



Dr Helen Doyle

Associate

Dr Helen Doyle is an historian with over twenty-five years' experience in heritage assessment across a broad range of place types and landscapes. She specialises in developing thematic frameworks and thematic histories for a range of places and for local municipalities. She combines a deep knowledge of local history and the historical landscape with meaningful engagement with Traditional Owners to prepare Aboriginal cultural values assessment for many aspects of heritage planning projects, including heritage reviews, CMPs, interpretation plans and thematic histories.

Helen is the History member of the Heritage Council of Victoria and a listed Heritage Advisor under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 (Vic)*.

Qualifications

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

Professional background

Associate, GML Heritage Victoria (formerly Context), 2019–present
 Senior Consultant, Context, 2013–2019
 Historian and heritage consultant, Context and other heritage agents, 1994–2013

Affiliations

Australia ICOMOS (Full International Member)
 Professional Historians' Association (Victoria)
 National Trust of Australia (Victoria)
 Royal Historical Society of Victoria
 Irish-Australian Cultural Network

Heritage is about exploring and better understanding place in all its complexity. It recognises the challenges in acknowledging different layers of history and the different meanings and values that may be embedded in a place.

Key experience

Thematic environmental histories

- Ballarat Thematic Environmental History—Client: City of Ballarat, 2024
- Parkville Thematic Environmental History—Client: City of Melbourne, 2023
- South Yarra Thematic Environmental History—Client: City of Melbourne, 2022
- Bass Coast Thematic Environmental History—Client: Bass Coast Shire Council, 2021
- Wyndham Thematic Environmental History—Client: Wyndham City Council, 2021
- Mildura Thematic Environmental History—Client: Mildura Rural City Council, 2020
- Banyule Thematic Environmental History—Client: Banyule City Council, 2018
- Horsham Heritage Study (Thematic Environmental History)—Client: Horsham Rural City Council (for Grieve Gillett), 2012
- City of Melbourne Thematic Environmental History—Client: City of Melbourne, 2011
- Corangamite Heritage Study (Thematic Environmental History)—Client: Corangamite Shire Council (for Heritage Matters), 2011
- Regional Water Supply Heritage Study: Melbourne Region, Stage 1, Thematic Environmental History—Client: Melbourne Water and Heritage Victoria, 2009

Aboriginal cultural values assessments

- Parkville Heritage Review: Aboriginal Cultural Values Assessment, prepared for the City of Melbourne, 2022
- Royal Exhibition Buildings and Carlton Gardens First Peoples Cultural Values Assessment, prepared for Museums Victoria and Heritage Victoria, 2022
- South Yarra Heritage Review: Aboriginal Cultural Values Assessment, prepared for the City of Melbourne, 2022
- Shrine to Sea, Aboriginal Cultural Values Assessment, prepared for DELWP, 2022
- 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

Conservation management plans

- Eureka Stockade Gardens, Ballarat, Conservation Management Plan—Client: City of Ballarat, 2024
- Royal Park, Parkville Conservation Management Plan—Client: City of Melbourne, 2024 (Incorporating Aboriginal Cultural Values)
- Abbotsford Convent, Conservation Management Plan—Client: Abbotsford Convent Foundation, 2020 (Incorporating Aboriginal Cultural Values)
- St Kilda South African War Memorial Conservation Management Plan—Client: City of Port Phillip, 2022
- Fawkner Cemetery Memorial Park Pioneer Graves Conservation Action Plan (with David Young OAM)—Client: Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust, 2020

Heritage interpretation

- Kananook Creek Interpretation Plan—Client: Rush Wright Associates, 2022 (Incorporating Aboriginal Cultural Values)
- Town Hall Station Interpretation Plan—Client: Lendlease, 2022 (Incorporating Aboriginal Cultural Values)
- Averley Interpretation Plan—Client: Lendlease, 2021 (Incorporating Aboriginal Cultural Values)

Select heritage studies and assessments

- 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

Exhibitions

- 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

Publications

Larrobe Valley Social History, published by DELWP, 2019

Life on the Bend: A social history of Fishermans Bend—Client: Fishermans Bend Taskforce (DELWP), 2017

Triolo, Rosalie, Doyle, Helen, and Johanson, Katya, *Writing and Publishing Local History: A guide for first-time authors and historical societies*, revised edition, Federation of Australian Historical Societies, Canberra, 2017

Suburbs at War: The Cities of Malvern and Prahran during the Great War (City of Stonnington, Malvern)—Client: City of Stonnington, 2015

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

Attwood, Bain with Doyle, Helen, *Possession: Batman's Treaties and the matter of history*, The Miegunyah Press, Carlton, 2009

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

Dingle, Tony and Doyle, Helen, *Yan Yean: A history of Melbourne's early water supply*, Public Record Office Victoria, Melbourne, 2003

Articles and chapters

- Doyle, Helen, 'Irish Catholic opposition to the 1872 Education Act: The case of Crossley', special issue of the *Victorian Historical Journal*, vol. 94, no. 1, June 2023
- Doyle, Helen, 'The Landscape of Murndal', Australian Garden History Society, Melbourne, 2021
- Doyle, Helen, '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, Helen, 'Back to the country, back to the past: "Back-to" celebrations in Victoria 1917–1939', Bendigo Bank Regional History Conference Proceedings, Bendigo, April 2005
- Doyle, Helen, '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, Helen, 'The Irish landscape of Koroit, Victoria', in *Irish-Australian Studies: Proceedings of the 8th Irish-Australia Conference, Hobart, 1995*, Crossing Press, Sydney, 1997

Select contributions

- Introduction for 'City Precincts' in Richard Broome et al. (eds), *Remembering Melbourne, 1850–1960*, RHSV, Melbourne, 2016
- Entries on 'Murndal', Casterton, and 'Ercildoune', Ballarat, in Richard Aitken and Michael Looker (eds), *The 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

Appointments

- Fellow, Royal Historical Society of Victoria, 2024
- History Member, Heritage Council of Victoria, 2023
- Alternate History Member, Heritage Council of Victoria, 2021–2023
- Board Member, History Council of Victoria, 2021
- Judging Panel, Victorian Community History Awards, 2020

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
- Winner, 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 'Moreland Remembers World War I', travelling exhibition, City of Moreland (text panels and image sourcing by Context), 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
- PIA Award, Melbourne Water Supply Heritage Study, prepared for Melbourne Water, 2008
- Monash Graduate Award (3 years)
- Australian Postgraduate Course Award (1 year)