

Newsletter

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New email address for AACAI Secretariat

The AACAI Secretariat has a new email address: aacai_sec@yahoo.com.au.

Emails sent to georgia@aacai.com.au will also be directed to the above email address.

Interim changes to AACAI website

In response to the AACAI NEC's recent concerns regarding the fact that the previous "Register of Consultants" on the AACAI website did not distinguish between Full Members and Associate Members, an interim change has been made to this section of the website.

The "Register of Consultants" has been renamed the "Register of Full Members", and only Full members' details are displayed. This interim change falls in line with AACAI's policy regarding the the benefits of membership, which states that only Full Members and are guaranteed inclusion in the "Register of Full Members".

It is the intention of the AACAI NEC to list both Full and Associate members on the website in a way that distinguishes between these two levels of consultants/membership. Only AACAI members will be able to access contact details about Associate members. AACAI envisages that this task will be completed shortly. In the meantime AACAI appreciates your understanding and patience with regards to this matter.

University of Canberra – Heritage Conservation Summer Schools

The University of Canberra is pleased to announce that Australia's leading heritage conservation professional development programme is now approaching its twentieth year. The programme is based on two intensive summer schools:

- The Conservation of Traditional Buildings (12 days)
- Cultural Heritage Management (7 days).

The schools are held in January each year with the topics alternating. Next year will be Cultural Heritage Management (17–23 January 2010), and The Conservation of Traditional Buildings will be in January 2011.

For details, visit

http://www.canberra.edu.au/faculties/arts-design/conservation-summer-schools

For all enquiries about these summer schools please contact:

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2009 NSW/ACT AACAI Professional Development Workshop

The 2009 NSW/ACT AACAI Professional Development Workshop on 'Technology in Archaeology' was another success and we would like to warmly thank the presenters who made it so:

- Kerry Platt, who presented on Total Station;
- Martin Gibbs (Sydney University), who presented on Ground Penetrating Radar; and
- Andrew Costello (SKM, Melbourne), who presented on Differential GPS.

We would also like to thank Sydney University for again providing the venue; Scott and Chris at Ultimate Positioning for donating the use of Trimbles

(differential GPS units) for the day (look them up if you are in the market for one); and SKM Melbourne for Andrew Costello's time. Most of the committee helped out along the way, but most particularly we should thank Laura Farquharson and Gretta Logue.

2009 NSW/ACT AACAI Professional Development Workshop - Technology in Archaeology





- 1. Workshop participants try their hands at Ground Penetrating Radar technology
- 2. Andrew Costello (SKM) shows Guy Hazell some of the finer points of Differential GPS



3. Kerry Platt presents a practical session on the use of the Total Station

Laila Haglund awarded life membership of AACAI

Every year the National Executive has one face to face meeting. This year the meeting was held in Brisbane, to provide the opportunity to honour the work of Laila Haglund by granting her life membership of AACAI, which she helped to found.

Born 1934, Laila Haglund grew up in an isolated part of Sweden. Her father was a Pastor amongst the Sami people. For family reasons she had to work very hard to persuade her father that she needed to go to secondary school, but once there she flourished. A number of teachers helped her to fill in some of the gaps and she survived to enter university.

In 1956, Laila came to Australia and lived for a year in Bathurst with Jim (then Lecturer in Archaeology at Sydney University) and Eve Stewart. While in Bathurst she worked on the illustrations of the Cypriot pottery in Jim Stewart's collection. Laila became a life long friend of Eve's and credits her with introducing her to English literature.

At Bathurst she met Gordon Childe who was visiting the Stewarts and persuaded her to study archaeology at the Institute of Archaeology in London. While in Australia she also met Malcolm Calley who was to become her first husband. Laila and Malcolm returned to London where Malcolm pursued his PhD research amongst the West Indian community and Laila joined the Institute of Archaeology. Laila became a lifelong friend of Andree Rosenfeld who she met while they were both students there.

Laila continued to maintain close contact with her friends in Sweden, and with Malcolm spent considerable periods assisting at archaeological excavations and following up other areas of interest, for example working with the Gypsies in Sweden.

In 1965 Laila and Malcolm returned to Australia where Malcolm became one of the first staff members of the newly established Anthropology Department at The University of Queensland.

Soon after their arrival concern was raised about the discovery of Aboriginal burials on the Gold Coast by topsoil contractors. Laila, being the only qualified archaeologist in the State, was called in to advise and began the arduous and exacting task of excavating in soft sand. A team of anthropology students was assembled, many of whom became fascinated and worked for the next two years on the site.

Laila's first daughter Karin was born during the Broadbeach excavations. She laughs today when recalling that towards the end of her pregnancy it became almost impossible to reach the section in front of her. The excavation was funded by the then newly established Institute of Aboriginal Studies (now AIATSIS).

In the meantime several other sites were brought to the attention of archaeologists. Laila submitted work on one site, the midden at Cascade Gardens, for a Masters Degree at the University of Queensland. This work was subsequently published by the Queensland Museum.

Laila was active in many arenas in Queensland in the late 1960s. Queensland's first Aboriginal cultural heritage protection act was written in 1967. The Bill

was largely drafted by Laila, along with Malcolm Calley and many advisers, including John Burless.

To Laila also goes the credit for the design of the Anthropology Museum situated in the Michie Building, University of Queensland.

And while all this was happening, Laila's second daughter, Kerstin, was born in 1969.

Unfortunately, Laila's marriage was breaking up and in the early 1970's she took up a contract for a pipeline route across northern New South Wales, taking the children with her.

In 1975 she returned to Sweden to finalise work on the Broadbeach burials. This involved both a paper on the prehistory of Australia as well as defending a PhD thesis at the University of Lund.

By the late 1970s the number of archaeologists undertaking archaeological consultancies had expanded to the point where Laila got together a number of Sydney and Canberra based practitioners to discuss the formation of a professional support group. This eventually became the Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists.

In late November 2003 Laila married John Burless and moved to Rathdowney, Queensland. John died in September 2009.

Laila continues to work and is currently the Cultural Heritage Advisor for Brewarrina Shire.

The AACAI Student Support Fund

The NSW/ACT AACAI state committee has recently established the AACAI Student Support Fund. The Fund will provide financial assistance to honours students conducting research projects that directly contribute to consulting archaeology and the aims of the Association. The NEC has voted on and accepted our proposal and slated \$2,000 per year as seed funding; our first allocation(s) will be made in the 2010 academic year. We will be approaching the types of companies that employ us as well as individuals and companies in our profession to contribute to the fund. We all know that a productive honours year is hard work and that finances are usually very tight. There is probably no more cost effective a way to fund research directly contributing to our field than by helping honours students to do it (imagine costing a fee proposal for your own at your current rates). We are still working on some details but we are ready to roll and ask you to consider:

Can you afford a hundred or a few hundred or even a thousand dollars to help out? Do you know of a student planning (or who might consider) a project related to consulting archaeology who might like to apply?

More chegging (charity begging) will come and please forgive us if this comes across as chugging (charity mugging) – it's a good cause. All donations will be acknowledged in awards, on our website and in the annual report on the Fund, and donations of \$2,000 or more (the sum of the smallest allocation) will be acknowledged through the naming of that award.

For further information, contact Oliver Brown, ob@obca.com.au.

Membership upgrades - should you be a full member by now?

The AACAI constitution (Clause 2.3.1) requires that members who are independently competent in archaeological consultancy work *should* be full members. Associate members who are eligible for full membership need to look into upgrading.

There has never been a better time for this:

- Revised processes (e.g. submission of material in electronic format) now enable a faster turnaround time for applications
- A new and improved AACAI website scheduled to go online in the next few months will differentiate between membership categories, with full members identified on the register as those who have been assessed by their peers as able to do independent archaeological consulting work
- Because as a professional, belonging to a professional body you should

Contact Jo McDonald, AACAI membership secretary membershipsecretary@aacai.com.au for further information about upgrading your membership.

Membership of Australia ICOMOS

To all AACAI members: are you also a member of Australia ICOMOS (the International Council on Monuments and Sites)?

Membership includes benefits such as

- a weekly email news with information about national and international activities, current heritage issues and employment opportunities
- a subscription to the Australia ICOMOS 'A' ranked refereed journal Historic Environment

Full membership brings even more benefits, including free or discounted membership to many heritage sites around the world, regular international newsletters, the right to use the post-nominal M.ICOMOS and much more. To apply for membership or find out more go to www.icomos.org/australia.

Converge Heritage + Community / ARCHAEO Cultural Heritage Services, QLD - two positions vacant

Converge Heritage + Community, (incorporating ARCHAEO Cultural heritage Services) are currently seeking applications for the following positions:

- Built Heritage Specialist
- Senior Archaeologist

With offices in northern NSW, Brisbane, Hervey Bay and Cairns, Converge provides expert consultation, quality service and advice for Indigenous and historic environments for a wide variety of stakeholders across Australia, with a focus in Queensland and New South Wales. Our team members are each chosen for their abilities in providing ethically based, sound assessment and advice at all levels. For further information, visit www.convergehc.com.au.

BUILT HERITAGE SPECIALIST

Our Brisbane Office is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced professional to fill a full-time permanent or contract based position. The successful person will be experienced in undertaking historic research, significance assessment, physical analysis and recording, site survey, impact assessment and development of conservation policies and management guidelines for a wide variety of heritage sites and places. Application of heritage legislation, well developed report writing skills, the ability to work independently with good time management skills are essential.

An attractive remuneration package will be negotiated for the right person. Please contact Benjamin Gall bgall@convergehc.com.au for further information and an application package.

SENIOR ARCHAEOLOGIST

We are presently seeking a suitably qualified and experienced archaeologist to fill a permanent full-time or contract based position. The successful person will have significant experience in managing and undertaking large-scale cultural heritage surveys and associated mitigation works including excavation and basic artefact analysis. Importantly, the successful applicant will require substantial proven experience in successfully working with Traditional Owners in conjunction with well developed negotiation, consultation and report writing skills. Experience with the application of the Queensland Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 would be an advantage.

An attractive remuneration package will be negotiated for the right person. Please email Simon Gall sgall@archaeo.com.au for further information and an application package.

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