights from this year has been the refresh of the website, which looks fantastic. If you haven't yet had a chance to have a look, do check it out <https://icomos.org.nz/>. Huge thanks are due to **Amanda Mulligan** for spearheading the project.

A number of scholarships have been awarded to Emerging Professionals over recent years, with **Alex Vakhrousheva** receiving the ICOMOS Aotearoa New Zealand Travel Scholarship to contribute towards completing her time at the Longford Academy in 2025.

Committees have focused on strategic priorities for this year and beyond, including our contributions to international advisory committees and working groups.

Stacy Vallis was reappointed as President, and board members were elected for 2025.

ICOMOS Aotearoa New Zealand Board Members, Committees and Working Groups

At the AGM, five nominations for positions on the executive board were received and five board members had indicated prior to the meeting that they would stand again. One new nomination was received.

The duly elected board members for 2025 are:

Board members:	Position
Stacy Vallis	President
Boris Bogdanovic	Vice-President
Rachel Paschoalin	Co-Secretary
Mary O'Keeffe	Co-Secretary
Tim Holmes	Treasurer
Chessa Stevens	
Laura Kellaway	
Susie Farminer	
Xavier Forde	
Ian Bowman	
Renata Jadresin-Milic	
Anna Renton-Green	

Committee:	Chair:
World Heritage	Ian Bowman
Legislation & Policy	Moira Smith
Heritage@Risk	Laura Kellaway
Tautiaki Māori Heritage	Xavier Forde/ Kararaina Teira
Education & Professional Development	Laura Kellaway
Advocacy and Communications	Anna Renton-Green
Membership & Ethics	Ian Bowman

Working group:	Chair:
Emerging professionals	Rachel Paschoalin
Occasional papers	Mary O'Keeffe
Charter best practice	Mary O'Keeffe
AGM 2025	Mary O'Keeffe
Mentorship	Renata Jadresin-Milic
Technical and Materials	Ian Bowman

Please contact the chair of the committee or working group if you are interested in joining or learning more about their work. 🌍

New Board Member and Chair of Advocacy and Communications Committee



New board member **Anna Renton-Green** is an emerging heritage professional working in Heritage Listing for HNZPT. Originally from the United Kingdom, she cultivated her interest in history and heritage by way of a Master's degree in literature, studying in

Stratford-upon-Avon, an area with a fascinating history and very much connected to her research thesis on late 16th century performance spaces.

As a result of her thesis, she developed an enthusiasm for poking about in archives and uncovering random and obscure details about a range of equally random and obscure topics. Combining teaching with a side-gig as a school archivist, she now combines her research skills with a passion for telling the stories of place through the Heritage Listing process – particularly stories involving theatre buildings and performance spaces. She is also interested in widening public understanding of heritage through engagement with unrecorded and alternative histories connected with place.

As an 'older' emerging professional, Anna hopes that by joining the ICOMOS Board she can provide a voice for mid-life career changers entering the heritage sector. 🌱

Resource Management Act

The ICOMOS Aotearoa New Zealand Board continues to monitor proposed changes to the management of heritage under the Resource Management Act reform.

You can read the recently released cabinet paper: *Replacing the Resource Management Act 1991* [here](#).

Member news

Congratulations to Lucy Hayes-Stevenson

Inspiring Explorers Expedition: Ross Sea Antarctica 2025



ICOMOS Aotearoa New Zealand member **Lucy Hayes-Stevenson** from Auckland is one of eight young explorers chosen to join the team heading to the Antarctic with the Antarctic Heritage Trust in January 2025.

Lucy is a heritage architect who specialises in the preservation and adaptation of historic buildings. She and the team will spend a month in the Antarctic following in the footsteps of Antarctic explorers Robert Falcon Scott and Ernest Shackleton.

We wish Lucy all the best for this exciting journey and hope that she will share some of her adventures with us on her return.

Read more about the expedition team [here](#).🌍

Suspension of Enrolments into Heritage Conservation Programmes

Julia Gatley

The University of Auckland Waipapa Taumata Rau is in the process of suspending enrolments into the Master of Heritage Conservation (MHerCons) and the related heritage conservation programmes – MArch(Prof)HerCons, MURbPlan(Prof)HerCons, and PGCertHerCons – taking effect in 2025. Suspending enrolments is the first step towards the deletion of the programmes. At the time of writing, the recommendation to suspend enrolments still awaited its final approvals, but staff have been acting on the basis that it is effectively a decision. It is disappointing for staff who have taught into the programmes since 2016, believe in the importance of heritage processes and conservation, and have done their best to argue for retention.

The Master of Arts remains on offer for those interested in studying museums and cultural heritage and archaeology. The MA in Museums and Cultural Heritage now also becomes the best option for people wanting to complete more than one of the four 15-point postgraduate seminar courses that the School of Architecture and Planning teaches in built heritage.

The four seminar courses will all be taught in 2025. They are:

HERCONS 700, Heritage Processes. This course examines heritage conservation legislation, policy, guidelines and processes. It includes international context as well as New Zealand laws and processes. In recent years it has been taught by **Dr Elizabeth Aitken Rose** and also by **Nicola Short**.

HERCONS 701, Heritage Assessment and Conservation Planning. This course explores the assessment of cultural heritage value and the use and preparation of conservation plans to guide heritage conservation work. Coursework comprises the researching and writing of a conservation plan. I teach this one.

HERCONS 702, Conservation of Materials. This course focuses on the theory and practice of conserving materials commonly found in heritage buildings and

artefacts, including stone, brick, timber, concrete and steel. It is taught by **Dr Phillip Hartley**.

HERCONS 703, Diagnosis and Adaptation. This course investigates existing building fabric, diagnosis of issues impacting upon the state of repair or the level of comfort, and the adaptation of heritage buildings, including strengthening, energy upgrading, reuse and the design of additions and alterations. It is taught by **Robin Byron**.

For study information visit: [Postgraduate study in Museums and Cultural Heritage - The University of Auckland](#)

New members

Welcome to new members:

- Scott Lomas
- Cara Francesco
- Richard Bland
- Tanya Sorrell
- Olga Pavlenko.

Olga Pavlenko



Olga is a skilled architectural graduate with a Bachelor of Architecture from Kazakhstan and a Master of Architecture from Unitec in Auckland.

She joined DPA Architects, a renowned heritage-focused practice based in Devonport, in 2021, bringing valuable experience from her previous work

in New Zealand, where she contributed to a variety of commercial and residential projects. At DPA, Olga plays a key role in all stages of the architectural process, from initial concept design through to construction observation. She particularly enjoyed overseeing the retrofitting of an early 20th-century villa, guiding the project from concept to completion. During this project, Olga ensured that alterations made to the villa in the 1970s were rectified in a more sympathetic way, preserving the historical integrity of the structure while accommodating modern needs.

Olga's passion for built heritage began during her college studies in Kazakhstan, where she travelled to Western Kazakhstan to work on the conservation of a local ancient necropolis.

Eager to expand her knowledge, she furthered her expertise by completing a specialised online course at the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB), focusing on the maintenance and repair of historic structures.

Olga is particularly drawn to the integration of historical research with contemporary architecture and advocates for the sustainable preservation and adaptive reuse of heritage buildings, ensuring their longevity.

Tanya Sorrell



Tanya Sorrell is a past member of ICOMOS who has finally gotten around to re-joining. She describes

herself as a historian and policy nerd who loves maps.

She earned a Master's Degree about 20 years ago from the University of California, Riverside in the study of Public History, including a thesis on the student experience at American Indian boarding schools.

Her career has taken many fascinating directions, including as a costumed heritage interpreter, a consultant architectural historian, a nonprofit administrator, manager, and public servant.

Tanya arrived in New Zealand in 2012 and was immediately drawn into the development of Auckland Council's first Unitary Plan. As the excitement of the Unitary Plan died down, Tanya decided to shift to the Ministry for the Environment, where another 'once in a generation' opportunity was taking off with reform of the entire Resource Management system. Alas, we know how that ended, but at least it was massively educational.

In 2024, Tanya moved once again into consulting, working on planning and policy for Mahea, a boutique Māori-owned consultancy focused on work that supports hapū/iwi/Māori to look after their interests and to protect taonga and taiao. Still plenty of heritage to think about in this space.

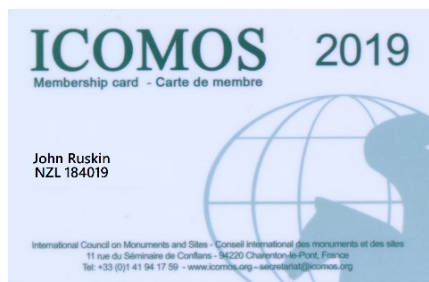
When not consumed with the world of work, Tanya hangs out with her husband and two sons in her home at Te Hau Kapua in Devonport, cultivating tomatillos on the ruined slope of Takāraro and gazing out at Rangitoto.

Membership cards

Paid-up members for 2024-25 should have received their cards in the post.

Did you know that being an ICOMOS member grants you a free access to numerous historic sites, historic monuments and museums all over the world?

To find out what sites/monuments/museums are accessible in a specific country, or to download your digital card visit www.icomos.org.



Upcoming Events

Aotearoa New Zealand

Te Kōkiringa Taumata New Zealand Planning Institute | Waihōpai Invercargill | 26 – 28 March 2025

Weather the Change: Shaping a Stronger Future for Aotearoa New Zealand Together! We'll look at how we can plan to weather the multitude of changes the profession is facing and turn them into opportunities that will result in better outcomes and a stronger future for Aotearoa New Zealand. The Conference programme will focus on the need for resilience, innovation and resourcefulness across four main topics:

- Creating Resilient Natural & Rural Environments
- Reimagining and Enhancing Regional Built Environments
- Strengthening Relationships in a New Digital Era
- Being Resilient in the Face of RM Reform 2.0.

Conference website: [Programme : New Zealand Planning Institute](#)

Further afield/online

ICAHM 2025 Conference | San Pedro de Atacama Chile | 12-16 May 2025

The 2025 ICAHM Annual Meeting will be held at the cultural town of San Pedro de Atacama, Chile. The scientific committee invites the submission of abstracts (100 to 300 words) by 10 January 2025. For further information and to submit your abstract please visit: <https://www.icahm2025.com/>

Getty International Course on the Conservation of Earthen Architecture | Al Ain, UAE | 25 January – 23 February 2025

Applications are open for the [International Course on the Conservation of Earthen Architecture \(EAC25\)](#).

The third iteration of this month-long course is in the World Heritage city of Al Ain, UAE, and in Nizwa,

Oman. The course is organised by the Getty Conservation Institute in partnership with the Department of Culture and Tourism–Abu Dhabi and the Oman Ministry of Heritage and Tourism.

London Heritages 2025 | United Kingdom | 25-27 June 2025

Using the World Heritage Site of Maritime Greenwich as a point of departure, this conference seeks to explore the critical questions for the heritage sector today from various disciplinary perspectives.

Abstracts (Round 2) are due 10 April 2025. See the conference website for details: <https://amps-research.com/conference/london-heritages/>

SAHC 2025 | Switzerland | 15-17 September 2025

The 14th International Conference on Structural Analysis of Historical Constructions (SAHC 2025) will take place 15-17 September 2025, in Lausanne, Switzerland. For more information regarding the conference topics and special sessions organised by the Scientific Committee, visit the [conference website](#).

Publications

PlaceEconomics: the YIMBY Movement

Read the whitepaper response to the YIMBY movement. YIMBYs advocate for deregulation and a developer-driven approach to the creation of affordable housing. This evidence-based response to an approach that targets heritage resonates with similar YIMBY arguments emerging in New Zealand. <https://www.placeeconomics.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/YIMBY-White-Paper-1.pdf>

Voice of heritage

Historic Places Aotearoa's newsletter for December 2024:

<https://www.historicplacesaotearoa.nz/images/newsletters/hpanewsletterdec24.pdf>

ICOMOS Australia Email News - November 2024

[Australia ICOMOS E-Mail News No. 1093 | Australia ICOMOS](#)

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The deadline for content for the next issue of the newsletter is **7 March 2025**.

Job opportunities

Artefact Programme Coordinator

(2 year fixed-term), Antarctic Heritage Trust
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RMA Planner

Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga
More information: [Careers | Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga](#)



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