



Ruth Redden

Architect and Heritage Consultant

Ruth is a registered architect with experience in architectural design, building conservation, documentation, administering contracts, project management and research. She has been involved with repair and conservation work and in providing heritage advice to private clients and government organisations for nearly 15 years. Ruth's heritage planning experience is drawn from various roles as heritage advisor to a number of local government planning departments. She is adept in producing Heritage Impact Statements, Conservation Management Plans and Conservation Works Reports. As an architect, Ruth is skilled at developing creative design solutions for historic sites and has extensive technical training in preserving traditional materials.

Ruth is an alternate member of the Heritage Council of Victoria, an independent statutory body that legally protects historic places and advises the state government and others on how to conserve and protect historically important objects and places. She is Chair of the Heritage Council Local Government Specialist Committee, and has assisted the Heritage Council with heritage and climate change related projects.

Ruth is a former PhD Candidate of Melbourne University, and continues to actively research in the area of 'heritage and sustainability'. She is a current and past recipient of two fellowships from the International Specialised Skills Institute and has recently completed the Passive House Design and Construction course and Passive House EnerPhit short course. Ruth's professional work and research is fundamentally underpinned by the values and objectives of UNESCO's Sustainable Development Goals.

Qualifications

Registered Architect, Victoria (18147)

Master of Architecture, Melbourne University

Bachelor of Design (Architecture) with distinction, Deakin University

Experience

Local Government

- Heritage Planning Advice—Client: Banyule City Council, 2022 – current.
- Heritage Planning Advice—Client: Boroondara City Council (for Extent), 2022 – current.
- Heritage Planning Advice—Client: Maribyrnong City Council, 2012–current.
- Heritage project management for numerous projects—Client: City of Yarra, 2020.
- Heritage Planning Advice—Client: City of Yarra (for Diahnn McIntosh Pty), 2015–2019

Heritage Advice and Assessment

- Heritage Asset Management Advice — Client: Parks Victoria, Heritage Partnerships, 2021-current
- Heritage advice, Heritage Impact Statements and management of permit application to Heritage Victoria — Client: Numerous commercial and residential clients including David Jones, Charter Hall, Olaver Architects, Figure Ground and Austin Maynard Architects, 2012-current
- Doveton Pool Heritage Assessment — Client: City of Casey (for Context/GML), 2020
- Asset Dilapidation Reports — Client: Parks Victoria (for Heritage Alliance), 2018
- Glass Terrace (State listed) Feasibility Study — Client: Department of Health and Human Services (for Heritage Alliance), 2018
- Parliament House (State listed) Precinct Masterplan — Client: Parliament of Victoria (for Woodhead), 2011



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Conservation Works

- Andersons Mill — Client: Parks Victoria, current
- Coolart Homestead — Client: Parks Victoria, 2022-2023
- Werribee Mansion and grounds — Client: Parks Victoria, 2022
- Druids House (407 Swanson Street, Melbourne) Interior Design and Conservation Works — Client: Private client (for Heritage Alliance), 2016
- Glass Terrace Conservation Works — Client: Department of Health and Human Services (for Heritage Alliance), 2016
- Labassa Conservatory restoration and new builds — Client: private client (for Heritage Alliance), 2014–2016
- Kensington Town Hall Conservation Works — Client: Melbourne City Council (for Heritage Alliance), 2014
- Euroa Court House: Design of rear addition and Heritage Impact Statement for Heritage Victoria — Client: Private (for Heritage Alliance) 2011–2012

Conservation Management Plans

- National Trust (Tasmania) — Hobart Convict Penitentiary Conservation Management Plan (for Extent Heritage), 2022
- Conservation Management Plans—Client: Greater Melbourne Cemeteries Trust (for Heritage Alliance), 2016
- Glass Terrace Conservation Management Plan—Client: Department of Health and Human Services (for Heritage Alliance), 2013
- Emerald Hill Estate Conservation Management Plan—Client: Department of Health and Human Services (for Heritage Alliance), 2013

Professional Background

- Principal Architect, RR Conservation and Design, 2015-current
- Alternate Architectural Conservation/Architectural History Member, Heritage Council Victoria, 2022-current
- Associate, GML Heritage t/a Context, 2020–2021
- Heritage Advisor (strategic projects), Yarra City Council, 2019-2020
- Architect, Heritage Alliance, 2011–2016
- Student and Graduate Architect, Woodhead, 2005–2011
- Assistant Heritage Advisor, Yarra City Council (for Woodhead), 2010–2011
- UNESCO Observatory Melbourne, Graduate Architect, 2010–2011

Publications and Presentations

- Redden, R and Crawford, RH, 'Valuing the environmental performance of historic buildings', Australasian Journal of Environmental Management, 2020
- "UNESCO's Sustainable Development Goals and Cultural Heritage: How historic buildings can be a resource for ecologically sustainable development", Tokyo National Research Institute for Cultural Properties, Tokyo, 19 March 2019
- Redden, R and Harrison, S, 'Conserving Modern Industrial Heritage', Architect Victoria, Summer 2015
- Redden, R, 'GREENING HISTORIC BUILDINGS: A study of Heritage Protection and Environmental Sustainability', International Specialised Skills Institute, December 2014

Memberships

- Australia ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites)
- National Trust of Australia (Victoria)
- Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand (EIANZ)

Professional Affiliations

- ICOMOS: International Scientific Committee on Energy and Sustainability, current
- Australia ICOMOS: National Scientific Committee on Energy and Sustainability, current
- Australia ICOMOS: Reconciliation Action Plan Working Group, current
- National Trust (Vic): Buildings & Estates Committee 2020-2022
- Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand: Heritage Special Interest Section, 2021-2023

Professional Development

- Passive House Design and Construct Short Course, Passive House Institute of Canada, 2022.
- Passive House EnerPhit (retrofit) course, Passive House Institute of North America, 2022.
- International Specialised Skills Institute Fellow 2013-2014 and 2021-current.
Research topic: Heritage and Sustainability.
- PhD Candidate, Melbourne University, 2017-2019
Research topic: Heritage and Sustainability.
- Conservation of Traditional Buildings Summer Course, Canberra University, 2012.
- Conservation of Traditional Buildings, Longford, Tasmania, 2021.



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