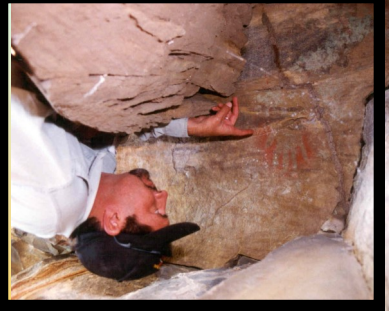


About the Aboriginal Heritage Office

The partnership of Ku-ring-gai, Lane Cove, Northern Beaches, North Sydney, Strathfield and Willoughby Councils in establishing this unique office is at the forefront of protecting Aboriginal heritage. The AHO's responsibilities are to ensure the protection of the Aboriginal sites and cultural heritage in the eight local government areas. Sites are under threat every day from development, vandalism and natural erosion. The sites can not be replaced, and once they are destroyed, they are lost forever. The AHO works tirelessly with the Councils and community to safeguard this important resource for future generations.



Aboriginal sites in your council area are monitored and long term management reports are developed to ensure the conservation and protection of these sites. Our Volunteer Site Monitoring Program involves members of the community regularly visiting sites to check on their condition. If you would like to join in the our Volunteer Program please contact the Aboriginal Heritage Office.



The Aboriginal people, who once occupied this area, left important evidence of their past and way of life before colonisation. The sites are of significance to the Aboriginal people because they are evidence of the past Aboriginal occupation of Australia and are valued as a link with their traditional culture. An emphasis is placed on the scientific investigation into stone technology for a great deal of insight is obtained by studying the manufacture techniques and animals associated with them that reveal daily traditional life.

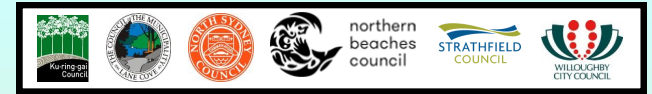


David Watts, Aboriginal Heritage Manager and Phil Hunt, Senior Archaeologist, at an engraving site

An Aboriginal Heritage Office has many responsibilities; one main aspect of the role is to give the Aboriginal people and non-Aboriginal people involved with Council an avenue of approach to discuss issues or concerns they may have.

An important part of the AHO is to communicate with community and school groups and teach an ethos of understanding to appreciate the unique culture of the Aboriginal people.

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Your Aboriginal Heritage Office



The Aboriginal Heritage Office is a partnership of six local Councils.

The role of the Aboriginal Heritage Office is to ensure the protection of Aboriginal sites and cultural heritage within the partnering council areas.