



Dr Helen Doyle

Associate

Helen is an experienced historian with over twenty years' experience in heritage and conservation.

Helen has expertise in preparing heritage assessments and conservation management plans of places and precincts, as well as larger areas and complexes. This includes a wide range of urban and rural places, including parks, gardens and cemeteries; industrial sites; and Aboriginal places. Helen is experienced in developing thematic frameworks and writing thematic histories from single sites to large complex places, groups of like places, and municipalities. She also has experience in Aboriginal cultural heritage and in the preparation of Aboriginal cultural values assessments. She has also prepared significance assessments for local history collections, and text panels for museum and other exhibitions.

Prior to joining Context, she worked as a project historian for multiple heritage firms in a freelance capacity.

She is also an award-winning writer and experienced editor, and has written several commissioned histories. She has worked at D.W. Thorpe (Reed Books), where she co-wrote the *Monash Biographical Dictionary of 20th Century Australia* (1994). She was an assistant editor for the major reference work in Australian history: *The Oxford Companion to Australian History*, edited by Graeme Davison, Stuart Macintyre and John Hirst (Oxford University Press, 1998).

Qualifications

PhD, School of Historical Studies, Monash University
 Master of Arts (Public History), Monash University
 Bachelor of Commerce, University of Melbourne
 BA (Hons), University of Melbourne

Heritage is about exploring and better understanding places. It is about the challenges of understanding different layers of history and meaning that may be embedded in a place.

Key Experience

History Publications

- Latrobe Valley Social History (published by DELWP) —Client: DELWP, 2019
- Life on the Bend: A social history of Fishermans Bend—Client: Fishermans Bend Taskforce (DELWP), 2017.
- *Suburbs at War: The Cities of Malvern and Prahran during the Great War* (published by the City of Stonnington, Malvern)—Client: City of Stonnington, 2015.

Thematic Environmental Histories

- Mildura Thematic Environmental History—Client: Mildura Rural City Council, 2020.
- Banyule Thematic Environmental History—Client: Banyule City Council, 2018.
- City of Melbourne Heritage Study, Stage 1, Thematic Environmental History. Client: City of Melbourne, 2011.
- Moyne Shire Heritage Study, Stages 1 and 2—Client: Moyne Shire Council, 2006, 2001.
- Corangamite Heritage Study (Thematic Environmental History)—Client: Corangamite Shire Council (for Heritage Matters), 2011.
- Horsham Heritage Study (Thematic Environmental History) Client: Horsham Rural City Council (for Grieve Gillett), 2012.

Thematic Heritage Studies

- Regional Water Supply Heritage Study: Melbourne Region, Stage 1, Thematic Environmental History—Client: Melbourne Water and Heritage Victoria, 2009.
- Victoria's Water Supply History, Vol. 1 Thematic Environmental History—Client: Heritage Victoria, 2007.

Aboriginal Cultural Values

- North and West Melbourne Aboriginal Cultural Values Assessment—Client: VPA and City of Melbourne, 2020.
- Maribyrnong Waterfront Aboriginal Cultural Values Assessment—Client: City of Melbourne, 2020.
- Acknowledging Shared Values—Client: Victorian Heritage Council and Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council, 2015.

Heritage Studies

- Moonee Valley Heritage Study, Stage 2—Client: Moonee Valley City Council, 2020.
- Yarra River (Birrarung) Cultural Heritage Scoping Study—Client: Melbourne Water, 2018.
- Ballarat East Town Hall Gardens Heritage Assessment—Client: City of Ballarat, 2018.
- Stonnington Victorian Houses (Heritage Review)—Client: City of Stonnington, 2016.
- Southbank Boulevard & Dodds Street Ecological, Heritage and Cultural Place Assessment—Client: City of Melbourne, 2015.

Conservation Management Plans

- Abbotsford Convent Conservation Management Plan—Client: Abbotsford Convent Foundation, 2020.
- Port Arthur Historic Site Landscape Management Plan—Client: Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority, 2000.

Professional Background

Associate, Context, 2019–present

Senior Consultant, Context, 2018–2019

Senior Consultant (Affiliate with Context, 2013–2018)

Freelance Historian

Awards

Best Temporary or Travelling Exhibition Award: Museums & Galleries National Awards, for 'Oil Paint and Ochre: The incredible story of William Barak and the de Purys, 2015', Yarra Ranges Regional Museum, 2016.

Commendation, Victorian Community History Awards, for 'Moreland Remembers World War I', travelling exhibition, City of Moreland (text panels and image sourcing by Context), 2015.

Winner of the Centenary of World War I Award, Victorian Community History Awards, for *Suburbs at War: The Cities of Malvern and Prahran during the Great War*, 2015.

Commendation, Victorian Community History Awards, for *The Church on the Hill: A centenary history of St Brigid's, Crossley, and its Irish-Australian community*, 2014.

Monash Graduate Award (3 years).

Australian Postgraduate Course Award (1 year).

Publications

Doyle, H, 'The Landscape of Murndal', Australian Garden History Society, Melbourne, Forthcoming.

Triolo, R, Doyle, H, and Johanson, K, *Writing and Publishing Local History: A guide for first-time authors and historical societies*, revised and updated edition, Federation of Australian Historical Societies, Canberra, 2017.

Doyle, H, *Suburbs at War: The Cities of Malvern and Prahran during the Great War*, City of Stonnington, Malvern, 2015.

Doyle, H, *The Church on the Hill: A centenary history of St Brigid's, Crossley, and its Irish-Australian community*, Bridin Books, Abbotsford, 2014.

Attwood, B, with Doyle, H, *Possession: Batman's Treaties*, Miegunyah Press, Melbourne University Publishing, Carlton, 2009.

Doyle, H and Johanson, K, *Publishing History: A guide for historical societies*, Federation of Australian Historical Societies, Canberra 2006.

Lemon, A, Morgan, M and Doyle, H, *Buried by the Sea: A history of Williamstown Cemetery*, Australian Scholarly Publishing, Melbourne, revised edition, 2005.

Dingle, T and Doyle, H, *Yan Yean: A history of Melbourne's early water supply*, Public Record Office Victoria, Melbourne, 2003.

Bull, P, Devlin-Glass, F and Doyle, H (eds), *Irish-Australian Studies: 1788–1998: Proceedings of the 8th Irish-Australia Conference, Melbourne, 1998*, Crossing Press, Sydney, 2000.

Articles

Doyle, H, 'Local history and countryside decline in Victoria', in Brodie, M and Davison, D (eds), *Struggle Country: The rural ideal in twentieth-century Australia*, Monash e-Press, Clayton, 2005.

Doyle, H, 'Back to the country, back to the past: "Back-to" celebrations in Victoria 1917–39', Bendigo Bank Regional History Conference Proceedings, Bendigo, April 2005.

Doyle, H, 'Allegations of disloyalty at Koroit during World War I', in Bull, P, Devlin-Glass, F and Doyle, H (eds), *Irish-Australian Studies: 1788–1998: Proceedings of the 8th Irish-Australia Conference, Melbourne, 1998*, Crossing Press, Sydney, 2000.

Doyle, H, 'The Irish landscape of Koroit, Victoria', in *Irish-Australian Studies: Proceedings of the 8th Irish-Australia Conference, Hobart, 1995*, Crossing Press, Sydney, 1997.

Contributions

Introduction for 'City Precincts' in Richard Broome et al. (eds), *Remembering Melbourne, 1850–1960*, Royal Historical Society of Victoria, Melbourne, 2016.

Entry on 'Picnics' in Andrew Brown-May and Shurlee Swain, *Encyclopedia of Melbourne*, Cambridge University Press, 2005.

Entries on 'Murndal', Casterton, and 'Ercildoune', Ballarat, in Richard Aitken and Michael Looker (eds), *Oxford Companion to Australian Gardens*, Oxford University Press, South Melbourne, 2002.

Approximately 350 short entries for Graeme Davison, John Hirst and Stuart Macintyre (eds), *Oxford Companion to Australian History*, Oxford University Press, South Melbourne, 1998.

Exhibitions

Project Historian for Yarra Ranges Regional Museum, 'Oil Paint and Ochre: The incredible story of William Barak and the de Purys, 2015'.

'Moreland Remembers World War I', travelling exhibition, City of Moreland, 2015. Text panels and image sourcing by Context Pty Ltd.

Memberships

ICOMOS

Professional Historians' Association (Vic.)

National Trust of Australia (Vic.)

Royal Historical Society of Victoria

Other

Judging panel, Victorian Community History Awards, 2020.