



Leah Tepper

Heritage Consultant, Archaeologist

Leah is a heritage specialist and archaeologist. Her expertise lies in the preparation and delivery of cultural heritage management plans, cultural heritage due diligence assessments, salvage reports and heritage assessments. Leah is a listed Heritage Advisor under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 (Vic) and is passionate about community and stakeholder consultation and engagement. She also specialises in built heritage assessments and archival recording.

Leah has over seven years' experience in the cultural heritage industry in Australia. She has coordinated a variety of large and complex cultural heritage projects throughout Victoria. Leah has consulted with federal, state and local stakeholders, as well as private and commercial clients.

Leah has a good knowledge of heritage legislation, particularly the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 and Heritage Act 2017 and the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.

Leah has extensive experience with site surveys and assessments; hand and mechanical subsurface testing and salvage programs; Indigenous and historic artefact analysis; and recording of Indigenous places, historical sites and built sites.

Prior to joining GML, Leah worked as a consultant archaeologist for Biosis, project managing cultural heritage assessments, management plans and impact assessments.

Heritage is about culture. Not only the things we want to keep, but a much deeper reflection of who we are and what we value in our lives and communities.

Qualifications

Summer School in Building Conservation
Honours (First Class), La Trobe University
Bachelor of Archaeology, La Trobe University

Professional affiliations

Member Australia ICOMOS
Associate Member AACAI
Member National Trust of Australia (Vic)

Key experience

Aboriginal cultural heritage

- First Peoples Engagement—Royal Exhibition Building & Carlton Gardens Heritage Management Plan—Client: Museums Victoria, current
- Yan Yean Pipe Track Cultural Heritage Management Plan—Client: City of Whittlesea, current
- 8 Mair Street, Ballarat, Cultural Heritage Management Plan—Client: Urbis Pty Ltd, current
- Freeway Golf Course Aboriginal Heritage Due Diligence Assessment—Client: City of Boroondara, 2021
- Telegraph Saddle Walking Track Cultural Heritage Management Plan—Client: Parks Victoria, current
- Palais Theatre and Luna Park Cultural Heritage Management Plan—Client: City of Port Phillip, current
- Wyndham Park Redevelopment Cultural Heritage Management Plan and amendment and Salvage—Client: Wyndham City Council, 2020
- Western Outer Ring Main Complex Assessment Cultural Heritage Management Plans—Client: APA, 2020
- Safe Systems Road Infrastructure, Western Freeway Standard Assessment Cultural Heritage Management Plan and Amendment—Client: VicRoads, 2020
- Education Centre, Narre Warren East, Complex Assessment Cultural Heritage Management Plan and Amendment—Client: Muhammediyah Australia, 2019
- NBN Optical Fibre Cable (various locations) Complex Assessment Cultural Heritage Management Plan—Client: NBN Co, 2019

- Aspendale Life Saving Club Redevelopment Complex Assessment Cultural Heritage Management Plan—Client: City of Kingston, 2019
- Bonbeach Life Saving Club Redevelopment Complex Assessment Cultural Heritage Management Plan—Client: City of Kingston, 2019
- Chisholm Prison Expansion Cultural Heritage Management Plan—Client: Department of Justice and Regulation, 2018
- Aurora Estate Sewer and Sound Walls Standard Assessment Cultural Heritage Management Plan and Advice—Client: Lendlease, 2018
- Flood Levee Construction, Quambatook Complex Assessment Cultural Heritage Management Plan—Client: Ganawarra Shire Council, 2018
- Buninyong Childcare Facility Complex Assessment Cultural Heritage Management Plan—Client: Ganawarra Shire Council, 2018
- Youth Justice Centre Cultural Heritage Management Plan and Archaeological Salvage—Client: Department of Justice and Regulation, 2017
- Puffing Billy Railway Cultural Heritage Management Plan and Conservation Management Plan —Client: Puffing Billy, 2017
- Ararat to Maryborough Line Upgrade Complex Assessment Cultural Heritage Management Plan—Client: V/LINE, 2017
- Flood Levee, Boort Standard Assessment Cultural Heritage Management Plan—Client: Loddon Shire Council, 2017
- Wetland Redevelopment, Sages Road Complex Assessment Cultural Heritage Management Plan and Amendment—Client: Melbourne Water, 2017
- Residential Subdivision, Ballarto Road, Clyde Complex Assessment Cultural Heritage Management Plan—Client: Wolfdene, 2017
- Cannons Creek Basketball Complex Assessment Cultural Heritage Management Plan—Client: City of Casey, 2017
- Browns Road Reconstruction Complex Assessment Cultural Heritage Management Plan—Client: VicRoads, 2017
- Portarlinton CFA Upgrades Complex Assessment Cultural Heritage Management Plan—Client: CFA, 2017
- Sorrento Ferry Terminal Upgrade Complex Assessment Cultural Heritage Management Plan—Client: Sea Road Ferries, 2017
- Penguin Parade Visitor Centre Complex Assessment Cultural Heritage Management Plan—Client: Phillip Island Nature Park, 2017
- Shared Pathway, Brunswick Desktop Assessment Cultural Heritage Management Plan—Client: Urbis, 2016
- Alexandra to Eildon Trail Standard Assessment Cultural Heritage Management Plan—Client: Murrindindi Shire Council, 2016
- Kyabram Childcare Facility Standard Assessment Cultural Heritage Management Plan—Client: Bentley Property Group Pty Ltd, 2016
- M80 Greensborough Complex Assessment Cultural Heritage Management Plan—Client: VicRoads, 2015
- Ravenswood Interchange Salvage—Client: VicRoads, 2015

Heritage management plans

- Simpson Barracks Heritage Management Plan—Client: Department of Defence, 2020
- HMAS Cerberus and West Head Gunnery Range Heritage Management Plan—Client: Department of Defence, 2020
- Garden Island Defence Precinct Heritage Management Plan—Client: Department of Defence, 2020
- North and South Jervis Bay Heritage Management Plans—Client: Department of Defence, 2020

Heritage impact assessments

- Victoria Barracks Heritage Impact Assessment and Contractor Inductions—Client: Department of Defence, 2019
- RAAF Williams Point Cook Heritage Impact Assessment and Photographic Archival Recording—Client: Aurecon, 2019
- RAAF Amberley Heritage Impact Assessment and Photographic Archival Recording—Client: Stantec 2019
- Bandiana Heritage Impact Assessment—Client: Stantec, 2019
- HMAS Cerberus Heritage Impact Assessment—Client: Aurecon, 2019
- Borneo Barracks Heritage Impact Assessment Peer Review—Client: Conrad Gargett, 2019
- Swan Island Training Area Heritage Impact Assessment and Photographic Archival Recording—Client: Aurecon, 2018
- DSTO Fishermans Bend Heritage Impact Assessment—Client: Aurecon, 2018
- Kairivu Barracks Heritage Impact Assessment—Client: TV-On Country, 2017

Heritage assessments

- Yan Yean Pipe Track Historical Archaeological Assessment—Client: City of Whittlesea, current
- Fishermans Bend Photographic Archival Recording—Client: Barpa Pty Ltd, current
- Shrine to Sea History/Heritage Report—Client: DELWP, current
- Western Outer Ring Main Technical Specialist Impact Report—Client: APA, 2020
- Warburton Mountain Bike Destination Technical Specialist Impact Report—Client: AECOM, 2020
- 247 Russell Street Heritage Consent—Client: Iglu, 2020
- Wodonga Heritage Gap Study—Client: City of Wodonga 2020
- Olivia Estate Dry Stone Wall Rectification—Client: Stockland, 2019
- Bairnsdale Railway Station Heritage Assessment—Client: V/LINE, 2019
- Lyndarum Estate Dry Stone Wall Management Plan—Client: APA, 2018

Professional background

Heritage Consultant, GML Heritage (formerly Context), 2021–present
 Heritage Consultant, Biosis, 2014–2020
 Archaeologist—subcontractor, Ochre Imprints, 2015–2016
 Archaeologist—subcontractor, Heritage Insight, 2010–2012

Publications

Tepper, Leah M 2013, 'Smoke Signals: A Study of 19th Century Clay Pipe Consumption in Victoria, Australia', unpublished Honours thesis, Archaeology Department, La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia

Presentations

'Don't Fence Me In! Managing Dry Stone Walls in Victoria', online webinar, Melbourne (2020)

'Evolving knowledge along Bendigo Creek, Epsom', Victorian Archaeology Colloquium (2018)

Professional Development

CPCCWHS1001 Work Safely in the Construction Industry (White Card)

First Aid, Accredited First Aid Courses Australia

Intermediate 4WD Course certification

Train Track Safety Awareness Level 1

AACAI Photogrammetry Workshop
AACAI Historic Artefact Recording and Analysis
Introduction to Built Heritage (Urban Design)