



## JIM WHEELER

### MAACAI GAICD

Honorary Senior Lecturer, Dept of Archaeology and Anthropology ANU  
Director, History Journeys Pty Ltd  
Special Advisor, Extent Heritage Pty Ltd  
Chair, Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists Inc (AACAI) Victoria Chapter

### Qualifications

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Archaeology, Australian National University (1998)  
Graduate Australian Institute of Company Directors (2018)

### Memberships & Affiliations

Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists Inc (AACAI) (Full Member)  
Australian Institute of Company Directors

### Awards

ICCROM Research Fellow (2019)  
Laila Haglund Prize for Excellence in Consulting Archaeology (2010)

### Key Skills

- Direction of national and state significant heritage projects.
- Understanding of state and federal heritage legislation across Australia.
- Policy development, governance and strategic management planning.
- Aboriginal community engagement and relationships.
- Problem solving and resolution of complex and highly sensitive projects for both public and private sector clients.
- Cultural values mapping.
- Submerged terrestrial archaeology.
- Landscape archaeology.

### Experience and Expertise

Jim is the Director of History Journeys, an innovative new heritage advisory and research practice.

Jim is a Special Advisor and was the founding Managing Director at Extent Heritage, a leading national heritage advisory practice.

Jim is an experienced, respected cultural heritage advisor, archaeologist and manager with diverse experience in cultural heritage management, strategic planning, heritage policy, stakeholder consultation, interpretation and heritage assessment projects. He has wide ranging experience on public sector, commercial and academic archaeology projects in Australia and internationally.

Jim has a range of research interests, and has published peer reviewed journal articles and presented conference papers on the archaeology of submerged terrestrial sites, non-site landscape archaeology, cultural values mapping and heritage policy. Jim leads teams of heritage professionals known for innovative high quality heritage work that set industry benchmarks for excellence.

Jim is a former member of the Aboriginal Affairs Victoria Technical Advisory Group (TAG) tasked with development of the CHMP Approved Form under the Aboriginal Heritage Regulations and development of key FPSR practice guidance. He is a full member of the Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists Inc (AACAI), and in 2010 he was awarded the Laila Haglund Prize for Excellence in Consulting Archaeology. In 2019, Jim was a ICCROM Research Fellow, based in Rome – only the second Australian to be accepted into this prestigious fellowship program. He is also a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

In recent roles as Director at Extent Heritage, Jim has been the company CFO, the national Director of Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Services and Chief Technical Officer.

Jim is also an Honorary Senior Lecturer in the School of Archaeology and Anthropology ANU and is the co-convenor of the Professional Archaeology graduate certificate course.

In his practice work, Jim has instigated a number of groundbreaking initiatives in cultural values engagement work, research partnerships, strategic assessment and policy. Jim has earned a reputation for taking on some of the most complex and intractable heritage projects, including resolving and delivering major projects for Hanging Rock Precinct Strategic Plan, Old Melbourne Cemetery Queen Victoria Market and most recently on Western Highway Stage 2b.

### Selected Projects

- **Western Highway Stage 2b Upgrade** CHMP and CVA on behalf of VIDA Roads.
- **Olivine Residential Subdivision**, Donnybrook. CHMP approvals and salvage compliance on behalf of Mirvac.
- **Nyamat Mirring**. Sea Country research project investigating the submerged terrestrial archaeology of Portland Bay. Partnering with the Gunditjmirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation and Wessex Archaeology.
- **'Off with the Faeries'**: Applying Cultural Values Mapping Approaches Developed in Indigenous Cultural Heritage to New Areas of Heritage Practice. An ICCROM Fellowship research project.
- **Budj Bim and Portland Bay, Strategic Aboriginal Heritage Assessment (SAHA)** on behalf of Gunditjmirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation.
- **Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal**, Victoria. Cultural Heritage Management Plan for Old Melbourne Cemetery. For City of Melbourne.
- **Hanging Rock Strategic Plan**, Victoria. Cultural Values Engagement and Development of a Comprehensive Governance Model and Strategic Heritage Plan for Hanging Rock. For DELWP.
- **ANU Campus Heritage Framework**, Canberra ACT. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage. For ANU.
- **Bluefloat Energy**, Greater Gippsland Offshore Windfarm Project, Sea Country Research.

### Select Publications

- Nutley, D, C. Coroneos and Wheeler, J (2014) Potential submerged Aboriginal archaeological sites in South West Arm, Port Hacking. In Harff, J., Bailey, G. & Luth, F. (eds) *Geology and Archaeology: Submerged Landscapes of the Continental Shelf*. Geological Society of London Special Edition.
- Wheeler, J. A. N. Williams, S. Kennedy, P.S. Toms and Mitchell, P (2014) A Pleistocene Date at Chelsea Heights, Victoria. Evidence of Aboriginal Occupation Beneath the Carrum Swamp. *Proceedings of the Victorian Archaeological Colloquium*.
- Wheeler, J (2016) From 'grudge purchase' to valued asset: why compliance is no longer enough and we need to provide work that has value and meaning. *Journal of the Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists*. Volume 4.

