

The triannual [CVI Update](#) newsletter seeks to inform the broader CVI community about recent and upcoming activities of the Climate Vulnerability Index. Systematic assessment of climate-related impacts has never been of greater importance for heritage management.



The CVI application for the [Gondwana Rainforests of Australia](#) (Queensland section) won the National Trust of Australia (Queensland) **Heritage Award** in the Landscape category. Conducted in partnership with Queensland Government (DESI) and First Nations groups, the workshop outcomes are contributing to on-going implementation of adaptation strategies for the property in response to climate change.



Impacts of **climate change** and **climate-related hazards** were recurring themes at the [48th session of the World Heritage Committee](#) in Busan in South Korea. Numerous reports addressing the State of Conservation in cultural, natural and mixed World Heritage properties referred to increasing impacts of climate change. The CVI continues to be recognised as a pre-eminent tool to support responses.



The **CVI report** for [Røros Mining Town and the Circumference](#) has been [published](#) indicating impacts upon and threats to attributes to the town and its surrounding cultural landscape, the historical mining operations and the transportation routes. Of interest was the tension between the resource depleted landscape recognised as cultural heritage and regenerating forests (which may provide economic opportunities).



Preparations continue towards a CVI application for the [Crinan Canal](#) led by **Scottish Canals** and in partnership with other agencies. The project will incorporate a community engagement workshop in August, followed by the CVI workshop in early September – the first time a full CVI assessment of values and community vulnerability will be undertaken in a non-World Heritage scheduled site.



Several presentations involving CVI have been accepted for the **ICOMOS Scientific Symposium** to be held in [Kuching, Malaysia](#) in October 2026. These will outline numerous applications of the CVI, including the role of living heritage in climate action, case studies of partnering with First Nations peoples in the CVI process and how climate change might be better addressed in management planning.

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