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1) Australian Government heritage positions



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Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts





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Historic Heritage North Section

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Reference: 1420- Salary range \$64,156 – \$72,587

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Reference: 1093- Salary range \$58,713 – \$62,285

The Australian Government provides national and international leadership in the establishment and protection of Australia's world and national heritage. Two positions are available within the Historic Heritage Branch.

The successful applicants will be required to perform a range of duties including preparing technical and policy advice for the Minister and the Australian Heritage Council on the assessment and management of historic heritage places; providing advice on the nomination and assessment of places for the National, Commonwealth and World Heritage Lists; and liaising with key stakeholders on historic heritage matters. Successful candidates will have an ability to assess the heritage significance of heritage places, provide advice on management issues, provide technical and policy advice on heritage matters, negotiate in complex stakeholder environments and effectively engage with a wide range of people.

Selection documentation: Jenny Arnold, 6274 2104, Jennifer.arnold@environment.gov.au or via the Internet at <http://www.environment.gov.au/about/jobs/opportunities/index.html>

Further information about the position: Lisa DeSantis, 6274 2127 or Margaret Hammond, 6274 2596

All applications must be received by COB Monday 20 April 2009

Please note: To be eligible for employment with the Department, applicants must be Australian citizens.
A merit list may be used to fill positions over the next 12 months.
All positions based in Canberra unless otherwise stated.
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Additional Information about the Department may be accessed via the internet address:
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2) Reform of Freedom of Commonwealth information law

Senator Faulkner MP, Special Minister of State, announced on 24 March 2009 that the Australian government proposes to reform the Freedom of Information laws.

The announcement was placed on the ABC site:

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/03/24/2524654.htm?section=justin>

The draft exposure bills are available at:

http://www.pmc.gov.au/consultation/foi_reform/index.cfm

Submissions may be made. The closing date is 15 May 2009. Late submissions might not be considered. Details on making a submission are available at the [submissions page](#).

(Source: aus-archivists-bounces@archivists.org.au – 24 March 2009)

3) Northern Territory history grants

The Northern Territory Archives Service has announced that applications for the 2009 Northern Territory History Grants have opened.

Northern Territory History Grants were established by the Northern Territory Government to commemorate the attainment of self-government on 1 July 1978.

The Northern Territory Government is providing \$50 000 for the 2009 grant program, which aims to encourage and support original research about the Territory's history.

Since 1995 more than \$500 000 has been provided to historical research for radio programs, journal articles, published, unpublished and self published works, oral history interviewing, website production and research for producing videos and films. The Northern Territory has a fascinating and relatively unexplored history – the pattern of settlement was vastly different to the rest of Australia – European settlement occurred in the late 19th century and Aboriginal history extends for thousands of years beyond that. The NT History Grants offer an opportunity to help uncover more of its hidden treasures and secrets. Individuals, societies or community groups from across Australia can apply for single grants ranging from \$500 to \$7000.

Criteria for assessment includes:

- a demonstrated uniqueness of the project,
- provision of achievable project plan,
- identification of funding requested based on a realistic budget; and
- a proposal of how the result of the research will be disseminated.

In 2008 seven recipients from the Northern Territory and nine recipients from interstate shared a \$50 000 grant from the Northern Territory Government towards their research on the Territory.

Applications close on Friday 1 May 2009. For more information phone the Northern Territory Archives Service on 8924 7677 or go to <http://www.nt.gov.au/nreta/ntas/grants/>

(Source: Aus-archivists@archivists.org.au – 26 March 2009)

4) National Heritage Advisory Services Handbook

A National Heritage Advisory Services Handbook has been produced by the Victorian government to assist Councils to manage and conserve heritage places. It is available online at www.heritage.vic.gov.au. It includes the concept of Councils appointing a heritage expert to provide advice on all aspects including maintenance and repairs and development applications.

(Source: *Sydney Morning Herald* 24 march 2009 p.25)

4) Rediscovering Victoria – centenary Conference Royal Historical Society of Victoria

Saturday, 2 May 2009

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members and non members. Everyone welcome**

Link to RHSV Centenary Conference flyer

<http://www.historyvictoria.org.au/pdf/conference.pdf>

(Source: Royal Historical Society of Victoria – 1 April 2009)