



Australian Government

## Lord Howe Island Group



*World & National Heritage Lists*

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With its volcanic mountains, dramatic rock formations and rich biodiversity, the Lord Howe Island Group features some of the most spectacular landscapes on Earth. This special place has received the highest heritage honours, with inscription on the World Heritage List on 17 December 1982 and the National Heritage List on 21 May 2007 for the following values:

### **Rare and exceptional natural beauty**

- The Lord Howe Island Group is an outstanding example of an oceanic island of volcanic origin, with many diverse and scenic landscapes within a small area.
- These landscapes include sheer mountain slopes and the striking rock formation Ball's Pyramid.
- The surrounding waters contain reefs or 'underwater vistas' considered to be among the most beautiful in the world.

## Habitats for unique native animals and plants

- There are at least 241 species of native plants, including many species endemic to Lord Howe Island – they are found nowhere else on Earth.
- The Group supports large colonies of nesting seabirds. Species include the endangered Woodhen, Providence Petrel and Masked Booby.
- The waters around the Group are home to an unusual mixture of temperate and tropical organisms. They are also home to the world's southern-most coral reef, which provides a rare example of the transition between coral and algal reefs.

Today the site is managed by the Lord Howe Island Board, a NSW Statutory Authority, to help conserve and care for the values for which the area was inscribed.



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# Our Heritage

## World Heritage List



UNESCO's World Heritage List recognises and protects sites that have outstanding universal value. This means the places on

the List are important to all people of the world, irrespective of the country in which they are located.

Each of Australia's World Heritage sites is outstanding in its own right, and collectively they present an amazing diversity of places and values. Comprehensive legal frameworks are in place across all levels of government to maintain Australia's World Heritage sites to an exceptional conservation standard.

## National Heritage List

The Australian Government's National Heritage List recognises and protects our most valued natural, Indigenous and historic heritage sites. It is truly representative of the nation's most important places.

The List reflects the story of our development, from our original inhabitants to present day, Australia's spirit and ingenuity, and our unique, living landscapes.

Each place in the List is assessed by the Australian Heritage Council as having national heritage values that can be protected under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. In this way, we can sustain our heritage for future generations.

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