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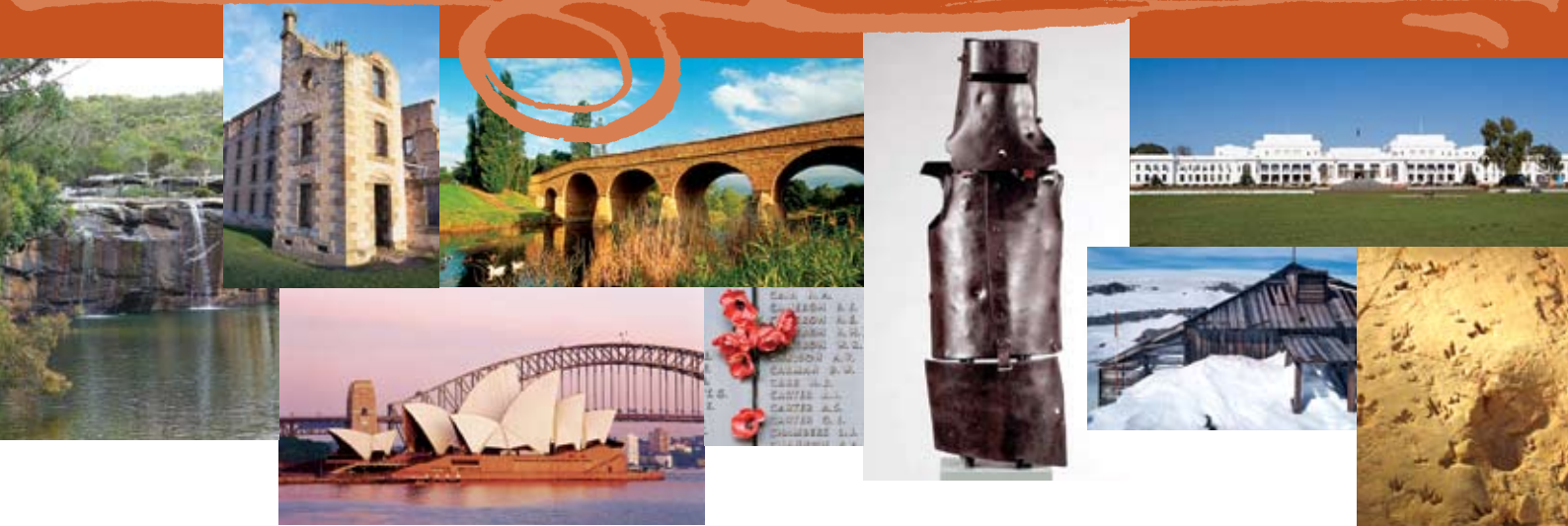


WORKING TOGETHER

— *Managing National Heritage Places* —

A GUIDE FOR OWNERS AND MANAGERS

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INTRODUCTION

Working Together: Managing National Heritage Places has been developed to assist owners and managers of National Heritage places to better understand the management requirements for these places as set out under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) and its Regulations. There are currently 79 National Heritage places which are located throughout Australia and its external territories. These include a variety of historic, Indigenous and natural places.

Once a place is included in the National Heritage List the owner and/or manager should aim to protect and conserve the National Heritage values of the place, along with its other heritage values.

The eight sections deal with a range of matters and have been colour coded for ease of reference. The section entitled *Caring for National Heritage places* highlights some of the common ownership and management arrangements of places on the List. The section entitled *Applying the principles* outlines the seven management principles which should be used to guide the day-to-day management of a place. A framework for developing a management plan, which meets the standards of the EPBC Act, is also provided in the section entitled *Developing management plans*.

From time to time managers and owners will need to make changes to a National Heritage place. The section entitled *Making a referral* explains the types of changes which may require a decision from the Federal Environment Minister under the EPBC Act. An overview of the referral process, including useful web links, is also provided.



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The Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts can provide advice about management matters, works proposals, funding, and promotional materials. More detailed information on many of these topics can be found in the *Finding assistance* and *Key publications* sections of this guide.

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Alternatively you may wish to use the National Place Managers' Online Community, a password protected networking facility just for place managers. The online community allows place managers to share their knowledge and experiences through features such as discussion blogs and news items. Managers will also be able to access technical heritage documents. Information about upcoming events may also be shared across the network. If you would like to become a member, please send an email to:

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