

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON AUSTRALIA / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 4 November 1946
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** No
Australia has previously served on the Board eight times, most recently from 2001 to 2005.
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (Member term expires in 2017)
 - Intergovernmental Council for the International Hydrological Programme (IHP): Vice-Chairperson : Mr Ian White (Member term expires in 2015)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC). (terms expires in 2015)
 - Intergovernmental Council of the "Management of Social Transformations" Programme (MOST). (Member of the Scientific Advisory Committee: Mr Michael Woolcock)

Note: Australia hosts the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning System (IOTWS) Secretariat in Perth.
4. **The Director-General's visits to Australia: 2**
 - 12-16 November 2014: on the occasion of the World Parks Congress and the Asia-Pacific Rainforest Summit
 - 1-6 May 2010: official visit
5. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H.E. Mr George Mina, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since 9 September 2013)
 - Staff: Ms Harriet Baillie, Deputy Permanent Delegate, Mr Alexander Palin, First Secretary and Ms Anne Siwicki, Policy Officer
 - Previous Permanent Delegate: Ms Gita Kamath (April 2010 - June 2013)
6. **UNESCO Office:** Australia is covered by the UNESCO Office in Apia.
 - Director: Mr Etienne Clément (since October 2013)
7. **National Commission of Australia for UNESCO:**
 - Date of establishment: April 1947
 - Chairperson: Ms Annmaree O'Keeffe AM (since July 2013)
 - Secretary-General: Mr Adam Illman (since 2015)
8. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
 - Professor Kenneth Wiltshire was Chairperson of the PX Commission of the Executive Board from 2001 to 2003
 - The Hon. Michael Kirby from the High Court of Australia was Chairperson of the IBC's Drafting Group for the Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights, adopted by the General Conference in October 2005
 - Professor David Throsby (Professor of Economics, Macquarie University, Sydney), is member of the Board of Trustees for the UNESCO World Reports
 - Ms Rosie Cooney. Member of the United Nations Secretary General's Scientific Advisory Board.

9. UNESCO Chairs: 6

- UNESCO Chair on Journalism, Freedom of Information and the Right to Know, University of Queensland (2014)
- UNESCO Chair in Transnational Diasporas and Reconciliation Studies, University of South Australian (2008)
- UNESCO Chair in Communication, Griffith University, Brisbane (2005)
- UNESCO Chair in Inter-Cultural and Inter-Religious Relations, School of Political and Social Inquiry, Faculty of Arts, Monash University, Clayton (2005)
- UNESCO Chair in Water Economics and Transboundary Water Governance, Australian National University (2010)
- UNESCO Chair on Comparative Research on Cultural Diversity and Social Justice, Deakin University (2013)

Network: 1

- International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education, Melbourne (1999)

10. Associated Schools: 56 schools (2 Nursery and Pre-schools, 15 Primary, 7 Primary/Secondary and 32 Secondary schools). Australia joined the ASP Network in 1966.

11. Australian National University (ANU) Centre for UNESCO:

As a result of an agreement between the Australian National Commission for UNESCO, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Australian National University, a national Centre for UNESCO was established at the Australian National University in 1995. The Centre is associated with the Centre for Cross-Cultural Research at the ANU and collaborates with the UNESCO NATCOM Secretariat in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

The Centre provides facilities for the work of Visiting Fellows, both short term and longer term, whose activities support the national and international activities of UNESCO. The Centre also welcomes Centre Visitors who establish short or longer term associations with the Centre.

12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: 1

- International Centre of Water for Food Security, Charles Sturt University, Wagga, Australia

13. World Heritage Sites: 19

Cultural sites

- Australian Convict Sites (2010)
- Sydney Opera House (2007)
- Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens (2004)

Natural sites

- Great Barrier Reef (1981)
- Lord Howe Island Group (1982)
- Gondwana Rainforests of Australia (1986)
- Wet Tropics of Queensland (1988)
- Shark Bay, Western Australia (1991)
- Fraser Island (1992)
- Australian Fossil Mammal Sites (1994)
- Heard and McDonald Islands (1997)
- Macquarie Island (1997)

- Greater Blue Mountains Area (2000)
- Purnululu National Park (2003)
- Ningaloo Coast (2011)

Mixed sites (cultural and natural)

- Kakadu National Park (1981, 1987, 1992)
- Willandra Lakes Region (1981)
- Tasmanian Wilderness (1982-1989)
- Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park (1987-1994)

14. Tentative List: 2 properties

- Great Sandy World Heritage Area (2010)
- The Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area (extension to existing property) (2010)

15. Intangible Heritage List: none

16. Biosphere Reserves: 14

- Great Sandy (designated in 2009)
- Noosa (designated in 2007)
- Barkindji (designated in 2005)
- Riverland (note: originally Danggali Conservation Park; extended and renamed Bookmark in 1995; renamed again as Riverland in 2004)
- Mornington Peninsula and Western Port (designated in 2002)
- Hattah-Kulkyne and Murray-Kulkyne (designated in 1981)
- Wilson's Promontory (designated in 1981)
- Fitzgerald River (designated in 1978)
- Croajingolong (designated in 1977)
- Kosciuszko (designated in 1977)
- Prince Regent River (designated in 1977)
- Unnamed Conservation Park of South Australia (designated in 1977)
- Uluru (Ayers Rock-Mount Olga) (designated in 1977)
- Yathong (designated in 1977)

17. Memory of the World Register: 5 inscriptions

- The Endeavour Journal of James Cook from National Library of Australia, Canberra (2001)
- Mabo Case Manuscripts from National Library of Australia, Canberra (2001)
- The Story of the Kelly Gang (2007)
- The Convict Records of Australia (2007)
- Manifesto of the Queensland Labour Party to the people of Queensland (dated 9 September 1892) (2009)

18. Creative Cities Network: 2 appointments

- Melbourne (City of Literature) - 2008
- Sydney (City of Film) - 2010

19. Legal instruments: 28 ratified and 11 non-ratified

20. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2014-2015: none

21. Participate Programme:

- 2014-2015: no project submitted

- 2012-2013: no project submitted
22. **Fellowships:** 4 fellowships awarded between 2005 and 2009, for a total amount of US\$ 58,715. No fellowship awarded since 2010.

23. **Voluntary contributions to UNESCO :**

Voluntary Contributions to UNESCO Extra-Budgetary Activities and Institutes			
(Expressed in US Dollars)			
COUNTRY	Jan-Jun 2015	2014	2013
AUSTRALIA	1,220,740	3,801,114	855,874

24. **Payment of assessed membership fees for 2014-2015:**
(Assessment rate: 2.074%; contributions assessed for 2014 -2015: US\$ 13,543,220)

25. **Representation within the Secretariat:** normally represented
7 professional staff in geographical posts (min.6 - max.10)