National Parks and Wildlife Service is responsible for maintaining a database of all recorded Aboriginal Sites in New South Wales. The database is referred to as the ‘Aboriginal Sites Register’.

Council’s Aboriginal Heritage Manager, David Watts, utilises the information from the Aboriginal Sites Register for day to day monitoring and longer term management of the Aboriginal sites within your council area.

For further information please contact:

Aboriginal Sites Registrar
National Parks and Wildlife Service:
Phone: (02) 9585 6417
Fax: (02) 9585 6466

David Watts
Aboriginal Heritage Manager
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Aboriginal Sites Register of NSW

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Above and Below: Photographs of Staff monitoring recorded Aboriginal Sites.
Information Availability

Council can access information from the database in two formats:

1. A standard summary report
2. Data Licence Agreement

Information available from the register may not represent a comprehensive list of all Aboriginal sites as in any given area there may exist a number of undiscovered or unrecorded sites.

Standard Summary Report

The Standard Summary Report outlines the number and type of sites located within council boundaries. It does not include detail on site location. An example of what this form of information is suitable for is the State of the Environment Report. A charge is set by National Parks for this report (at time of publication this cost was $30, more complex reports may incur an additional charge).

Data Licence Agreement

A Data Licence Report outlines:
- NPWS Site Number
- Site Type
- Site Location
- Australian Map Grid co-ordinates.
- Date of recording
- Name of site recorder

The agreement is a legal contract between the Director-General of National Parks and Wildlife Service and a named client. To enter the agreement a letter of approval is required from the relevant Local Aboriginal Land Council. An example of what this form of information is suitable for is in association with planning and management of activities. There is no charge imposed for a Data Licence Agreement however, any data supplied under this agreement will be charged at the current ‘cost of transfer’. Current costs for supply of Aboriginal sites data to local government is $250 for an initial council report and $200 for subsequent updates. The Data Licence agreement is designed in such a way to ensure that data supplied under the agreement is used appropriately.

The Application Process

To obtain a standard summary report or a Data Licence Agreement a written request should be forwarded to the Aboriginal Sites Registrar. All requests must include:

- Name of the council;
- Contact name, phone number and address details;
- Purpose for which the information is required;
- Map of the council boundaries;
- Data format required (print out/ascii file) if a DLA, a signature from Council and a letter from the Local Aboriginal Land Council.

Applications should be forwarded to:

The Aboriginal Sites Registrar

NPWS
PO Box 1967
Hurstville NSW 2220