

HERITAGE ASIA PACIFIC 2025

SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM

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Sustainability, Reconnections and Collaborations

3 May, 1:30pm – 6:30pm AEST, online symposium

Presented by AusHeritage, in collaboration with international partners China University of Technology, Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage, Meinhardt Pte Ltd Singapore - India, ThinkThrough Consulting - India, Think City – Malaysia, Penang Heritage Trust, George Town World Heritage Incorporated, Islamic Arts Museum – Malaysia.

Formal Opening

1.30 – 1.50pm AEST

Vinod Daniel, Chairman AusHeritage

Welcome and opening comments from AusHeritage partners

Keynote Speakers

1.50pm – 2.25pm AEST

Alberto Garlandini, President ICOM

Nao Hayashi, Program Specialist UNESCO World Heritage Centre

Museums

2.25pm – 3.30pm AEST

Moderators

Graham Ormsby, Director AusHeritage, Managing Director

Ormsby Design Group Australia

Lalitha Thaigarajah, Conservation and Research Centre, Islamic Arts Museum, Malaysia

Examining the museum sector in Asia Pacific

Divay Gupta, Principal Director Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage

Monokrishna Das, Executive BD (Planning and Architecture) Meinhardt Pte Ltd, Singapore - India

Alex Marsden, Director AusHeritage, Director Alex Marsden Cultural Services, Australia

Dr Heather Brown, Deputy Chairman AusHeritage, Assistant Director Artlab Australia

Penny Tripp, Director AusHeritage, General Manager Grimwade Centre for Cultural Materials Conservation, Australia

General Discussion – 15 mins

**Built Heritage
Places and Cultural
Landscapes**
3.30pm – 4.45pm AEST

Moderators

Roger Beeston, Deputy Chairman AusHeritage, Director RBA Architects and Conservation Consultants, Australia
Divay Gupta, Principal Director Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage
Conserving places of significance in Asia Pacific – strengths, challenges and gaps

Hamdan Majeed, Managing Director Think City, Malaysia
Muhammad Hijas Sahari, Manager Department of Built Environment, George Town World Heritage Incorporated
Professor Alex Yen, China University of Technology, Taiwan
Sharon Veale, Director AusHeritage, Chief Executive Officer GML Heritage, Australia
Peter Romey, Deputy Chairman AusHeritage, Director Romey.Knaggs Heritage, Australia
Robyn Riddett, Director AusHeritage, Director Anthemion Consultancies, Australia
General Discussion – 15 mins

Cultural Tourism
4.45 – 5.30pm AEST

Moderators

David Huxtable, Director AusHeritage, Director LookEar Design, Australia
Hamdan Majeed, Managing Director Think City, Malaysia
The future of cultural tourism

Parul Soni, Global Managing Partner ThinkThrough Consulting, India
Khoo Salma, Vice President Penang Heritage Trust, Malaysia
Graham Brooks, Member AusHeritage, Director GBA Heritage, Australia
Professor Keir Reeves, Director AusHeritage, Federation University, Australia
General Discussion – 15 mins

Close
5.30 – 5.40pm AEST

Vinod Daniel, Chairman AusHeritage
Symposium closing comments

Closed Session
5.40 – 6.30pm AEST

AusHeritage Members and MoU Partners ONLY
Next steps between AusHeritage partner organisation