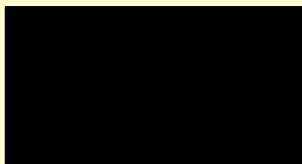
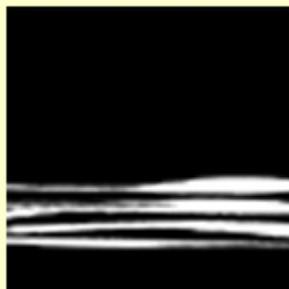


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Editorial

Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy

My apologies to all our members for the lapse in production of the monthly Newsletter. As you all know we are rotating the role of Editor of the electronic Newsletter around the various state chapters. The process collapsed over the Christmas period and unfortunately I had no capacity to get it back on the rails due to a number of personal and work commitments including planning and then executing my relocation northward to FNQ.

In this issue you will find the minutes from the 2005 AGM held at Fremantle, WA, at the end of last year. I note that the Treasurers report is missing. The auditor had not completed the statements in time for the AGM and while a verbal report was provided at the meeting the formal written report was to follow. I am not sure where this report currently resides it has possibly been forwarded to the past Secretary and I will include this in the next Newsletter as an attachment.

The electronic Newsletter provides an opportunity for us to have a regular and timely contact with fellow members and to increase the circulation of information of interest to members. However, we do need to harness the assistance of members from each state chapter to compile the text. No technical skills are required for this task as all the work to format it for the web is undertaken by other dedicated contributors from the Queensland chapter (Sean Ulm and others). All you need is say one to two days per month for three to four months, ability to produce a WORD document in Times New Roman and enough enthusiasm to trawl the web lists, relevant sites and AACAI contacts for information. It is a great way to get to know other members and what is happening in the world of archaeology in Australia and cultural heritage management. If you would like to take a turn at the Newsletter please don't hesitate to put your hand up. If you would like to discuss it further please contact me . Your association needs you! I look forward to hearing from you.

Don't forget to send in any items of news that might be relevant to members. These could include short reports of interesting projects, job and consultancy adverts, conference and seminar notices or interesting snippets of news. As the Newsletter is now monthly don't wait for a deadline send these items in as they arise and we will publish them in the next issue. The aim is to provide a constant flow of information to members and between members. Any items should be forwarded to newsletter@acc.ai.com.au.



NSW State Chapter Reshuffle

Sue McIntyre-Tamwoy has moved to Cairns to take up a research fellowship at James Cook University. This had led to the need to make a few changes to the AACAI NSW/ACT State Chapter and Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy Heritage Consultants. Denis Gojak has taken over the role of Chairperson of the State Chapter and it is business as usual with the enthusiastic SEC. Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy Heritage Consultants has joined forces with and now works 'in association' with, Archaeological and Heritage Management Solutions Pty Ltd.



The Burrup Peninsula – Follow Up *Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy*

As the minutes record (see below), the AGM resolved to take action in relation to the destruction of Aboriginal sites on the Burrup Peninsula. Accordingly, the President prepared a submission (reproduced in full below) and had a follow up telephone meeting with the Minister's advisor in relation to planning process associated with Woodside Petroleum's recent development proposal.

There have been several significant developments in relation to the Burrup (including recent assessments under taken By the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Heritage) and members are encouraged to review all relevant public information and websites to keep themselves informed on the issue.

Appeals Convenor
Damien McAlinden
Office of the Minister for the Environment and Science
29th Floor Allendale Square
77 Sth Terrace
Perth WA 6000

18 December 2005

Dear Sir

Re: Threat to Aboriginal Rock Art on Dampier Archipelago/Burrup Peninsula posed by new industrial developments by Woodside Energy Ltd

It is with greatest concern that I write on behalf of our members, urging your government to take urgent

action to safeguard the archaeological and Aboriginal heritage values of the Dampier Rock Art. It is with concern that we have read of plans by Woodside Energy Ltd to expand their operations by constructing the Pluto LNG Development. This proposal was discussed at the recent AGM of our national membership and it was resolved that we should write to you reiterating the international significance of the amazing cultural site that is within your government's stewardship and expressing our deep concern at the proposal, its potential impacts and the inadequate level of assessment proposed by the company concerned.

I have read the document entitled *EPA Environmental Scoping Document for Pluto LNG Development* prepared by Mr Stephen Ley of Woodside Energy Ltd and also the *Proponent EPA Referral Form* prepared by the same company officer. It is clear from these documents that the level of assessment proposed by the company is inadequate to assess the values of the area and the potential impact of the proposed development. While the main area of concern to our members are the cultural heritage values of the Burrup Peninsula we note that the offshore area involved in the proposal also has significant documented natural heritage values and we believe that these should also be subject to a full and thorough assessment.

It is unlikely that the assessment documents as proposed will provide adequate information to the relevant government authorities to enable them to make an informed determination on the project. A determination made on the limited information that is likely to result will be a flawed determination. Given the level of national and international scrutiny on the management of this area we believe it is essential that the assessment process is thorough and objective. We contend that given the demonstrated significance of the Aboriginal petroglyphs in the area, the potential for scientific research, and the irreplaceability quotient of these Aboriginal heritage sites, it is unlikely that a truly thorough and objective study would agree that the company's preferred site is in fact the correct choice of location for such a development.

It is disturbing to note that the scoping document that is supposed to convince the relevant government authority that the company's proposed assessment method will be transparent and adequate, in fact obscures the proposed assessment process. For example, the document states that the site selection study was a three step process, the third step being "high level integrated screening based on engineering feasibility, environmental, heritage, social aspects and cost" (*Scoping Document* p.15). Clearly, this statement is meaningless without details of the relative weighting of these factors in the 'screening process'. The fact that the Burrup Peninsula site has emerged from this process as the company's 'preferred' site despite their recognition of the international conservation and heritage values of the Aboriginal rock art (p.14) suggests that heritage and social aspects did not play a meaningful part in the selection process. By the company's own admission in the document, the preferred site is associated with sites of 'international significance' while the Onslow site does not have any known heritage sites of major state or national significance. The Onslow

site does not appear to have any known major environmental or engineering drawbacks either given the description of it in the scoping document. Clearly then detailed investigation of this site as a real and viable option is warranted.

Specifically we would like any assessment that considers further development in this area to consider the following:

1. A full and detailed analysis of the values and potential impacts of the alternate sites identified by the company particularly the Onslow and Cape Preston sites.

2. Include enough detail to provide transparency in the relative weighting of the heritage values and impacts versus the economic and engineering factors in site selection and preference. While engineering and cost (bottom line economics) considerations are inevitably given preferential weighting by development proponents, it is clearly the government's responsibility to ensure that proponents adequately address the other factors that relate to the State and National public interests such as environment and heritage. Therefore it is important to ensure that the impact assessment studies, the methodology employed in these studies and the weighting given to the study findings in its conclusions are transparently and adequately dealt with. From time to time in particular locations, it is important to recognise that heritage values may legitimately outweigh other considerations.

3. Full assessment of the sustainability of the proposal including detailed consideration of the cumulative impacts of the development particularly in relation to the impact of increased (actual and potential) emissions on the rock art. The scoping document does not reflect an understanding on the company's part that an assessment of the Ecological Sustainability of the Development must specifically address the cumulative impact of the development on the Aboriginal rock art of the Burrup Peninsula. This should include a full assessment of the cumulative impact of emissions on the condition of the petroglyphs. Specifically:

- What will be the total combined acidic atmospheric emissions at Dampier after completion, and what will be their effects on rock art, coral reefs and other entities?
- What will be the total emissions from all three petrochemical plants at Dampier, of carcinogenic and other harmful emissions?

4. Analysis of potential impact on the natural and cultural values of the area should consider a comprehensive range of risk factors including the risk of accident (resulting from either natural or human

causes). Specifically:

- What will be the total combined quantities of explosive, volatile, toxic and hazardous substances at the existing Woodside plant, the Pluto plant, the Burrup Fertilisers plant and at Dampier Port, after the project becomes fully operational?
- What precautions will Woodside Energy Ltd undertake to guard against plant explosion from surge tide or tsunami in Area E?

5. Analysis of potential impact should consider the heritage values outside the proposed boundaries of the infrastructure and include the potential and actual catchment area for the increase in emissions. The document as proposed suggests that assessment will be limited to the boundaries of Area E although it is clear that any detrimental effect from emissions will impact a broader area than this. We understand that the government has commissioned CSIRO to undertake a detail investigation of the impact of emissions of the petroglyphs. Approval to increase the emissions in this area pre-empts the findings of this study. Any increase in emissions should be avoided until the findings of the CSIRO study become available. To do otherwise is to acknowledge that decisions are being made without adequate data to assess impact. This has direct implications for the government authorities who have been mandated by the people of Western Australia to safeguard environment and heritage while overseeing the economic development of the state. Implicit in this trust is the understanding that such authorities will not knowingly approve developments for which they do not have adequate environmental data and in relation to which they have reason to believe that there is a significant and unmeasured environmental impact.

6. Adequate engagement with community stakeholders. In the case of such a development proposal in such an archeologically sensitive area it would be appropriate that the longest period of public exhibition was available and that appropriate strategies were implemented to encourage stakeholder participation. This should, at the very least, include making all assessment studies available on the world wide web (as for instance has been done in the past for development proposals in Kakadu) and including a transparent process of collation and consideration of submissions.

It is of concern to our members that the wording of the scoping document seems to imply that approval of the development will occur prior to approval to disturb Aboriginal sites, in effect pre-empting the decision of the relevant authority in relation to the protection of Aboriginal sites. We draw your attention to the paragraph on p.37, which occurs just after the statement that the company recognises that "*The Burrup Peninsula has a very high concentration of archeologically significant Aboriginal petroglyphs*".

The scoping document states that: " *Permission to disturb the land on which Aboriginal sites occur will (our emphasis) be obtained through a Section 18 application*" (p.37). It is disturbing that a company proposing such a major development is apparently of the confident opinion that they **will** be granted such an approval before the assessment process. Furthermore they pre-empt the decisions of the relevant department again outlining what the range of conditions that might apply to such approval. They clearly do not envisage that approval may not be granted to destroy sites or that mitigative measure might include systematic survey and assessment of heritage values beyond their property boundaries which would certainly be a reasonable minimum requirement if consideration was being given to the destruction of part of the Burrup Peninsula heritage resource. This is extraordinary given that the area is being considered for National Listing and there have been international calls for it to be considered for World Heritage Listing. We urge you to make it clear to the company that such approval is not a *fait accompli* and that such decisions are based on a sound assessment process and the principles of good stewardship on the part of the Western Australian government. It is therefore essential that development approval/determination of the PER is not granted for this project until other requirements relating to Aboriginal heritage have been fulfilled.

In conclusion, I would like to point out that our members are not anti-development *per se*. Most of our members earn the bulk of their income from Environmental Impact Assessment projects in relation to Indigenous and/or non-Indigenous heritage. Some of our Affiliate Members work in regulatory authorities and we are all aware of the challenges in achieving a balanced approach to development and conservation. It is a measure of how concerned we are about the adequate protection of the extremely significant Aboriginal heritage resource that is in your government's stewardship that our National Executive Committee is making this submission to you on behalf of our entire membership. We call for a detailed, comprehensive, transparent and publicly scrutinised assessment of the alternate sites so that your government has the information to hand to make an informed decision in relation to this development approval. We also urge the approval authorities to bear in mind that in cases of cultural heritage places of the highest level of significance that the heritage values must be given appropriate weighting in the assessment and approval process.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries relating to this submission. You can contact me directly on 0425 215 012, my land line (02) 9797 2477, by [email](#) or by mail at the above address.

Yours Faithfully

Dr Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy
President, Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists Inc.



Cossack Development Proposal, WA

The WA Chapter has been extremely active in relation to the proposed development affecting archaeological sites at Cossack. All members will have seen the regular updates provided by Gaye Nayton on the AACAI listserver. All members are urged to keep themselves informed on this issue and to provide support to the WA Chapter in their efforts to ensure appropriate assessment and conservation outcomes for Cossack. For up to date information contact [Gaye Nayton](#).



2005 Laila Haglund Prize for Excellence in Consultancy

The Laila Haglund Prize for Excellence in Consultancy was established in 2001 to recognise outstanding contribution to consultancy in Australia. The prize is awarded for the paper presented at the Australian Archaeological Association Inc. Annual Conference which makes the best contribution to consultancy in Australia. The award has been named after Laila Haglund in recognition of her considerable and ongoing contribution to AACAI and professional archaeology in Australia.

The 2005 prize was awarded to Bill Jeffery for his paper titled "Chuuk Lagoon's World War II Underwater Heritage Sites: Considering this Global Heritage from Different Viewpoints". The paper discussed a number of issues in considering the research and management of the WWII underwater sites in Chuuk and the Pacific. Jeffery identified the values that a number of interest groups place on these sites, the conflicts that have resulted and how this could assist in a more comprehensive view on their research/management needs. The paper also demonstrated how these underwater sites should not be considered in isolation, but rather looked at as part of the broader history of the region, including consideration of terrestrial historic sites, the nature and impacts on the societies that share this heritage, as well as the physical environment that encompass the sites.



Australian Archaeological Consultancy Monograph Series Volume 1

Richard Fullagar and Sean Ulm are pleased to announce the launch of the first issue of the Australian Archaeological Consultancy Monograph Series. The first volume is titled *Salvage Excavation of Six Sites along Caddies, Second Ponds, Smalls and Cattai Creeks in the Rouse Hill Development Area NSW* by Jo McDonald Cultural Heritage Management Pty Ltd.

A free sample issue of the first volume of the new *Australian Archaeological Consultancy Monograph*

Series is now available online at:

<http://www.aacai.com.au/monograph/>

We have also printed a short run of this volume 1. The print version is available for \$65-00 per volume (including postage). An order form available for download at the above webpage.

About the Australian Archaeological Consultancy Monograph Series

Edited by Richard Fullagar and Sean Ulm, the Australian Archaeological Consultancy Monograph Series is a peer reviewed report series providing examples of best practice consultancy reports in archaeology and cultural heritage management. The series provides access to the results of investigations as part of the commitment of the Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists Inc. to the continued improvement of the profession. The scope of the series includes the full range of consultancy activity, such as site assessment, regional survey, remote sensing, excavation, management and public education. Projects that display successful liaison and collaborative research initiatives with Indigenous communities and other stakeholders are encouraged. Further information is available at: <http://www.aacai.com.au/monograph/>



Minutes of the 2005 Annual General Meeting of the Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists Inc.

5:00pm, 29 November 2005, MMQV Theatre, Western Australian Maritime Museum, Victoria Quay, Fremantle, Western Australia

1. Attendance

Present: Peter Veth, Sue McIntyre-Tamwoy, Jo McDonald, Colin Pardoe, Oona Nicolson, Sean Ulm, Fiona Hook, Gaye Nayton, Neale Draper, David Mott, Allan Lance, Val Attenbrow, Ben Gunn, Andrea Murphy, Darren Griffin (observer), Steve Corsini, Annie Ross, Julie Drew, Sean Freeman (observer), Paul Greenfeld, Elizabeth Bradshaw.

Apologies: Tessa Corkill, Ian Lilley, Catherine Westcott, Annie Bickford, Laila Haglund, Kelvin Officer, Helen Brayshaw, Fiona Leslie, Richard Mackay, Denis Gojak, Denise Donlon, Jane Harrington.

2. Minutes of previous AGM

Minutes of the 2004 AGM were circulated having previously been circulated as draft minutes in the AACAI Newsletter March 2005. Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as a true record of that meeting (Pardoe). Passed unanimously.

3. Business arising from the minutes

None.

4. Annual Reports 2005

- President's Report (Verbal report given. Colin Pardoe to forward electronic copy later)
- Secretary's Report (see below)
- Treasurer's Report (No report presented at time of AGM – Denis Gojak to submit later)
- Membership Secretary's Report (see below)
- Webmaster's Report (see below)
- State Chapter Reports
- NSW Chapter Annual Report (see below)
- Queensland Chapter Annual Report (see below)
- Victorian Chapter Annual Report (see below)
- SA Chapter Annual Report (Verbal report provided by David Mott)
- WA Chapter Annual Report (Verbal report provided by Steve Corsini)

Motion: That the annual reports be accepted (Ross/Drew). Passed unanimously.

5. Notices, motions and special resolutions

Document circulated – *Draft Procedure for Handling Complaints Against Members*. Motion: that the "AACAI Inc. Procedure for Handling Complaints Against Members" be adopted. Moved from the Chair (Pardoe). All in favour. Motion Passed. See motion and background to it below.

Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists Inc. Procedure for Handling Complaints Against Members

Preamble

The purpose of the procedures for handling complaints against members is to assist the National Executive Committee (NEC) to handle such complaints in an equitable way by proving a transparent process in the handling and investigation of complaints.

All members of the Association undertake to abide by the Association's Code of Ethics along with other rules and codes as outlined in the constitution and its schedules when they accept membership of the Association. Several times over recent years the NEC has dealt with complaints against individual members who it has been alleged have breached the Code of Ethics. In most cases these matters have been dealt with through a combination of negotiation and arbitration. Disturbingly, although perhaps not surprisingly, some complaints appear to have been motivated by an attempt to disrupt matters being appropriately dealt with elsewhere such as the Land and Environment Court of NSW. In such cases it appears that the making of a complaint against members (usually by a non-member) has been used as a tactic to attempt to discredit the member in court.

Most complaints received by the Association about its members relate to perceived or actual breaches of the Association's Code of Ethics. The Association is committed to upholding its Code of Ethics and ensuring that Members abide by the Code however more guidance is required on how complaints will be handled and when it is not appropriate to consider them. The following procedure follows closely the procedure for complaints handling of other similar organisations, specifically the Royal Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA) and Australia ICOMOS.

Specifically the procedure states that a complaint will not be accepted while the matter or a related matter is being dealt with in the courts.

At present clause 38 of the Constitution of the AACAI provides that disciplinary action may be taken against a member of the Association. Specifically "Where the National Executive Committee is of the opinion that a member of the Association:

- (a) has refused or neglected to comply with a provision or provisions of the Objects or Rules or Codes of Conduct; or
- (b) has acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Association; or
- (c) has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a member."

There is little guidance, however, in the constitution about the process of handling and investigating the complaint before it reaches the stage of implementing disciplinary action. This current document is intended to be consistent with but clarify the process between the point at which a complaint is received by the Association and the imposition, if necessary, of disciplinary action.

The AACAI Code of Ethics

The AACAI Code of Ethics forms a schedule of the Association's Constitution. All members (of all categories) of the AACAI are required to commit to and abide by the Code of Ethics as a condition of their membership of the Association. A copy of the Constitution and Code of Ethics can be found on the Association's website at www.aacai.com.au.

When AACAI Will Not Take Action on a Complaint

The Association's rules and Code of Ethics do not bind archaeologists who are not members of AACAI and AACAI cannot assist with complaints about non-members. Nor can AACAI assist with complaints that are related to matters outside the scope of the Constitution and associated Codes. AACAI will not investigate a complaint while any other attempt is being made in another forum (such as a court, tribunal or mediation) to resolve an issue relating to any of the same facts or circumstances.

Consequences of Breaching the Rules and Codes of the Association

Under the Constitution the options open to the National Executive to discipline a member are limited to:

- (i) reprimand the member;
- (ii) suspend the member from membership of the Association for a specified period; or
- (iii) expel the member from the Association.

Clauses 38-47 of the constitution set out how such disciplinary action takes affect and this involves a series of resolutions.

Who Can Make an Allegation

An allegation of a breach of the Rules or Code of Ethics against an AACAI member can be made by a client, a member of the public, or another member of the AACAI.

Form of Allegation

Any allegation must be in writing, addressed to the Secretary, must name the member against whom the breach is alleged, and must be signed and dated by the complainant. The allegation must also state where and when the breach is alleged to have occurred and the Clause of the Constitution or the Code of Ethics alleged to have been breached, and must include sufficient documents or other information to explain the allegation.

Confidentiality

All allegations will be dealt with confidentially. Those who will know about the application will be the Secretary of the National Executive Committee (NEC) who receives the complaint, the President of the

AACAI (or his or her representative), the volunteer NEC member appointed by the President to conduct the investigation, the NEC Members if called upon to make a resolution on disciplinary action and the member who is the subject of the complaint.

Independence

AACAI will use its best endeavours to ensure that any people investigating or dealing with a complaint are unconnected with the allegation in any way that is likely to involve self interest, conflict of interest or bias.

Procedure

When a complaint is received by the NEC, the Secretary will check whether the person named in the allegation was a member of the AACAI when the event or circumstance is alleged to have taken place. If so, the complaint will be acknowledged in writing, and the member concerned will also be notified in writing. Both parties will be asked to confirm that no other procedures outside the complaint to the AACAI are in progress.

AACAI prefers to resolve any complaint informally through negotiation, and will therefore seek to do this by referring the complainant to another member of AACAI (usually an NEC member unless a conflict of interest dictates otherwise) with whom the complaint can be discussed.

If the complainant wishes to proceed with a formal allegation, the President will appoint an Assessor, who will be a member of the NEC or a senior member of AACAI (if a conflict with NEC members is involved), to investigate the complaint. If the Assessor considers that the allegation, if true, would constitute a breach of the Code of Ethics or the Constitution, the Assessor will write to the member who is the subject of the allegation and seek a written response. If, on the other hand, the Assessor does not consider that the allegation, even if true, would constitute a breach of the Code of Ethics or the Constitution, the Assessor will not investigate further.

The Assessor will prepare a report on the investigation for the President. If after investigation the Assessor considers that a breach of the Code of Ethics or Constitution may have occurred, the President will bring the matter to the next meeting of the National Executive Committee to discuss any further action. The complainant will be informed in writing about the results of the investigation.

Where the National Executive Committee agrees that a member:

- (a) has refused or neglected to comply with a provision or provisions of the Objects or Rules or

- Codes of Conduct; or
- (b) has acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Association; or
- (c) has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a member.

Then the formal steps as outlined in the constitution in clauses 38-47 will be initiated.

If the report of the Assessor concludes that a breach has not occurred the complainant will be informed in writing of that conclusion and that the matter has been deemed to have been dealt with under AACAI procedures.

6. Elections and appointment of vacant office bearers

Elected unopposed:

- President: Sue McIntyre-Tamwoy (Bradshaw/Nicolson)
- Vice-President: Oona Nicolson (Harrington/McIntyre-Tamwoy)
- Secretary: David Mott (Draper/ McIntyre-Tamwoy)
- Treasurer: Denis Gojak (McIntyre-Tamwoy/Bradshaw)
- Membership Secretary: Allan Lance (McIntyre-Tamwoy/McDonald)
- Returning Officer: Val Attenbow (McDonald/Nicolson)
- Public Officer: Jo McDonald (McIntyre-Tamwoy /Veth)
- Membership Committee:
 - Richard Robins (continuing)
 - Mark Staniforth (continuing)
 - Siobhan Lavelle (continuing)
 - Tessa Corkill (continuing)
 - Neale Draper (Ulm/Pardoe)
 - Colin Pardoe (Attenbrow/ McIntyre-Tamwoy)
 - Paul Greenfeld (Bradshaw/Veth)
- State Delegates (elected in State Chapters AGMs):
 - NSW State delegate: Julie Drew
 - WA State delegate: Steve Corsini
 - SA State delegate: Dave Mott
 - Qld State delegate: Catherine Westcott
 - Vic State delegate: Oona Nicolson

7. Other business

7.1 Cossack

Gaye Nayton spoke to the meeting about this issue: Generally the issue is as follows. The WA government's proposal to sell lots for housing development within the historic site of Cossack will effectively destroy the archaeological heritage of the town. Note the following points:

- Cossack is recognised as an iconic site of extreme importance to the historical heritage of the Pilbara and the pearling industry. The physical evidence of this significance is overwhelmingly archaeological in nature.
- It has been interim listed on the Register of Historic Places since 1992. Under the Act this listing protects the archaeological heritage of the place as this aspect of heritage is recognized under the definition of place.
- Cossack is an extremely rich archaeological site. Work carried out in the early 1990s mapped surface archaeological features from Nanny Goat Hill to the Cemetery, most of this material relates to the 1890s. The only major excavation undertaken within the town recovered stratified material from the 1870s, 1880s, 1890s 1920s and 1930s to present. During this excavation eighteen boxes of material were recovered from one backyard containing over 8,000 diagnostic artifacts.
- Given the nature and importance of the Cossack site both the archaeological community and the heritage community should be considered major stakeholders in the place and their views given due weight.

The WA State chapter of AACAI has been active in voicing their opposition to the proposal and ask that the NEC write a letter to the relevant ministers as well – along the same lines as a letter to be written by the Australian Archaeological Association Inc. Gaye Nayton to give the NEC more detail as to the wording of the letter in relation to the issues. Moved from the Chair (Pardoe). All in favour. Passed. Motion "That AACAI lobby the National Cultural Heritage Forum". Moved from the Chair (Pardoe). All in favour. Passed.

7.2 Burrup Peninsula

AACAI to write a letter regarding the Burrup Peninsula. Moved from the Chair (Pardoe). All in favour. Passed.

7.3 Minimum Fee Scale

Discussion on current fee scales and need to review them. State chapters are to make submissions to the NEC on the fee scale. A better preamble to the fee scale needs to be written. Suggested an intern rate be introduced that stays in place for at least 2 years.

8. Close of meeting

Meeting closed 6.45pm.



Secretary's Report

Oona Nicolson

Four NEC meetings were held during 2004: 28 February (teleconference), 20 May (Sydney), 30 August (teleconference) and 5 September (teleconference). Various issues have also been resolved outside formal NEC meetings by email. I have maintained a record of the email messages and faxed correspondence on CD-ROM. Most external requests to the Secretary have been people seeking employment in Australia.

Main issues dealt with by the NEC during 2005 have been:

- Support for ACCAI Chapters and various state workshops
- Changes to the Newsletter – now monthly on the web
- Establishment of the monograph series
- Support for National Archaeology Week
- Submission re: Victorian proposed Aboriginal Heritage Bill
- Introducing EFT as a payment option for membership still in progress

There has been a delay (yet again) in ensuring our changes to the constitution that members voted upon two years ago (re: Associates required to move to Full Membership after 5 years). The information sent to the Registrars General Office was returned for not constituting all changes within a new constitution along with a copy of the old constitution in full. I have arranged to submit this yet again so that our affairs will be in order and the constitutional changes can be posted on the website. My apologies to members for the extended delay in this process.

The commissioning of the History of AACAI is also now officially underway with \$1,500 committed by the NEC to start things off. Queensland and NSW State Chapters have committed to contributing \$500 each to the project.

AACAI has retained the post Box 214 in the Holme Building. Subscriptions should still be sent directly to the Membership Secretary, a system which is now quite efficient.

I thank all members of the NEC who have worked very effectively throughout the last year.



Membership Secretary's Report

Jane Harrington

Overview of Membership

Registered membership of AACAI as at 29 November 2005 for the 2005-2006 financial year was 129 (28 Full Members; 78 Associate Members; 23 Affiliate Members). Of these, 80 are currently financial. For comparison, AACAI had 110 financial members at December last year year.

2005-2006 Renewal Reminder Schedule

Most activity in the last 6 months has concentrated on subscription renewals. In previous years, renewals have been called for through mail outs. In an attempt to save on postage (and time) this year, the renewal process has relied on either the electronic newsletter, or direct email contact (x2). Two email reminders were sent to the membership in June (14/06) and August (7/08) 2005, with an additional reminder accompanying the notice for the AGM. It was planned to mail individual reminders to outstanding members in October, however due to unforeseen circumstances the Membership Secretary has yet to forward these reminders and will do so in the first week of December. The Register of Members will be reviewed in January 2006 (31 December 2005 being midway through the financial year) and unfinancial members deleted. This is the first renewal since the increase of fees was agreed to at the 2004 AGM. To date, no member has indicated to the Membership Secretary that he or she has decided not to renew their membership as a direct result of this fee increase.

Several members have indicated that a facility for direct funds transfer via the internet would make the fee renewal process more efficient and expedient. The NEC approved that we implement this facility at the NEC meeting held on 5 September 2005 and the Treasurer will undertake to have this available for the 2006-2007 renewals.

Successful Membership Applications in 2005

To date, 5 new members (1 Full Member; 4 Associate Members) have been admitted to AACAI during 2005:

- Noelene Cole - Full Member
- Gavin Martin - Associate Member

- Stefani Eagle - Associate Member
- Cameo Dalley - Associate Member
- Gavin Martin - Associate Member
- Stephen Nichols - Associate Member

Membership Applications in Progress

Two Full Membership applications are currently in progress: one is an upgrade from Associate Membership. Three Associate Membership applications are currently in progress.

In closing I would like to thank the AACAI NEC for their support and offer my congratulations to the incoming Membership Secretary.



Webmaster's Report

Sean Ulm

Introduction

This report documents the 12 months of operation of the AACAI website from 1 November 2004 to 31 October 2005.

Usage Statistics (1 November 2004-31 October 2005)

In the 12 months to 31 October 2005 the website received 374,243 hits from users based in 68 countries. Daily usage averaged over 1,025 hits and monthly usage averaged in excess of 31,186 hits. Usage over this period comprised the accessing of 286,835 files, 74,762 pages, 30,695 individual visits and the serving of 5.2GB of data. The Register of Consultants and its subordinate pages (Full Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members) received the majority of hits. Pages with joining information and general information about AACAI were also popular, with 152 copies of the Full Application Package in *.pdf format downloaded. The introduction of the electronic version of the AACAI Newsletter also proved popular, with many users downloading the printable version in *.pdf format. Around 24% of hits on the site were from users based outside Australia. The vast majority of international visitors to the site were based in the English-speaking world, comprising the United States, United Kingdom, Canada and New Zealand, with regular visits from users in the Netherlands, Japan, Norway, France and Germany.

Maintenance and Updates

The major changes to the website over the last 12 months have included the addition of the monthly

electronic AACAI Newsletter and the uploading of a full-text searchable set of the AACAI Newsletters. All 2,206 pages of the pre-electronic print issues of the AACAI Newsletter, Numbers 1-95 are now available on the AACAI website as downloadable *.pdf files. Many thanks to Eleanor Crosby, Tessa Corkill, Laila Haglund and Ian Lilley for donating issues for the guillotine! AACAI Queensland Chapter funded the project.

Recent maintenance work has included investigation of establishing member-only password access to areas of the site hosting the new AACAI journal and monograph series. On-going maintenance of member records has been conducted on a daily basis.

Feedback and contributions are very welcome.



New South Wales State Chapter Annual Report *Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy, Chairperson*

I take pleasure in providing my second annual report as Chairperson of the NSW State Chapter. Another year has flown by and as usual in a committee comprised of volunteers the passage of time has left a mass of unfilled aims and targets. It is useful then to overview just what we have achieved.

A Strong State Executive Committee

The SEC members have continued to meet regularly. Many of them are serving their last term possible in the positions they hold. The SEC members in addition to myself for the 2005 year were:

- Annie Bickford – Vice Chairperson
- Mark Rawson – Secretary
- Julie Drew – Treasurer and State Delegate
- Helen Brayshaw
- Dominic Steele
- Jane Harrington
- Fiona Leslie

During the year we shifted our venue from the enjoyable but sometimes noisy Minh restaurant in Dulwich Hill to my home. While the Minh was great it was sometimes a bit too noisy to hold productive meetings and presupposed that everyone was eating ... which put a bit of unnecessary economic pressure on some

committee members.

Having the meetings at my place meant that people could relax and have the meeting with wine and often with home delivered pizza from the gourmet pizza place. The venue was lot quieter and seemed to work well.

Input into Government Reviews and Policy Documents

The SEC has continued to maintain a strong voice for members through provision of advice and input into government reviews and the development of policy documents. In the past year our most significant time investment has been into the DEC's interim Guidelines on Community Consultation. In relation to these we convened a very well attended occasional meeting at which DEC staff presented their rationale for the guidelines and at which time we began collecting input and feedback from our members. We also commissioned a legal opinion of the guidelines and prepared a formal response to the DEC on the guidelines and associated issues. Our submission was made available to all members through publication in the Newsletter.

Also a great achievement was the AACAI's submission into the Heritage Act Review which was finalised this year. A copy of this which was prepared by Denis Gojak, again built on input from a special workshop that we held. Our submission was published in the Newsletter.

Creating a Learning Environment for our Members

Unfortunately due to other commitments we have not managed to organise any of our workshops planned for this year. We will be re-introducing the workshop program for next year anyone interested in assisting with these should contact [Fiona Leslie](#) directly.

Our occasional meetings have continued to provide food for discussion however this year we say farewell to tireless Tessa Corkhill who has run these workshops for many years. Tessa has announced that she is handing over the reins to someone else. I know you will join with me in thanking her for her efforts and her persuasive powers in getting speakers for this long running workshop series. Julie Drew has continued to organise the food and beverages for the meetings. It will be one of the first tasks of the incoming SEC to review and repackage the occasional meeting program and to find someone to replace the large gap left by Tessa's retirement from the position.

I think the key to the future of the meetings will be to build closer links with Sydney University and the emergent archaeologists in Sydney and perhaps to change the day and or frequency of the meetings to attract

a larger audience.

Emerging Issues for Our Organisation

Building Links with State Agencies

This remains one of the most crucial tasks for the new SEC. The AACAI has found it difficult to build strong and lasting ties with state agencies in NSW particularly with the DEC. Relationships continue to be personality driven and require constant follow up. We need to identify avenues of communication that transcend these personalities and result in regular contact on matters affecting our membership.

Developing and increasing our membership base: Every year it seems it is two steps forward and one step backwards in the membership numbers. The AACAI for the first time in several years raised its rates this financial year. Despite some dire predictions it has had little negative impact on existing membership numbers in New South Wales. However there remain many practitioners in NSW who are not members and to date efforts at recruiting potential members have failed. The NSW SEC has had members at each of the Heritage Practitioners Workshops held in Sydney and has provided information on membership for distribution at these meetings.

The SEC resolved that future strategies will target emergent archaeologist's i.e those in their final year of university. To this end it was decided to have a Christmas Meet and Greet at the popular Court House Hotel in Newton. This has been arranged for the 9 December 2005 jointly with ASHA.

Raising the Profile of Archaeology and the Significance of Archaeological Sites

The SEC has had some discussions about raising the profile of archaeology through using mechanisms like the National List. Archaeological sites are poorly represented on the National List and as these are the only sites that attract significant Federal funding it means that archaeology is not seen as a large contributor nor does it benefit significantly from national heritage agendas. The new SEC will inherit the task of implementing a drive amongst members in NSW to come up with a short list of archaeological sites in NSW which meet National List thresholds. It is intended that AACAI volunteers will draw up several nominations for submission to the commonwealth.

The Loss of Friends

Many of our members in NSW would have known Jimmy Davis a beloved Aboriginal Elder from the Illawarra region. It was good to see many of our members at his funeral to farewell him and join with his family in celebrating his remarkable life. For many of us it is meeting and working with Aboriginal people like Jim that has reinforced our commitment to archaeology and our profession.

What Remains Undone!

Some of the many things that remain for the new SEC to follow up on include:

- Establishing a forward calendar of workshops that satisfy member training needs.
- Establishing an ongoing consultation role with the DEC.
- Building links with and participation in Heritage Office initiatives.
- Establishing an ongoing link with students of archaeology.
- Raising the profile of archaeological sites on the National List as part of a strategy to promote archaeology and its significance in Australia.
- Increase our membership base.
- Increase the active participation of our members in the work of the State Chapter.

I would like to end by thanking my fellow members of the SEC. As a team we have continued to work cheerfully and positively, if not exactly tirelessly, for the NSW membership despite personal setbacks, losses, changes to workplaces and addresses and growing workloads.

The 2005 NSW AGM and Election of 2006 Executive Committee

The NSW State Chapter AGM was held on the 21 November 2005. At that committee the nominations which had been received by the returning officer were all elected unopposed. The 2006 Committee is as follows:

- Chairperson: Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy
- Vice Chairperson: Denis Gojak
- Secretary: Fiona Leslie
- Treasurer: Jane Harrington
- Committee Member: Jenna Lamb
- Committee Member: Denise Donlon
- Committee Member: Angela Besant

The first meeting of the NSW SEC will be on the 1 February at which time the State Delegate and Alternate State Delegate will be elected from the existing committee members.



Queensland State Chapter Annual Report

Sean Ulm

2005 Activities

The Queensland State Chapter has been active on several fronts during 2005. Amongst other things, we supported public lectures by Professor Iain Davidson and Michael Slack for National Archaeology Week, made a submission to the review of UQ's School of History, Philosophy, Classics and Religion and guest edited four issues of the electronic *AACAI Newsletter*.

The Chapter also recently funded scanning and digitisation of all 2,206 pages of the pre-electronic print issues of the AACAI Newsletter, Numbers 1-95. Electronic versions of these files are now available on the AACAI website as downloadable *.pdf files. Thanks to Eleanor Crosby, Tessa Corkill, Laila Haglund and Ian Lilley for donating issues for the gullotine! This initiative will be a useful resource for all members of AACAI.

The main 2005 Chapter activity was the hosting of a very successful Professional Development Workshop on *Compliance and Beyond: Cultural Heritage Legislation* over the weekend of 22-23 October, facilitated by Luke Godwin and Scott L'Oste-Brown from Central Queensland Cultural Heritage Management Pty Ltd. The workshop was attended by 42 delegates, including representatives from inter-state, Aboriginal community organisations and regulatory authorities. Feedback forms indicated that 90% of delegates gave the workshop an overall ranking of 4/5 or 5/5. Many thanks to Luke and Scott for their hard work and professionalism in facilitating the workshop.

The Money Bit

The Chapter remains in a healthy financial position thanks largely to income generated by late registrations to the 2004 and 2005 workshops, with a projected balance of around \$3500 for the end of the 2005 calendar year. The size of the Chapter also continues to grow with more recent and not-so-recent graduates joining the AACAI (QLD) ranks.

The Loss of Friends

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of two colleagues this year who contributed much to our profession; Dr Bruce Veitch and Dr Thomas H. Loy. Bruce was not only a long-standing member of AACAI who worked in Queensland, but whose approach to collaborative work with Indigenous communities sets high standards for others to follow. Tom, while still getting around to filling in the paperwork to join AACAI, trained many students who now work in consulting archaeology in both Queensland and New South Wales and had close relationships with both Indjilandji and Jagera communities. Both are missed. In recognition of Bruce's and Tom's contributions, the Chapter has made contributions to funds established in their honour.

The 2005 Queensland AGM and Election of 2006 Executive Committee

The Queensland State Chapter AGM was held on the 21 November 2005. At that meeting the nominations which had been received by the returning officer were all elected unopposed. The 2006 Committee is as follows:

- Chairperson: Sean Ulm
- Vice Chairperson: Richard Robins
- Secretary: Catherine Westcott
- Treasurer: Cameo Dalley
- State Delegate: Jill Reid
- Alternate State Delegate: Elizabeth Hatte

Looking Forward

Activities planned for 2006 include: hosting a Professional Development Workshop on GIS; supporting National Archaeology Week; supporting the scanning of back issues of *Queensland Archaeological Research* for open web access; and hosting of a Brisbane EPBC Workshop.

Thanks

Finally, for hard work throughout the year I thank my fellow State Chapter Executive members, Annie Ross, Michael Haslam, Jill Reid, Catherine Westcott and Liz Hatte. For general assistance throughout the year I thank Steve Nichols and Daniel Rosendahl.



Victorian State Chapter Annual Report

Very little has happened with the chapter this year, and numerous planned meetings have not eventuated due to busy schedules.

Members have been discussing the changes to the proposed Aboriginal Heritage Bill via email and all Victorian members have expressed interest in attending a meeting on Monday 12 December to finalise our submission regarding the Bill. It is hope this meeting will generate fruitful discussion and interest from members in planning some activities for 2006.

We look forward to a more active year in Victoria in 2006.



Public Forum on Dampier Rock in Canberra

The National Trust of Australia (WA) with the assistance of the World Monument Fund and American Express will be holding a public forum on the Dampier Rock Art in Canberra on Wednesday 21 June, 12:00pm-2:00 pm in Committee Room, 2S3, Parliament House, Canberra. RSVP essential. [Email](#) or call (08) 9228 3277. Check in at Parliament House main entrance to be signed in by 11:40am. This presentation is hosted by Senator Rachel Siewert and Senator Alan Eggleston. Full details of this event at <http://www.burrup.org.au/canforum>.



Federal Budget Fails Our Heritage

MEDIA RELEASE

Anthony Albanese MP

Shadow Minister for the Environment and Heritage
Shadow Minister for Water
Member for Grayndler

Federal Budget Fails Our Heritage

Australia's leading heritage protection organisation, the National Trust, has slammed the Federal Budget for its woefully inadequate support for our heritage, with less than 2% of the total environment budget spent on the care of Australia's heritage places.

The National Trust's criticism is further proof the Howard Government treats our heritage with contempt.

Respect for our heritage is the foundation stone for nation building. Tragically, the foundation stone is crumbling.

The Howard Government has turned a blind eye as climate change threatens to devastate our unique natural heritage.

The Great Barrier Reef, Kakadu and the Wet Tropics Rainforests are all threatened by climate change, but there was not one single new initiative in the Federal Budget to tackle climate change or support clean

energy. Instead, 50 staff are being cut from climate programs in the Environment portfolio.

Only one of Australia's 16 World Heritage sites are on the National Heritage List. It is extraordinary that the Great Barrier Reef, Uluru, Fraser Island and Shark Bay aren't protected through the National Heritage List.

The Howard Government has failed to support Western Australia's push for World Heritage listing for the magnificent Ningaloo Reef. Labor supports World Heritage listing for the Reef.

The Howard Government should be building our future whilst respecting our past. Instead, it has mortgaged our future and neglected our heritage.

We need a Government with the foresight to deal with climate change now, so that great Australian icons like the Great Barrier Reef and Kakadu are still there for future generations.

Friday, 12 May 2006

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Reminder to Send News Items for Inclusion in the Monthly Newsletter

Please don't forget to send in any items of news that might be relevant to members. These could include short reports of interesting projects, job and consultancy adverts, conference and seminar notices or interesting snippets of news. Many members have said how they find it interesting just to hear the range and types of projects that members are undertaking - so even if you don't have much time a series of dot points on recent projects keeps your colleagues in touch with what you are doing.



Seminars

Date: 23 June 2006

State: QLD - Brisbane

Title: *Using GIS and Legacy Data to Assess Women's Influence on Roman Military Life on the German Frontier*

Who: Penelope Allison

Time & Place: 3:00pm, Room E212, Forgan Smith Building, University of Queensland

Series: Working Papers in Archaeology Seminar Series

Details: <http://www.ansoc.uq.edu.au/index.html?page=42902&pid=0>



Conferences

Date: 9-12 July 2006

Place: Launceston, Tasmania, Australia

Title: *Performer, Practitioners and Audiences in American Studies: 2006 Biennial Conference of the Australia New Zealand American Studies Association (ANZSAA)*

Convenor/s: Australia New Zealand American Studies Association (ANZSAA)

Venue: University of Tasmania, Launceston

Details: www.anzasa.arts.usyd.edu.au

Date: 18-23 July 2006

Place: Sydney, Australia

Title: *Angkor - Landscape, City and Temple*

Convenor/s: University of Sydney

Venue: University of Sydney, Sydney

Details: conferences.arts.usyd.edu.au/index.php?cf=9

Date: 4-9 September 2006

Place: Lisbon, Portugal

Title: XV UISPP 2006 Congress

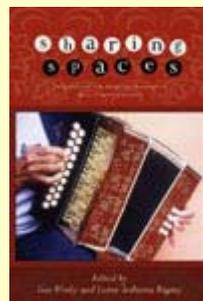
Convenor/s: Union Internationale des Sciences Préhistoriques et Protohistoriques International – Union for Prehistoric and Protohistoric Sciences

Venue: University of Lisbon

Details: www.uispp.ipt.pt



New Publications



***Sharing Spaces* by Gus Worby and Lester-Irabinna Rigney**

"This broad-ranging, interrelated collection of conversations and essays by Elders, Indigenous and non-Indigenous scholars addresses a range of contemporary issues including the politics of sharing space derived from a colonial history of non-sharing, the relationship between the stories Australians tell themselves about their place in the world as peoples and nation, the differing concepts of country and knowledge that give stories their context and meaning and the way this combination of grounded narratives animates and informs rights discourse – in Australia and beyond. In this matrix of ideas and analyses, literature and history meet economics, visual art and film intersect with heritage discourses and cultural geography, multi-layered maps of space, place and time position the law and community meets the academy. All of these approaches converge in the vulnerable, vital and contested space called 'education'. Sharing Spaces values the many-faceted acts of making, shaping and inhabiting social, cultural and intellectual space through talking, sharing, collaboration, advocacy and critical analysis." ([ref](#))



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