

# CALL FOR SESSIONS

## A conference with a difference

This conference is the first-ever collaboration between the Australasian Society for Historical Archaeology (ASHA) and Interpretation Australia (IA).

The theme is **“Travelling Stories: connecting people and landscapes”** and it will bring people together to explore new ways of telling stories about the important landscapes, places and environments in which we live and work. It will be a travelling conference, moving through venues from Launceston to Hobart via key places along the Midlands Highway including the World Heritage-listed Brickendon; Ross; the Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary and the Shene Estate.

We anticipate the attendance of people from a broad range of disciplines and professions – interpretation specialists, archaeologists, writers, designers, heritage consultants, heritage tourism operators, digital technology specialists, museum curators, tour guides, parks rangers, naturalists, visitor program managers – to explore common ground and approaches.

The conference theme will allow for the development of joint sessions and cross-disciplinary discussions about how data and research become transformed into knowledge and how knowledge can be shared with a wide range of audiences in a constantly changing world.

There will also be opportunity for each organisation to develop conference sessions that relate to its professional interests and concerns, and to enable the delivery of papers about both natural and cultural environments.

We aim to develop the conference experience through an exploration of the excitingly complex and interesting landscapes of Tasmania and beyond, using both formal conference sessions and informed site visits. The conference will integrate field excursions with thematic discussions rather than relegating field trips to pre- or post-conference optional extras (although there will be some of those too!).

In all of the conference deliberations the focus will be on the telling of new stories, using established and developing technologies for better interpretive outcomes, and in reaching audiences that previously may have seemed either physically remote or challenging to engage.

We aim to foster new thinking, profitable collaborations and an atmosphere that encourages challenging the status quo.

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The conference convenors and organisers have already identified some key conference topics and programme spaces where these will be jointly addressed. We are now seeking suggestions from people who wish to propose and organise standalone sessions and/or workshops. These might be organisation-specific but we are open to suggestions that could be of interest to delegates from both organisations.

Session organisers are responsible for recruiting papers; introducing and timing the session; managing questions and concluding the session. Sessions are 100 minutes in duration and are designed to accommodate five papers of 15 minutes with 5 minutes for questions or 4 papers of 20 minutes duration and a concluding discussion period of 20 minutes **OR** a workshop.

To facilitate the timely completion of the conference programme we ask that **session proposals** be submitted to the Organising Committee by **Monday 3rd July**.

Proposals should take the form of a session title, a 150 word (maximum) description of its aims and scope that can also serve as text for the printed programme, and name(s), address(es) and contact details for the session convenor(s). Proposals must be submitted to the Organising Committee at:

[travellingstories2017@portarthur.org.au](mailto:travellingstories2017@portarthur.org.au)

While venue space has been reserved for hosting concurrent sessions in Launceston and Hobart, we cannot guarantee that all session suggestions can be accommodated.

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