

Vision for the future



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Making it happen



stepping stones for heritage™

steps for developing natural and cultural heritage plans and management programs



What are the stepping stones for heritage?

The Stepping Stones for Heritage guide people through key steps for land conservation and heritage management.

The steps can be used to:

- develop management and conservation plans for heritage places and areas with conservation values;
- develop comprehensive heritage programs; and
- plan heritage and land management projects

The Stepping Stones for Heritage integrates natural and cultural heritage conservation and is based on best practice charters such as The Burra Charter: The Australia ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Heritage Significance, the Australian Natural Heritage Charter for the conservation of places of natural heritage significance and Ask First: A guide to respecting Indigenous heritage places and values.

The Stepping Stones for Heritage can be used for all forms of heritage whether natural or cultural, tangible or intangible. The steps concentrate on practical means to protect what is important to pass on to future generations.

The steps



Step 1 Vision for the future
Helps people clarify what they want to achieve in land or heritage conservation



Step 2 Who is involved
Identifies the people who are already involved, could be or need to be involved



Step 3 What we know
Reviews what information is available and what information is needed



Step 4 What is important
Identifies carefully what is important about a place, area or aspect of heritage



Step 5 What the issues are
Clearly identifies what the major issues are that will affect the way things happen



Step 6 Strengths and weaknesses
Summarises all of the information from previous steps to help see the strategic picture



Step 7 What the ideas are
Looks at the ideas or components for moving ahead, based on the knowledge from the steps above



Step 8 What the objectives are
States achievable goals for management and defines any necessary policies



Step 9 Action plans
Sets out the actions, responsibilities and resources necessary to make the ideas happen



Step 10 Making it happen
States how the plan is going to work, including how it will be monitored and reviewed



Finding out more

Stepwise Heritage and Tourism provides facilitation of projects, workshops and training programs using the Stepping Stones for Heritage. For more information visit: www.stepwise.net.au

The Australian Government has advocated the use of a similar set of 10 key steps for heritage management in the Protecting Heritage Places Information and Resource Kit launched by the Australian Heritage Commission in 2000.

For more information about Australian Government heritage programs visit: www.heritage.gov.au