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Editorial

Dean Mullen

Welcome back for another exciting year of consulting archaeology. I would firstly like to introduce myself as the new editor and assure the membership that, although I am new to the Association, I intend to be in the role on a more permanent basis than has been the case in recent times.

Submissions from members have been almost non-existent, for which I must take partial responsibility. Although I do not intend to badger the membership, I realise that it is my responsibility to follow up initial calls for submissions with final calls and deadlines. Perhaps we all just need to realise that we can contribute something to the profession by keeping our colleagues informed of developments in the field or by stimulating debate. I'll leave it up to the membership to decide.

I received a 'Letter to the Editor' after putting out my call for submissions and I include it as a suggestion for others. I wish to encourage direct member contributions in this vein, particularly if it will improve my performance and the newsletter as an entity. However, I realise that this may prove controversial and that 'open-slayer' may degenerate into something ugly, so I will be taking advice from the NEC before publishing letters.

The majority of this issue will be given over to the minutes of the AGM held during last year's AAA Conference at La Trobe University. This edition features the call for session proposals for this year's Australasian Archaeology Conference, new university courses in Archaeology / CHM and upcoming field schools, a calendar of events for 2007, information on a new wet-sieving device and a new publication.

In the next issue I hope to include information from state chapters summarising AACAI related matters from around the country, so I ask that all State Secretaries please send in contributions – anything at all – before the end of February.

I thank you for accepting me into the fold and I look forward to serving the membership.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Dean,



Thanks for your email and perhaps you can use this as a letter to the editor.

I would like to pass on a 'Well done, congratulations, and good luck' to Dean. He has taken on a big job. Hardest part being is to get people to give information to put in the Newsletter. How about a 'where are they now?' section. As a 'has been', which is better than a 'never was', I would be interested in where my contemporaries are. Perhaps this could be a 'Dear Abby' kind of thing. It would be nice to have the question answered as to why we, as archaeologists, want to destroy each other. There aren't that many of us, but we many no longer want to go to the blood bath conferences. What is the point? For established archaeologists this may seem naive and irrelevant but, I would suggest, that without the support of the up and coming new wave of archaeologists there is nowhere to go.

Good luck.

Cheers

Gordon Copland BA (Hons), Grad. Dip. Ed., MA, MACCAI.



AACAI 2006 NEC AGM, Beechworth

Minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting of the Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists Inc.

5.45pm, Friday 8th December, Main Conference Room, La Trobe University, Beechworth, Victoria

1. Attendance

Present: Val Attenbrow, Judy Birmingham (observer), Elizabeth Bradshaw, Julie Drew, Richard Fullagar, Alice Gorman (observer), Paul Greenfeld, Fiona Hook, Allan Lance, Belinda Liebelt (observer), Sue McIntyre-Tamwoy, Jill Reid, Sean Ulm, Lynley Wallis, Catherine Westcott.

Apologies: Shaun Canning, Jillian Comber, Neale Draper, Denis Gojak, Ben Gunn, Jenna Lamb, Dave Mott, Oona Nicholson.

2. Minutes of previous AGM

Minutes of the previous AGM were circulated, having previously been circulated in draft form in AACAI Newsletter Number 108 distributed in June 2006. Motion: That the minutes of the previous AGM be accepted as a true record of that meeting. Moved Allan Lance, Seconded (Sue McIntyre-Tamwoy).

3. Business arising from the minutes

Burrup Peninsula

Complaints against members

Cossack

These issues were considered in detail in the President's report.

4. Annual Reports 2006

Presidents report (see below)

Secretary's Report (see below)

Treasurers report (Denis Gojak to organise audit of accounts and submit report).

It was noted that no Treasurers report was tabled and that the Treasurer had notified the NEC of his resignation due to work commitments. It was also noted that the matter of the account signatories had not been sorted out and required immediate attention.

Accordingly expressions of interest to fill this position were called from the floor. Allan Lance nominated Petra Schell (not present). No other expressions of Interest were forthcoming.

Motion: To co-opt Petra Schell, subject to her acceptance, in accordance with the constitution to fill the position of Treasurer until the next election (at the AGM in 2007).

Moved Allan Lance

Seconded: Sue McIntyre-Tamwoy

Passed unanimously.

Petra Schell later accepted this appointment.

Motion: That the Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists Inc NEC bank account signatories are

amended as follows:

Colin Pardoe, currently an authorising party, be retained as a signatory only

Sean Ulm be retained as signatory and authorising party

Bruce Veitch be deleted.

Peter Veth be deleted

Allan Lance be added as an authorising party

Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy be added as an authorising party and

Petra Schell be added as a signatory.

Moved Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy

Seconded Allan Lance

Passed Unanimously.

Once this is done all outstanding invoices are to be paid and the books are to be audited and the results published in the AACAI Newsletter.

Membership secretary's report (see below)

Webmasters report (see below)

Queensland State Chapter report (see below)

5. Election and appointment of Office Bearers

The existing NEC has completed the first year of its two year appointment and there was therefore no requirement for a spill of positions and elections of a new Committee. The Treasurer has resigned from his position and has been replaced by appointee Petra Schell.

President: Sue McIntyre-Tamwoy (continuing)

Vice-President: Oona Nicolson (continuing)

Secretary: David Mott (continuing)

Treasurer: Petra Schell (replacement appointed at close of meeting)

Membership Secretary: Allan Lance (continuing)

Public Officer: Jo McDonald (continuing)

Membership Committee

Neale Draper (continuing)

Tessa Corkill (continuing)

Paul Greenfeld (continuing)

Siobhan Lavelle (continuing)

David Nutley (replacing Mark Staniforth)

Colin Pardoe (continuing)

Richard Robins (continuing)

State Delegates (elected in State Chapters AGMs)

NSW State delegate: Jenna Lamb

WA State delegate: Steve Corsini

SA State delegate: Dave Mott

Qld State delegate: Jill Reid

Vic State delegate: Oona Nicolson

6. Other business

6.1 Annual disbursement of funds to State Chapters.

It was noted by Sean Ulm that the State Chapters are responsible for many of the Association's activities during the year and that in the past there had been an irregular disbursement of funds to assist the State Chapters. Discussion revolved about the best methods for distributing funds to the State Chapters. Motion: That the NEC in reviewing the budget for the coming year will give consideration to making an annual allocation to each State Chapter, contingent on their submitting the Minutes of their AGM for the previous year and contingent on the Association's ability to pay this amount. Moved Sean Ulm, Seconded Fiona Hook.

6.2 New course in Cultural Heritage Management being run at Flinders University

Alice Gorman and Lynley Wallis spoke to the AGM about a new course being run at Flinders University in 2007. The course is designed to train practitioners in CHM and was hoped to give graduates the qualifications suitable for admission to AACAI. Students would be encouraged to join the Association. Alice sought the involvement of the Association membership in providing advice, employment or internship opportunities to graduates of this program, and a suitable appointee from the Association to a steering committee overseeing the running of the course.

7. Close of meeting

Meeting closed 7.10pm.

Presidents Report AACAI AGM 2006

I am honoured to present this report highlighting some of the NEC's activities on your behalf throughout the past year and heralding some ideas and issues for consideration in the coming months.

The NEC is half way through its current term which is due to end in 2007. This year the Executive has been more geographically dispersed than ever, lacking a core of people in any one state or city centre. Even in these days of electronic communication options this is a challenge to the efficiency of the organization and I have some ideas on how we might combat this, which I will discuss later. As usual, everyone who has volunteered their services to work for the organization has been extremely busy juggling work, family and committee responsibilities. We have only managed to have two full meetings although thanks to the efficiency of our Secretary, Dave Mott, these have been well organized and productive. We have however had a massive amount of email communication in between meetings and this has kept the work bubbling along. There have been some achievements but as usual there have also been those failures to achieve that leave us wishing we had the time and resources to do more. I shall talk briefly about some of our achievements this year and then spend some time outlining some of the challenges and what we might do to resolve them.

Submissions and position statements:

Firstly, we should acknowledge the elephant in the room - The Burrup Peninsula. At last years AGM it was resolved that the NEC should undertake a watching brief on this issue and take part in appropriate public submission opportunities to advocate for a regional assessment of the area and management outcomes for the whole area that are based on a comprehensive assessment of significance. The nominations and serious consideration of this site for inclusion on the National List provides a clear mandate for the involvement of the national body of the Association. We have delivered on this commitment reading the various documents and commenting on them as they became available for public scrutiny. These submissions are available on the AACAI website, but have also been circulated as they were written to the membership. I believe that we have presented a rational voice of sound heritage advice on this issue.

The Cossack site was also discussed at the 2005 AGM and it was resolved that the NEC would support the WA Chapter in their aim of raising awareness of the cultural heritage values of the area and the requirement for a comprehensive assessment of those values. In this case, however, the WA Chapter has rightly taken the lead with the untiring efforts of Gaye Nayton. Information on the Cossack issue has been circulated, as it has become available, to the entire membership via the AACAI email list.

In the course of preparing the submissions on the Burrup, and having had the opportunity to look through our scanty archives in the past it occurred to me that the documents we were creating were important policy statements from the Association and should be permanently available to members. They also go part of the way towards answering that question that non-members ask *What is it that the Association does for you?* This led to the NEC establishing the 'Submissions' page on the website. We have put out a call, and would like to repeat that now, to the various state chapters to provide an electronic version of any major submissions they have made to government policy and procedural documents or to Legislative reviews etc so that a full collection of such documents is retained on the web for future reference. The rule that the NEC and the webmaster have adopted is that the documents must be signed or accompanied by a letter of endorsement from the Chair of the State Chapter before the webmaster will load them on to the site. In other words, they need to be official policy statements from the Association.

The Complaints Procedure:

The draft document was tabled at the last AGM and approved subject to typo correction. This document is now available and should be loaded on the website soon. Copies have been circulated via the email list. This document will hopefully provide the NEC with more effective guidance on how to equitably deal with complaints against members.

Minimum Fee scale Review:

The Review took longer than I anticipated as I found that non-members had more to say about the review than members did and members were slow to respond to requests for input. At their last meeting, the NEC agreed to raise minimum rates by a modest 15%. Some changes have been made, including representing the consultant's rate as a range rather than one figure. I have reported on the outcomes of the review in the recent Newsletter. This document has not yet been uploaded to the website but I have copies available here if anyone would like one. The website will be updated as soon as possible.

Membership matters:

Allan Lance will report on these in more detail but it has been pleasing to note a small trickle of new members joining us through the year. The Western Australian Chapter has been particularly active in increasing their membership in recent years.

The History of AACAI Project:

This project led by Laila Haglund and Helen Brayshaw finally kicked off this year and they have begun the task of documenting the earliest years of the Association. Please don't assume that they can do this alone. I encourage anyone who has any first hand experience of those days or who has any papers relating to the early years of the AACAI to get in touch with Laila or Helen. As I have previously mentioned the 'archives' of the Association are woefully incomplete. Most archaeologists working today have little comprehension of the influence that the Association has had on the archaeological consulting industry and how conditions for practitioners have improved to the stage where it is a viable industry for so many people.

The Website:

The website has continued to be one of our main avenues of communication with the broader community. It is both one of our biggest successes and one of our major challenges. While still working effectively, it is in need of a major overhaul if we are to meet the future needs of the Association. Sadly, we are losing the services of Sean Ulm who has done such a wonderful job managing the website over the years since its inception. We are currently looking for a replacement webmaster so if you have skills in this area please step forward.

This now leads into the challenges or things we need to do better:

Publications:

Once again this has proved to be a mixture of successes and challenges!

The Newsletter:

The experiment of rotating the editorship through the state chapters has not proved an effective way to maintain the regularity of the newsletter. In some cases, it has worked well but in others, there has been a failure to produce, which has resulted in fewer editions this year than planned. The NEC has decided to call for a volunteer to take on this task as official Newsletter editor. The South Australian Chapter has stepped into the breach and offered to produce the newsletter for each of the next 3 months while we are seeking an Editor. If you would like to try your hand at this important task please let me know. It is a great way to stay up to date on everything that is going on and is a relatively easy task as it does not require any formatting skills but is rather a compilation of available information. The whole task should take no more than 4 hours per month.

The Edited Journal:

The original concept was to produce the inaugural volume as a 'members only' authored volume to showcase the work of the membership. However, there are simply not enough members who are willing or able to produce papers for the journal at this stage and so the decision has been made to open it up to a more general call for papers. The NEC remains committed to the publication of a journal tailored to consulting projects and their outcomes but will look more broadly for the material.

The Monograph Series:

Sean will no doubt report further on the progress of the series but my understanding is that a second monograph is in the pipeline.

Meetings of the NEC:

Once again, the NEC rose to the challenge of an all or almost all new Executive Committee without the benefit of a job description and procedures manual. This is now a priority for us to compile over the coming year so that by the time of the 2007 AGM when elections will be held there is clear induction document to help simplify things for any new office bearers.

In recognition of the difficulties of building a strong team with so few opportunities to meet face to face, we are going to trial a commitment to one face to face meeting in the new year. In doing so, we are using a model used by other NGO organizations where each member of the NEC has committed to meeting a component of their own travel costs with the remainder reimbursed. We will use this opportunity to workshop a lot of the tasks that need to be undertaken in the coming year and we will try to combine it with an opportunity for the general membership such as a workshop or occasional meeting.

The Treasurers Position:

The Treasurer's position has become vacant mid term. Denis Gojak has had to step down from the position due to work commitments. The tangle of old signatories' has not been sorted out. This has hampered the work of the NEC and resulted in a backlog of invoices that have not been paid. The books have now been submitted to the auditor

although the report is not yet available. The NEC is seeking to co-opt a Treasurer, which is permitted under the terms of the Constitution. That person would be a full member of the NEC until the next AGM when they would have to stand down for the elections but would be eligible to be re-elected.

Team Acknowledgements:

Finally, I would like to acknowledge my colleagues on the NEC for all their hard work over the past year on your behalf. I feel that we have built up a head of steam and are now in a position to take on some of the challenges facing us.

I want to thank and sadly note the departure of Sean as Webmaster and confess to being terrified of facing the coming year ... the first 'Sean-less' year in memory! He has worked tirelessly and uncomplainingly for the Association and as I noted in the Newsletter I guess we have to respect his decision to step down from his role as service to the Association is not supposed to be a life sentence!

Denis Gojak as I have already noted is also stepping down. He has worked in various -capacities on both the NEC and NSW State Chapter. I thank Denis for his efforts and support over that time.

Mark Staniforth has also stepped down from his role on the membership committee to be replaced by David Nutley as a co-opted member of that committee.

Thank you to those who are leaving the NEC and a very BIG thank you to those who are staying! Next year will be an exciting one for all of us. For the first time the AACAI is a partner in the AAA conference to be held next year in Sydney and while a lot of the extra work will fall to the NSW Chapter there will be increased work for the NEC but what a great initiative!. I will be busy with the joint Australia ICOMOS/JCU conference to be held in Cairns in July and I hope that many of you will take that opportunity to come to the conference and visit me in tropical north Queensland!

Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy President AACAI

AACAI Secretary's Report 2006

David Mott

Apologies Received David Mott, Jillian Comber

Two NEC meetings were held during 2006. Teleconferences on 15 June and 25 October 2006. Various issues have also been resolved outside formal NEC meetings by email. I have maintained a record of the email messages, faxed correspondence and letters. In all very little correspondence has been received; all has been of a very general nature. Most requests are regarding change of details for the website, people seeking work and queries regarding status of membership applications or upgrades.

- Main issues dealt with by the NEC during 2006 have been:
- Final Complaint Procedure in final edit
- Design of a brief for the Membership Committee to help move membership applications
- Most recent application forms and criteria for those wishing to apply for membership to AACAI - for upload to website
- AACAI Consultancy Monograph Series: cost efficient printing services acquired
- Lodgment an appeal with the appeals coordinator of the Minister for Environment (WA) in relation to the proposed Woodside Petroleum Pluto LNG Plant.
- AACAI Brochure updated (in progress)
- Final Fee Scale Review

AACAI has retained the Post Box 214 in the Holme Building at Sydney University. 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 8 December 2006

Overview of Membership

Membership of AACAI as of 8 December 2006 for the 2006-2007 financial year is 112 (31 Full Members; 56 Associate Members; 25 Affiliate Members) (Table 1, Figures 1-2). By comparison, AACAI had 96 members at the end of the 2005-2006 financial year.

	ACT	NSW	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Total
Full	4	10	6	4	0	5	2	31
Associate	6	23	6	8	1	4	8	56
Affiliate	2	10	7	2	2	0	2	25
Total	12	43	19	14	3	9	12	112

Table 1. Members for the 2006-2007 financial year

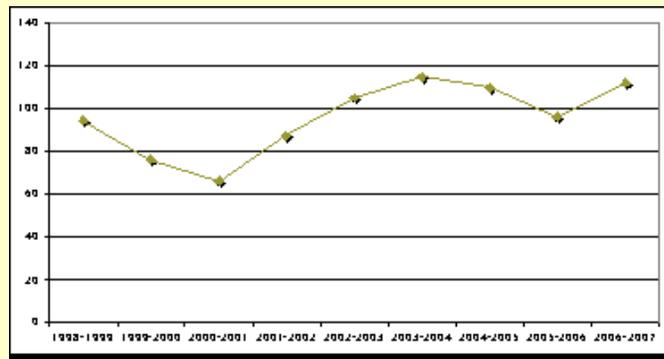


Figure 1. AACAI membership (all categories) 1998-2006

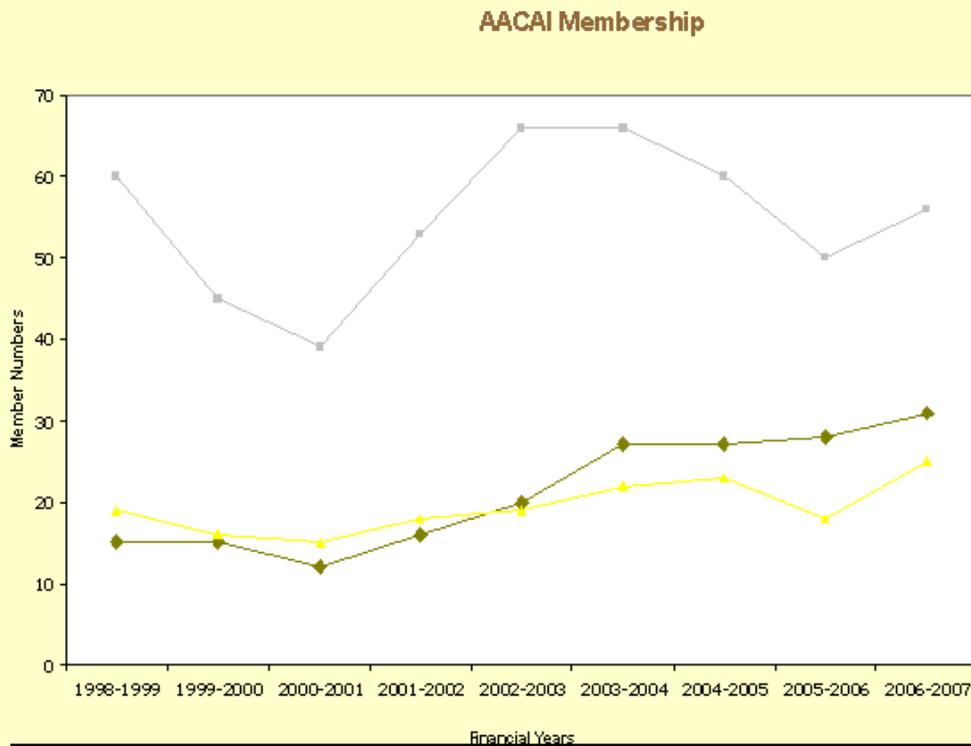


Figure 2. AACAI membership by category, 1998-2006

2006-2007 Renewal Reminder Schedule

This is the first year that Direct Deposit facilities have been available to the membership. After some initial delays in the implementation of the Direct Deposit system, renewal notices were emailed in October. There was a prompt response by many members who directly deposited their fees into the AACAI account. With this payment system, it is important for regular contact between the Membership Secretary and Treasurer to check on wayward payments. It is possible that junk mail filters have been responsible for some renewal notices going unnoticed and this will be followed up in the coming weeks.

Reminder emails will be sent shortly to those who have not yet paid their 2006-7 fees.

Mailed reminders will follow early in the New Year for those who have still not responded.

Successful Membership Applications in 2006

There has been a steady trickle of applications for membership of the Association this year. Some members have diligently encouraging their employees and sub-consultants, who are not already members, to join the Association. We all need to be reminded that Clause 16 of the Association's Code of Ethics entreats members to give preferential employment to Association members.

Most applicants for full membership have cooperated by providing documentation in digital format, which permits rapid duplication and delivery to the Membership Committee.

To date, there have been 14 new members admitted to the Association during 2006. These include 6 Full Members (of whom 3 were upgraded from Associate or Affiliate Membership status), 8 new Associate Members and 1 Affiliate.

Tracy Appel	Associate Member
Aidan Ash	Associate Member
Anthony Bagshaw	Associate Member
Wendy Dolling	Associate Member
Joe Dortch	Full Member
Richard Fullagar	Full Member
Denis Gojak	Full Member
Caroling Ingram	Associate Member
Andrea Murphy	Full Member
Adam Paterson	Associate Member
Petra Schell	Full Member
Louise Steding	Full Member
Stewart Thomson	Associate Member
Lynley Wallis	Affiliate Member

Membership Applications in Progress

Two Full Membership application and three Associate Membership applications are currently in progress. Applications have stalled due to an inability to coax references out of referees.

I would like to thank the Membership Committee for their sometimes-prompt response to the Application packages sent to them throughout the year.

Allan Lance
Membership Secretary
8 December 2006

Webmaster's Report 8 December 2006

Introduction

This report documents the 12 months of operation of the AACAI website from 1 November 2005 to 31 October 2006.

Usage Statistics (1 November 2005-31 October 2006)

In the 12 months to 31 October 2006 the website received 501,860 hits (Figure 1) from users based in 64 countries (Figure 2). Daily usage averaged over 1,374 hits and monthly usage averaged in excess of 41,821 hits. Usage over this period comprised the accessing of 343,187 files, 90,748 pages, 39,111 individual visits and the serving of 32 GB of data. After the heavily accessed full-text of Volume 1 of the *Australian Archaeological Consultancy Monograph Series*, the Register of Consultants and its subordinate pages (Full Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members) received the majority of hits (Figure 3). Despite an irregular production schedule, the electronic version of the *AACAI Newsletter* also proved popular, with many users downloading the printable version in *.pdf format. Around 32% of hits on the site were from users based outside Australia, an increase of around 8% over last year. The vast majority of international visitors to the site were based in the English-speaking world, comprising the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand and Singapore, with regular visits

from users in the Netherlands, Germany, France, Japan and Italy (Figure 2).

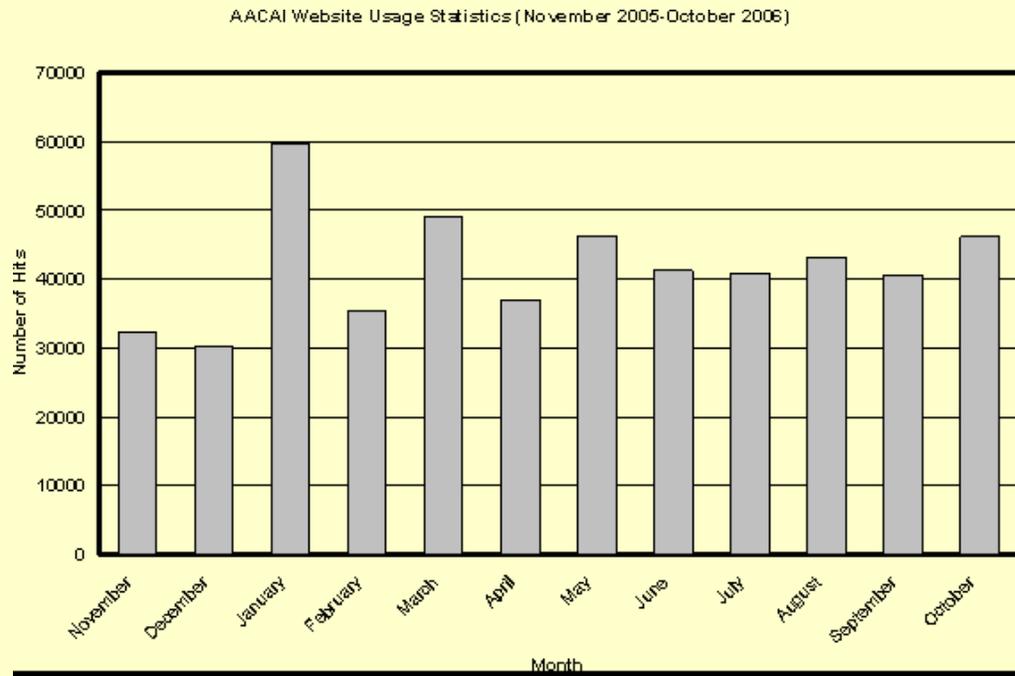


Figure 1. AACAI website usage statistics, 1 November 2005-31 October 2006.

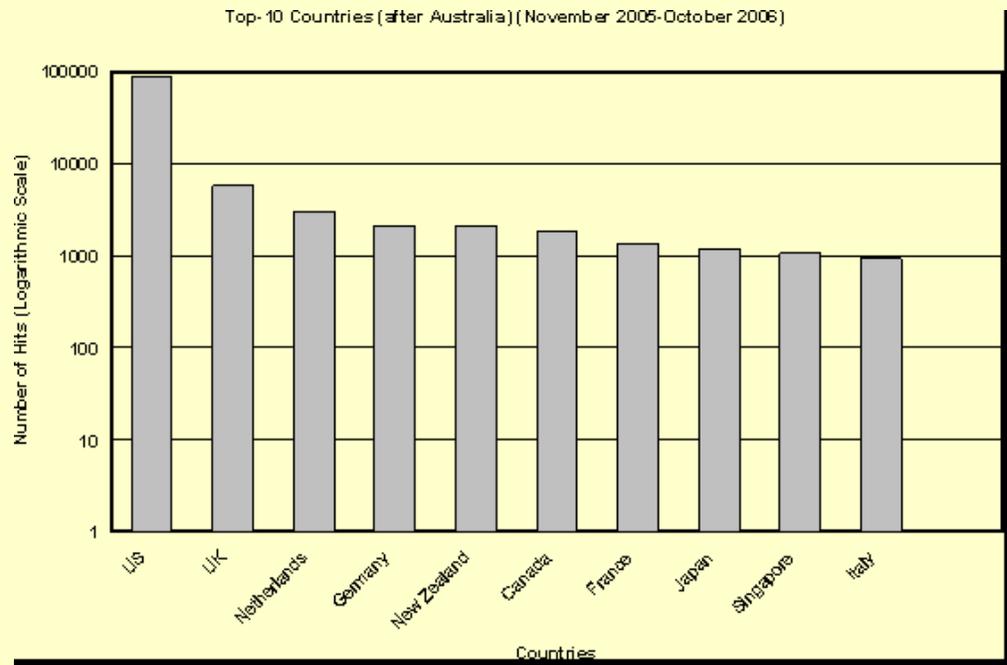


Figure 2. Top-10 countries by web page hits (after Australia), 1 November 2005-31 October 2006 (Note logarithmic scale).

Top-10 Pages (after Home Page) (November 2005-October 2006)

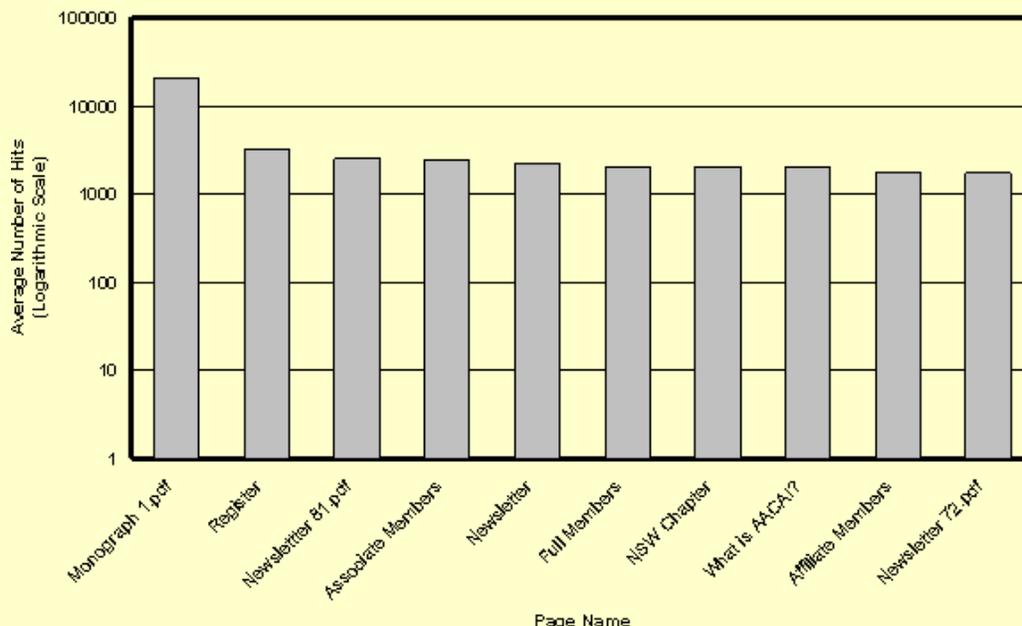


Figure 3. Top-10 pages by web page hits (after home page), 1 November 2005-31 October 2006 (Note logarithmic scale).

AACAI Website Usage Statistics (January 2003-September 2006)

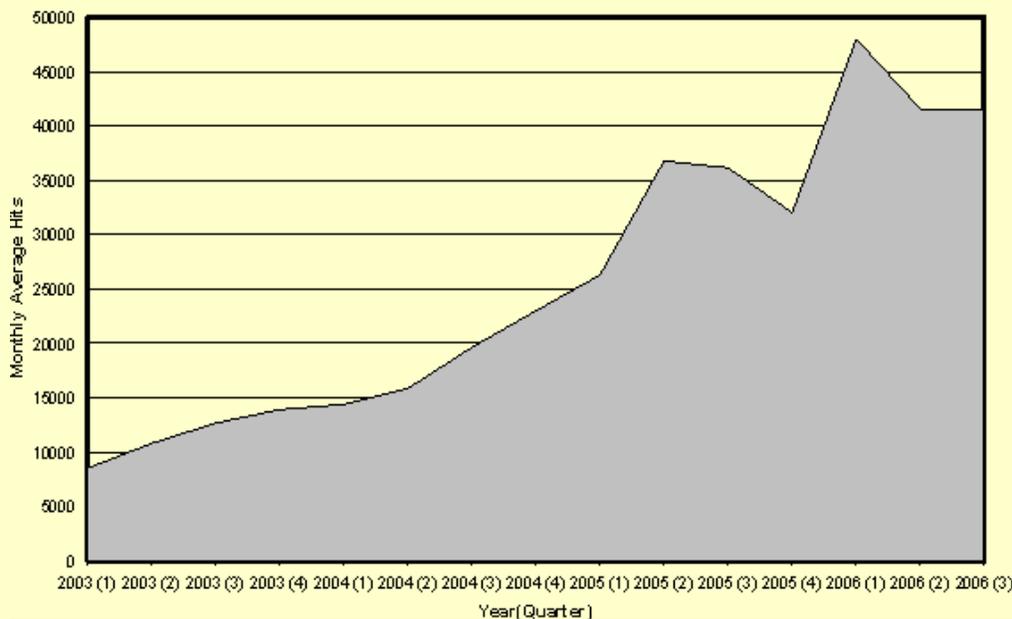


Figure 4. AACAI website monthly average usage statistics, by quarter, 1 January 2003-30 September 2006.

Since the launch of the AACAI website in January 2003, the monthly average number of hits has increased from around 8,500 to over 42,000 (Figure 4). Although web usage statistics are notoriously problematic, these statistics generally reflect increased usage and the greater visibility of the website on the internet with many search engines indexing the site.

Major changes to the website over the last 12 months have included the addition of a ‘Submissions’ page to list official statements by the National Executive Committee and State Chapter Executives. The addition of the first volume of the *Australian Archaeological Consultancy Monograph Series* in late December 2005 proved popular with numerous downloads of this document, particularly in the first half of 2006. These data point to the potential reach of further monographs to be added to this series in coming years. On-going maintenance of member records and AACAI list server (aacai@lists.uq.edu.au) entries has been conducted on a daily basis.

This is my last Webmaster's report after four years at the keyboard. The AACAI website has grown in that time to be a major conduit for information about the Association for members and others. It is now time to re-evaluate the role and future direction of the website. These considerations need to include provision for future content, new functionality for members to interact online and consideration of establishing member-only password access to areas of the site hosting the new AACAI journal and monograph series. All of these directions will need careful consideration, particularly in regards to issues of sustainability and cost. Happily, all of these difficult issues are beyond my technological capacity and I welcome Shaun Canning to the Webmaster position to guide further development of the site.

Thanks to everyone for their support, comments and advice in developing the website to its current form.

Sean Ulm
Webmaster
8 December 2006



AACAI Queensland State Chapter Annual Report 2006

Sean Ulm

The Queensland State Chapter has been active on several fronts during 2006. The Chapter supported a public lecture by Dr Andy Fairbairn at the Brisbane Institute and a BBQ at the University of Queensland for National Archaeology Week and made a submission to the AACAI NEC Fee Scale Review. We also recently sent a letter to The Hon. Lindy Nelson-Carr, Minister for Environment and Multiculturalism, offering our input into a rumoured review of the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*. The Chapter also supported a symposium held in honour of Tom Loy on 19 August 2006 and activities held to celebrate Jay Hall's retirement on 29 September 2006.

As part of its ongoing commitment to make resources on Queensland archaeology and cultural heritage more widely available, the Chapter recently funded scanning and digitisation of volumes 1-13 of *Queensland Archaeological Research*. Electronic versions of these files will be available soon as downloadable *.pdf files. Thanks to Jay Hall for donating issues for the guillotine! This initiative will be a useful resource for all members of AACAI, particularly in Queensland.

On 20 May 2006 the Queensland Chapter of AACAI hosted its third successful Professional Development Workshop, this time on the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)* (EPBC Act) at Emmanuel College, University of Queensland. The workshop was attended by 26 delegates, including AACAI members, Indigenous community members, students and professionals from private companies, universities and government agencies. The workshop coordinator Tracey Rich (EPBC Project) led the group through a range of theoretical and practical examples relating to the legislation. Feedback from the workshop indicates that it was well received. We extend our thanks to Tracey Rich for an excellent presentation, Annie Ross (ex-Vice Chairperson, Queensland Chairperson) for initiating the workshop, Cameo Dalley for organising things from the AACAI end and Allison Gibbs at Emmanuel College for ensuring that the day ran smoothly.

As flagged in the last Annual Report, the Chapter planned to run a Professional Development Workshop on GIS in 2006. Terms of Reference were developed early in the year and six Expressions of Interest were received and evaluated by the Chapter Executive. Unfortunately, projected costings for the workshop required a large subvention from the Chapter to break-even and a decision was made to defer the workshop until the Chapter was in a healthier financial position.

The Chapter remains in a healthy, but declining, financial position largely relying on the income generated by late registrations to the 2004 and 2005 workshops, with a projected balance of around \$2241-55 for the end of the 2006 calendar year. Clearly the Chapter cannot sustain our current levels of annual expenditure without generating profit. Although small specialised workshops provide valuable professional development opportunities for our members, these must be balanced against workshops of broad appeal that have the potential to be profitable.

The size of the Chapter has remained stable during 2006 with 6 Full, 7 Affiliate and 6 Associate members. There is clear scope to augment these numbers, particularly in the Associate category with many recent honours graduates entering consultancy work.

Activities planned for 2007 include: hosting a Professional Development Workshop on rock art; investigating workshop possibilities on identification of human skeletal remains; supporting National Archaeology Week; and undertaking a membership drive amongst recent graduates.

Finally, for hard work throughout the year I thank my fellow State Chapter Executive members, Richard Robins, Catherine Westcott, Cameo Dalley, Jill Reid and Liz Hatte. For general assistance throughout the year I thank Steve Nichols, Daniel Rosendahl and Antje Noll.

Dr Sean Ulm
Chairperson
28 November 2005



New Ground: Australasian Archaeology Conference
Dept. of Archaeology, University of Sydney, 21-26 Sept 2007

Call for session proposals

New Ground: Australasian Archaeology Conference 2007 will combine the annual conferences of the Australasian Institute for Maritime Archaeology Inc (AIMA), the Australasian Society for Historical Archaeology (ASHA), the Australian Archaeological Association Inc (AAA) and the Australian Association for Maritime History Inc (AAMH). The Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists Inc (AACAI) is also formally involved in the conference.

New Ground will focus on presenting and discussing new research and advances in theory, method and practice, building connections between archaeologists and defining future directions for Australasian archaeology in regional and global perspective. The forum will bring together educators, researchers, consultants, government archaeologists, students and other practitioners grappling with some of the most topical issues in archaeology today. The focus will be on how together we can break "new ground".

The committee welcomes proposals for sessions on any topic which is broadly in keeping with the aims and spirit of the conference. Sessions which incorporate opportunities for sub-disciplinary cross-over are especially encouraged. The emphasis of the conference will be on moving forward - using new contacts to inspire ideas, suggest possibilities and initiate directions for archaeological research, education and heritage conservation practice.

There will be a combined panel-style plenary each morning followed by three concurrent sessions for the remainder of the day. Each concurrent session will normally comprise 4 x 20 minute papers, including questions and discussion. Session coordinators may wish to vary the way they organise the timing and order of content within their allocated time slots. Some sessions may be allocated two or more time slots. We wish to ensure that people can move easily between parallel sessions during formal breaks. Sessions will be held in closely adjacent lecture rooms and session start and stop times will be strictly enforced.

The Conference Organising Committee now invites proposals for sessions. Please e-mail a title, a short abstract (c.150 words) and, if possible, a brief list of potential speakers and paper titles to: sessions@newground.org.au. Session proposals received before 29 January 2007 will be reviewed by the Committee at its next formal meeting in early February. At this stage we expect the call for sessions will remain open until 23 February 2007. A call for papers will be announced soon.

Work is progressing on the conference web-site (www.newground.org.au) which will include facilities for on-line submission of papers. At this stage we expect this to be available by late January 2007.

New Ground: Australasian Archaeology Conference 2007 Organising Committee: David Nutley, Penny Crook, Vanessa Hardy, Denis Gojak, Martin Gibbs, Sarah Colley, Annie Clarke, Lindsey Shaw, Wayne Johnson.

New Ground: Australasian Archaeology Conference 2007
University of Sydney 21-26 September 2007
Visit the website: www.newground.org.au



Australia ICOMOS Conference 2007: Extreme Heritage
Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy

Extreme Heritage: managing heritage in the face of climatic extremes, natural disasters and military conflicts in tropical, desert, polar and off-world landscapes. Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy.

Dear Colleagues, I would like to put in a special plug for the Australia ICOMOS Conference. As many of you know as well as being the President of the AACAI I am also like several of you a member of Australia ICOMOS and am currently serving on the National Executive Committee. I am the convenor for this year's AICOMOS Conference which will be held in partnership with James Cook University in Cairns from July 19-21st.

I would really love to see some of you there. July is peak season for Cairns and the weather is predicted to be fine and mild. Stinger season will be over and so our tropical north can be enjoyed at its best.

We are planning an exciting program for the conference with a number of symposia and workshops around the conference itself. The conference organising committee includes several local heritage practitioners and academics from the Cairns area and this will invariably result in a slightly different 'flavour' to the conference with probably a larger degree of external involvement than many of AIs past conferences.

New information is being loaded on our website all the time so I encourage you to have a look at it. The Call for Abstracts is now open for both oral presentations in the conference itself and for papers for the Symposium on Climate Change and Heritage which is scheduled for the first day of the conference. This year we are also having a formal poster exhibition where participants can showcase recent projects or provide a more general presentation on the work of their company or agency.

In conjunction with the conference we are hosting a Public Forum and symposium on *Climate change and Heritage*. The symposium will be held at JCU but for the Public Forum we have selected an interesting venue that has just been added to the Queensland Heritage Register and has been the centre of some local controversy and is a part of the core of the cultural heart of local Cairns. We are currently actively seeking people to present relevant papers at the symposium which is being organised by myself, Caitlin Allen (Department of Commerce NSW) and Marcus Barber (Anthropologist, JCU). Please contact me by email if you are interested in participating in this symposium or have suggestions for people to approach who are doing interesting work relevant to climate change and heritage.

We have some confirmed keynote speakers for the Public forum:

- Malcolm McCulloch a renowned scientist from the Centre of Excellence in Coral Reef Studies will be sure to make you sit up and listen as he described the likely climate change scenario.
- John Hurd of Hurd International Consultants and the World Heritage Fund is also the President and Chair of the Advisory Committee of ICOMOS.

We are negotiating with a well known celebrity/public figure to act as compere and host of the forum so watch this space!

Proposed sessions are being loaded on the website. These sessions have been proposed by the membership and others interested in the conference. The session information sheet explains what the convenor has in mind for the direction of the session. Some members have very good excuses for not having their abstracts up yet like one Convenor who is currently in Antarctica! The lengths that some people go to!

The 'Call for Papers' was issued Monday 5th February and will be open until the end of the first week in March. Those interested in submitting a paper are asked to do so 'on-line.' Convenors and the selection committee will be able to access abstracts through a login system which again will stream line work as we are so geographically dispersed.

The post conference tour options are currently being costed and investigated but MEMBERS SHOULD PLAN THEIR TRAVEL TO ALLOW AT LEAST 3 DAYS AT THE END OF THE CONFERENCE AND PERHAPS ONE AT THE START.

Our conference managers are also investigating accommodation deals. They ensure that any specials offered to conference delegates will be cheaper than those offered elsewhere on standby web booking etc. More information will be available as soon as possible so our advice is by all means get excited and browse the web for nice places to stay around Trinity Beach but hold off on booking until the registration page is loaded.

Information will also soon be available on the programs of meetings and a new workshop planned for the Wednesday before the conference i.e 18th. So keep checking the website for the most up to date information.

Some AACAI members will have attended the recent AI Conference in Fremantle, and already advance notice is given for the next extravaganza! Put these dates in your diary now.

The 2007 Australia ICOMOS Conference will be held in Cairns, Tropical North Queensland in conjunction with James Cook University from the 19-21 July 2007. Extreme Heritage: Managing Heritage in the Face of Climactic Extremes, Natural Disasters and Military Conflicts in Tropical, Desert, Polar and Off-World Landscapes; will provide the perfect forum to bring together researchers and practitioners grappling with some of the most topical issues in heritage today. Sessions already proposed include:

- Off world heritage: The heritage of space exploration
- People, climate change and heritage
- Heritage and Identity
- Managing disaster and risk preparedness
- War of attrition: Environmental effects of extreme climates.
- Managing heritage in the wake of war and conflict
- Pacific Heritage

The Conference organising committee is calling for expressions of interest from people interested in co-ordinating sessions. If you have a great idea for a session that you would like to organise that is consistent with the conference theme please email the session title and a short 150 word abstract describing it to SusanMcIntyre-Tamwoy. Closing date for submission of session topics is 15 December 2006.



Australian Archaeological Consultancy Monograph Series: Call for Submissions

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: www.aacai.com.au/monograph/.



New Post-graduate Courses in Archaeology and CHM

Australian National University, Canberra

In 2007, the Australian National University is promoting new programs for students, professionals and employers interested in research training and vocational development in Archaeological Science.

The key new initiatives in 2007 comprise: One day training workshops in Applied Archaeological Science. This new series will comprise 3-4 workshops each year and will deliver short course training in topics designed for postgraduate students, professional archaeologists, Heritage Managers, consultants and researchers. Workshops planned for 2007-2008 include: New Approaches to Analysis and Heritage Management of Shell Midden Sites; Geoarchaeological Archiving of Archaeological Site Stratigraphies; Archaeological Site Science and Bio- and Geodiversity Management; How Old is this Landscape? Dating for Field Archaeologists and CHM Managers; New Directions in Forensic Archaeology.

A new one-year degree of Masters in Archaeological Science will be offered in first semester 2008. This program will be modular and aims to provide a bridge for Arts and Science graduates wishing to re-orientate to new career tracks and/or PhD research in Archaeological Science. It will operate a 'pick and mix' structure of modular short courses built around core courses in Archaeological Science methods and applications.

For further details contact: ANU Centre for Archaeological Research ph: 02 61250470, email: car@anu.edu.au, or see our website: www.car.anu.edu.au

Flinders University, South Australia

Flinders University is very pleased to announce the introduction of a Graduate Program in Cultural Heritage Management which will commence in Semester 1, 2007.

Flinders University is one of the few universities in Australia to bring a combination of archaeological and tourism

expertise to the issues of cultural heritage management. The course is run jointly by the Department of Archaeology and the Department of Cultural Tourism, with assistance from experts in legal studies, professional studies and environmental management. A key facet of the course is the input from industry partners, such as the Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists Inc., the South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC), the Department for Environment and Heritage (DEH), the History Trust of South Australia, and the South Australian State Branch of the National Trust. The program has been specifically designed to offer a creative and relevant pathway to cultural heritage management practice and to provide the best possible combination of theoretical, practical and applied knowledge.

The Graduate Program in Cultural Heritage Management has been designed to meet the needs of graduates with an interest in managing all forms of cultural heritage. It aims to increase your theoretical knowledge and research skills, as well as the practical skills required to develop an appropriate depth of understanding of issues in cultural heritage management across a number of specialisations. Students will undertake core topics in cultural heritage management, project management, and legal issues relevant to cultural heritage. You may also select elective topics based on your specific interests.

Upon graduating successfully from the **Graduate Certificate in Cultural Heritage Management** students will be better equipped to:

- Enter the workforce as skilled and knowledgeable cultural heritage professionals;
- Understand the nature of cultural heritage management and have practical skills relating to the management of cultural heritage in an archaeological context;
- Undertake their work in an ethical and professional manner; and
- Develop simple tenders, grants and bids and manage simple cultural heritage related projects.

Upon graduating successfully from the **Graduate Diploma in Cultural Heritage Management** students will be better equipped to:

- Enter the workforce as skilled and knowledgeable cultural heritage professionals;
- Understand the diverse nature of cultural heritage management and have a range of practical skills relating to the management of cultural heritage;
- Understand issues of managing interactions between visitors and heritage sites, including site conservation, interpretation and visitor management;
- Undertake their work in an ethical and professional manner;
- Understand Federal and State Government legislation relating to cultural heritage and archaeology; and
- Develop more complex tenders, grants and bids and manage more complex cultural heritage related projects.

Upon graduating successfully from the **Master of Cultural Heritage Management** students will be equipped to:

- Enter the workforce as skilled and knowledgeable cultural heritage professionals;
- Understand the diverse nature of cultural heritage management and have a range of practical skills relating to the management of cultural heritage;
- Understand major issues of managing interactions between visitors and heritage sites, including site conservation, interpretation and visitor management;
- Undertake their work in an ethical and professional manner;
- Understand and interpret Federal and State Government legislation relating to archaeology and cultural heritage;
- Develop larger-scale tenders, grants and bids and manage larger-scale cultural heritage related projects; and,
- Undertake research or consultancy based projects in the field of archaeological cultural heritage management.

The normal minimum entry requirement for all three post-graduate Cultural Heritage Management courses is a three-year undergraduate degree from an approved tertiary institution majoring in archaeology or an equivalent qualification. However, applicants with other qualifications may be accepted under certain circumstances, at the discretion of the Course Coordinator.

Further information about the programs can be seen in the attached brochure, by accessing the Flinders University website at <http://www.flinders.edu.au/courses/postgrad/cult.herit.mgmt.htm> or by contacting the Course Coordinator Dr Lynley Wallis (Lynley.Wallis@flinders.edu.au).

The University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

The University of Witwatersrand is conducting a two-part palaeo-archaeological field school this summer, July 18–August 15, 2007.

The first part of the field school involves excavations at Swartkrans Cave, a famous Earlier Stone Age site (dated 2 to 1 million years ago) in the Cradle of Humankind. Many hominid fossils and a large assemblage of fauna and

stone tools have been recovered. The site yielded numerous *Homo habilis* and *Paranthropus robustus* fossils during the previous excavations of Broom and Robinson (1948 to 1953) and Bob Brain (1980s). New excavations, begun in 2005 by Pickering and Sutton, have continued to recover hominid fossils as well as fauna and stone tools.

The second half of the field school will involve excavating an Earlier and Middle Stone Age site along an ancient terrace of the Limpopo River located at the border of South Africa and Botswana. The field work will provide experience in excavation techniques, use of an EDM Total Station, field-walking surveys and taphonomic work with modern fauna accumulations.

This accredited field school will involve two lectures, four seminars, and four practicals covering such issues as hominids, human evolution, stone tool technology, and site formation. Included are visits to several other famous palaeoanthropological sites in South Africa as well as the opportunity to see original hominid fossils at the Wits Medical School with Prof P. V. Tobias and Prof R. Clark discoverer of Sterkfontein's 4 m.y. old *Australopithecus* skeleton. The accommodation in a game park near Swartkrans and in a comfortable bush camp in Limpopo will provide the perfect African experience in style.

Enjoy learning about South Africa's archaeological and palaeontological record of early humans in a great African environment!

Check out more information on the website at <http://www.wits.ac.za/Science/Geography/Fieldschool>



New Wet-sieving Device

Oliver Brown of Total Earth Care in NSW has produced a reticulated water sieving contraption that requires the use of only 2500 to 5000 litres of water a day instead of the usual 10,000 to 20,000 litres. Further details and schematics will hopefully be provided in a future issue but Oliver has stated that he will be happy to divulge full how-to details to anyone who is interested in making one themselves. You can email him at obrown@totalearthcare.com.au if you are interested in pictures or details



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.



Calander of Events 2007

FEBRUARY 2007

No postings

MARCH 2007

21st-24th March

Enamel International Colloquium: The Future of Heritage Changing Visions, Attitudes, and Contexts in the 21st Century

This colloquium, to be held in **Ghent, Belgium March 21-24, 2007** will provide a unique global forum for sharing predictions, projections, and innovative ideas about how the field of heritage will look in the coming decades.

For more information:- The Enamel Center for Public Archaeology and Heritage Presentation
<http://www.enamecenter.org>

APRIL 2007

7th International Congress "Cultural Heritage: Context & Conservation", Cuba.

The National Center of Conservation, Restoration and Museology (CENCREM, Havana City, Cuba), announces its 7th International Congress *Cultural heritage: Context and Conservation*, to be held in April, 2007.

Information: Organizing Board, 7th Congress

Centro Nacional de Conservación, Restauración y Museología

Calle Cuba # 610 e/ Sol y Luz, CP 10100

La Habana Vieja, Cuba

Phone #: 861 3775 / Fax: 866 5696

E-mail: congreso@cencrem.cult.cu

URL: www.cencrem.co.cu

19 – 21 April

The 10th US/ICOMOS International Symposium: Balancing Culture, Conservation and Economic Development: Heritage Tourism in and around the Pacific Rim, The Presidio, San Francisco, California.

Hosted by the Architectural Resources Group & the Presidio Trust

Co-sponsors of the symposium California Preservation Foundation, the City of San Francisco, the National Park Service, the Western Regional Office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and San Francisco Architectural Heritage.

Further information: e-mail to: symposium@usicomos.org

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MAY 2007

18th-24th May

22nd International Symposium of Valcamonica on prehistoric and tribal art will take place from May 18th to 24th, 2007. This event is being organised in cooperation with the World Heritage Centre of UNESCO.

More information: Prof. Emmanuel Anati Director, CCSP Arch. Francesco Bandarin Director, World Heritage Centre. "Centro Camuno di Studi Preistorici" <ccspreist@tin.it>

JUNE 2007

20 – 22 June (with optional excursions on June 23)

'SIN AM FEARANN CAOIN' This is the Pleasant Land, Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, Isle of Skye, Scotland, UK

A Conference on 'Heritage and the Environment' jointly organised by Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, Isle of Skye and Heritage Futures, Glasgow Caledonian University. For further details about the conference please contact either Fiona McLean (fmc2@gcal.ac.uk), Mary-Cate Garden (mga6@gcal.ac.uk), or Hugh Cheape (H.Cheape@nms.ac.uk). For details about the venue and accommodation and to register for the conference please go to the conference web site at: <http://www.smo.uhi.ac.uk/mce2007/index.php>

28 June

IKUWA3, the 3rd International Congress on Underwater Archaeology, London, England.

Theme: the practice of archaeology underwater around the world.

Website: www.ikuwa3.com

JULY 2007

3 – 7 July

[WAC] *The Fourth International Meeting on Archaeological Theory in South America*, San Fernando del Valle de Catamarca, Argentina.

The Meeting is organized by the Doctorate in Human Sciences of the Faculty of Humanities and the School of Archaeology of the National University at Catamarca, and counts as one of the World Archaeological Congress' activities in the region. Further information: taascatamarca@gmail.com.

18 July – 15 August

Archaeological Field School in South Africa

The University of Witwatersrand is conducting a two-part palaeo-archaeological field school this summer.

Website: <http://www.wits.ac.za/Science/Geography/Fieldschool>

19 – 21 July

Australia ICOMOS Conference 2007, Cairns, Queensland.

Theme: *e X treme heritage: managing heritage in the face of climatic extremes, natural disasters and military conflicts in tropical, desert, polar and off-world landscapes.* **Website:** www.aicomos.com

AUGUST 2007

15 – 18 August

Human mind - Human kind, Aarhus, Denmark.

Data and theoretical considerations from a broad range of sciences are piling up, contributing to the puzzle of what makes us human. This interdisciplinary conference is being held to pick up the thread with regard to a general overview.

Organized by: Department of Psychology, University of Aarhus, Denmark

Deadline for abstracts/proposals: 1 April 2007

Contact name: Henrik Høgh-Olesen

Website: <http://www.psy.au.dk/humankind>

SEPTEMBER 2007

17 – 21 September

International Symposium on Studies on Historical Heritage, Antalya, Turkey

Organized by: Yildiz Technical University, Research Centre for Preservation of Historical Heritage.

Website: <http://www.shh07.yildiz.edu.tr>

24 – 28 September

SYMPOSIUM 2007 – Preserving Aboriginal Heritage: Technical and Traditional Approaches, Ottawa, Canada.

Website: http://www.cci-icc.gc.ca/symposium/index_e.aspx (English) or http://www.cci-icc.gc.ca/symposium/index_f.aspx (French). The Symposium 2007 Website has recently been updated. Check out new information concerning:

Registration: http://www.cci-icc.gc.ca/symposium/registration_e.aspx

Accommodation: http://www.cci-icc.gc.ca/symposium/accomodation_e.aspx

Symposium Venue: http://www.cci-icc.gc.ca/symposium/venue_e.aspx

27th-29th September

The Best in Heritage (6th year) with Global Heritage Forum

Annual presentation of the awarded projects (museums, heritage and conservation) under patronage of ICOM, UNESCO, ICOMOS, Europa Nostra, ICCROM and the City of Dubrovnik

Place: **Croatia, Dubrovnik**

Date: **27 - 29 September 2007**

Theme: **Heritage, Museums, Conservation - Awarded projects; Global Heritage Forum**

Please, find the detailed information at our web site www.TheBestInHeritage.com, visited annually by more than 70 000 fellow professionals.

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NOVEMBER 2007

6 – 9 November

Interpretation Australia Association Conference, Darling Harbour, Sydney.

For information contact cathrenwick@optusnet.com.au

DECEMBER 2007

3-5 December

Moving Cultures, Shifting Identities, Flinders University, Adelaide, South Australia Organised by the Flinders Humanities Research Centre for Cultural Heritage and Cultural Exchange, the Centre for Research into New

Literatures in English (CRNLE) and Flinders International Asia Pacific (FIAP).

Theme: Migration, transnational connection, displacement heritage, global space and cultural memory.

Website: <http://fhrc.flinders.edu.au/events/movingcultures.html>



New Publications

National Archaeology Students Conference, 28-30 September 2004: Explorations, Investigations and New Directions, Flinders University, South Australia.

The publication is a selection of papers from the conference. Copies of the publication can be purchased from the editors Deborah Arthur deborah_arthur@hotmail.com or Adam Paterson adamp@arksolutions.com.au for \$15 each. Proceeds from the publication go towards the next conference. Postage is an extra \$2.50.



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