



Newsletter

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Presidents Report

Dear AACAI members, the NEC has been busy over the last few months working on a number of fronts.

We have had a large increase in the number of applicants to join AACAI in 2013 and have streamlined our processing system to help the assessors and provide a short assessment timeframe for members. The online application process has helped with the increase in applications.

Last month we wrote with assistance of members from Tasmania and Western Australia submissions to the Federal Productivity Commission on Exploration and the Tasmanian Governments proposed Aboriginal heritage regulations.

As you will read later in this newsletter the Report Editors and I have been busy getting the new AACAI eJournal up and running. Look out for it on the webpage and via our new Facebook page. We are very pleased to have the new journal ready to go and I encourage all members to read the articles and submit papers to the editors for consideration. The editors are working on a series of article workshops for members that will be held around Australia later this year and into next year.

You will also notice that the website has been upgraded with public pages for the journal, monographs and databases. Keep a lookout for our new Facebook page which will be launched soon.

We are on the downhill slope to the end of the year and AAA Conference and we have an AACAI session again and I would encourage you to submit an abstract, present it and then publish in the new eJournal.

Cheers
Fiona Hook

News From the State Chapters

WA State Chapter

The Western Australian branch will be holding two Interpretive Geographical Information System Seminars presented by Dr. Tom Whitley of the University of Western Australia, in late July and early August. In April we held a workshop in Perth with a small group of people from the major WA heritage companies to discuss the DAA's new heritage information submission forms and the recent changes to the administration of the AHA. The day was incredibly valuable and there was a lot of intense discussion on topics that are relevant to us all. The outcome of this meeting the executive committee is creating an AACAI WA Guideline to DAAs Heritage Information Submission Form, which AACAI WA will make available to all West Australian archaeologists, to provide guidance on filling out the new forms, with numerous worked examples. It is hoped that the guideline will aid our members in effectively assessing and articulating the importance and significance of places, so that all WA archaeological heritage has a better chance of being registered as Aboriginal Sites under the AHA. We will be holding a round table discussion of the draft guidelines in late August or early September.

Dr. Diana Neuweger

NSW/ACT State Chapter

The NSW/ACT Chapter of AACAI has recently seen some changes, with Chairman Oliver Brown and State Delegate Fiona Leslie resigning from the committee. Oliver and Fiona have both served in various roles on the committee over many years, and we thank them for all of their hard work during these times. Andrew Costello has agreed to replace Oliver as Chairman, and we welcome him to the committee and look forward to working together. We continue to work on responding to legislation reviews, and one of our committee members is currently representing AACAI in the Working Party for proposed Aboriginal heritage law reform. We are also discussing ideas for running a workshop in late 2013/early 2014, and ideas for providing opportunities for AACAI members to get together in an informal setting and present perspectives on issues affecting current projects and our professional operating environment. We would welcome expressions of interest from other NSW/ACT AACAI members, to join us on the committee and help bring these ideas to fruition.

Jenna Weston

Archaeological News from around the World

The oldest inscription found in Jerusalem is a 3,000-year-old text, in an unknown language on the top of a jug, is earliest alphabetical writing ever found in the city. However ASOR Member Chris Rollston writes that he has deciphered it.

(<http://www.rollstonepigraphy.com/?p=561>)

Romans were eco-friendly. The secret to making sustainable, strong concrete may have been at the bottom the Mediterranean Sea for the past 2,000 years: Researchers believe that the ancient Romans created concrete that is more environmentally friendly and durable than modern cement by adding volcanic ash to it.

(<http://newscenter.berkeley.edu/2013/06/04/roman-concrete/>)

Kazakhstan archaeologists discover Saka princess tomb.

An expedition made of professors and students of Semipalatinsk and Pavlodar pedagogical institutes discovered the stone tomb-chest with remains of the young woman at the depth of 1.7 meters under a burial mound.

“According to the preliminary information, the tomb of the “Urdzhar princess” is dated 4th or 3rd century B.C.,” Smagulov said. (<http://en.tengrinews.kz/science/Kazakhstan-archaeologists-discover-Saka-princess-tomb-19862/>)

Aboriginal Rock Art Fellowship available

The Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) is inviting applications for the 2013 George Chaloupka Fellowship.

Further information and applications can be directed to:

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Closing date for submissions 30 August 2013

Seminar Series

Flinders University

Departmental Seminars are held on campus during semester from 3 - 5 pm every Thursday. Staff and students of the University and the general public are very welcome to attend any of these seminars.

First semester seminars are generally presented by staff, postgraduate students and guest speakers. Second semester seminars contain a mixture of Honours and Masters student presentations and guest speakers.

[Download the full brochure here.](#)

AIATSIS Research Seminar Series

Venue: Mabo Room, AIATSIS Building, Lawson Crescent, Acton Peninsula, Canberra
Time: Monday lunchtimes, 12.30 pm – 2 pm, starting Monday 5 August.

[Download the full brochure here](#)

University of Sydney

RESEARCH SEMINARS IN NEAR EASTERN ARCHAEOLOGY

Seminars are held on Mondays at 3.15 pm in the CCANESA Board Room (Centre for Classical and Near Eastern Studies of Australia), Level 4, Madsen Building unless listed otherwise.

[Download full brochure here.](#)

Call for Conference Papers

AAA2013 Conference

The sessions for the AAA2013 Conference have now been announced! The sessions are listed [here](#) – if you're interested in presenting a paper in a particular session you must submit your abstract online using the official [AAA2013 Abstract Submission](#) page. (Please note if you are wanting to submit a poster abstract you should first visit the Poster Session page for the necessary precursor information – both paper and poster abstracts are done on the same submission page.)

Abstracts must be received by COB 15 August 2013, and acceptances will be made by the session convenors to delegates by 31 August 2013. Early bird registrations will close at midnight on 15 September 2013 so you will have time after being notified that your paper is accepted to register at the early bird rates.

If you have already submitted your abstract directly to the session convenor, please go to the online submission page and resubmit it there, as online submission is required to officially notify us of your abstract.

When you submit your abstract online, you will be required to nominate which paper session it best fits with. It is AAA policy that people are only permitted to be a lead author on one paper (though you may also be a lead author on a poster).

Please note that papers will each be 15 minutes with 5 minutes of questions.

If delegates require assistance with the abstract submission process please email Julie at Conference Online or telephone her on (07) 55 808 677.

ASHA 2013 Conference

Archaeological Narratives, In and Of the City -Parramatta, NSW.

Papers are invited for the following sessions:

(Note: Please send abstracts for proposed papers to each respective session organiser directly)

Sessions:

1. Archaeological Narratives – Stories in the City and of the City - *Convenor: Dr Martin Gibbs*
2. Industrial Archaeology in the City - *Convenors: Dr Iain Stuart and Dr Geraldine Mate*
3. The Archaeology of Standing Buildings - *Convenor: Denis Gojak*
4. Dirty Stories – Archaeological Narratives of Colonial Sites and Landscapes, 1788 - 1850s - *Convenor – Dr Mary Casey*
5. Maritime Cultural Landscapes - *Convenors – Abi Cryerhall & Dr Brad Duncan*
6. Look what I found - *Convenor: Katrina Stankowski*

For contact details on convenors please see the Conference website:

<http://www.asha.org.au/2013-conference-sessions-and-program/>

AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CONSERVATION 42nd Annual Meeting Call for Papers

Conscientious Conservation – Sustainable Choices for Collections

The 42nd meeting of the American Institute for Conservation will take place on May 28-31 in San Francisco, California.

The new Collections Care Network and the Committee for Sustainable Conservation Practice are combining forces to develop a program for 2014 that explores how these two concepts are changing the way we practice conservation. Are you working on a collection care project that incorporates issues of sustainability? Share your expertise with your colleagues! Topics can range from architectural projects to re-housing and storage, approaches to archaeological excavations, collection maintenance practices, or recycling and efficiencies in your own private practice.

Please join the conversation - Submit an abstract by Friday, September 13.

For information on how to submit an abstract please visit the AIC Website [here](#).

New online journal

In August 2013, AACAI launches the Journal of the Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists (JAACA). JAACA aims to provide a medium for communication of results, and exchange of ideas and information about issues of relevance to professional archaeological practice in Australia, including methods and techniques, legislation and policy at all levels of government, as well as information about matters of local or state interest. Caroline Bird and Jim Rhoads have taken on the role of editors.

JAACA will focus on short reports of about 2000-2500 words. These may be on any topic likely to be of interest to AACAI members, including interesting presentations of surveys, site recording and excavation results, discussions of topics relevant to aspects of methodology, policy, legislation, public engagement, professional development, ethics etc. Longer articles (up to 5000 words) and themed special issues will also be considered for publication.

JAACA will be published as a PDF for download by members on the AACAI website. Articles will be individually published online and available to members as soon as practicable after they are accepted and formatted. At the end of the year the volume will be closed off and the individual PDFs bundled together. General access to complete volumes will be made available for the general public within four months.

JAACA's editorial policy is to encourage and facilitate publication by consultants and provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and the conduct of debate and discussion about all aspects of archaeological practice. Authors can expect their contributions to be published promptly provided they meet an acceptable minimum standard or require only minor editing. Jim and Caroline, with the help of the interim editorial committee, are developing a peer review process which will encourage high professional standards in reporting and communicating archaeology and provide formal mentoring for junior members of the profession.

Check the AACAI website for the launch. You will find the first article and guidelines for authors. Workshops are also planned to introduce the journal and provide practical guidance in publishing your work.

Events

August 2013

Best Practice in managing heritage places

Date: 4 - 10 August
Time: 9am
Presenter: Professor Sharon Sullivan and Dr Michael Pearson
Venue: Port Arthur, Tasmania

Advanced Professional Development Short Course

This course is delivered by leading industry trainers Professor Sharon Sullivan and Dr Michael Pearson. It has won the ANU Vice Chancellor's award for excellence in education. The course focuses on best practice in managing heritage places. This intensive course is based at a key heritage site in Australia (Port Arthur, Tasmania) and will include heritage experts with a wide range of local and international experience in the field of heritage management. Issues relating to the documentation of heritage sites as well as heritage management practice are explored directly with expert Port Arthur staff. Australian and international examples of heritage management methodology and practice from a wide range of sites will be discussed and opportunities will be provided for an exploration of management issues provided by participants. Participants will have the opportunity to learn practical heritage management skills as well as gaining a thorough understanding of the theoretical and political issues relating to cultural heritage management. [Click here for the Event Flyer](#)

Hidden Histories and Back Stories: Symposium of the Federation of the Australian Historical Societies - Part of the Canberra 2013 centenary

Date: 10 August
Time: 09:00 - 17:00
Venue: Sir Roland Wilson Building
[Click here for more information.](#)

Stories from the archives of MV's natural history collections

Date: 14 August
Time: 1-2pm
Presenter: Bec Carland, Museum Victoria
Venue: Discovery Centre, Lower Ground Floor, Melbourne Museum, Carlton Gardens Melbourne Museum

The conservation, management and interpretation of cemeteries**Date:** 29-31 August**Time:** All day**Venue:** Canberra

This skills development workshop focuses on building awareness and understanding of the particular issues faced in the conservation of cemeteries and the features commonly found in cemeteries. Cemeteries potentially have a wide range of heritage values, including to specific groups within the community that make them potentially complex sites for heritage conservation.

This workshop is based in the Canberra region and includes on-site discussion of conservation methods, practical issues and management approaches at a range of cemeteries. The course will visit locations that illustrate cemetery types from an 19th century churchyard cemetery, cemeteries on rural holdings and an 20th century cemetery. Issues of Aboriginal burials will also be discussed considering one known burial in the ACT region as well as examples from elsewhere in Australia.

The course will be presented by heritage practitioners experienced in the conservation of cemeteries.

Click here for an event flyer: [Conservation, management and interpretation of cemeteries](#)

September 2013

19th Annual Meeting of the European Association of Archaeologists 2013**Date:** 4-8 September**Venue:** Pilsen (Plzeň), Czech Republic.

The meeting is organized by the University of West Bohemia in Pilsen and GUARANT International.

The meeting is supported by the City of Pilsen, Governor of Pilsen region, Institute of Archaeology – Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague, V.V.I., Museum of West Bohemia in Pilsen, National Heritage Institute, Pilsen 2015 European Capital of Culture.

The meeting venue is the Campus of University of West Bohemia at Plzeň-Bory (Univerzitní 18, Plzeň). The campus is conveniently located near to the main accommodation facility Parkhotel and easy to access by the public transport from the city centre.

Pilsen is served by the Václav Havel International Airport Prague-Ruzyně with frequent flight connections to most cities in Europe and beyond. There will be a shuttle service organized during the main time of arrivals and departures.

2nd International Contact Rock Art Symposium

Date: 13-15 September
Time: 1-2pm
Venue: Darwin

The symposium aims to share international perspectives on rock art as well as exploring different approaches to the interpretation of contact rock art and discussing options for promoting the study and protection of contact rock art globally.

For more information, email sally.may@anu.edu.au or noel.tan@anu.edu.au

Working with Indigenous collections in Canberra's national institutions: a behind the scenes look at their value, curation and use.

Date: 16-20 September
Time: 9.30-17.30_
Venue: ANU, Canberra

Program type: Advanced Professional Development Short Course

A five-day advanced professional development short course providing an update of professional practice in working with communities, planning, development and use of Indigenous collections, benefiting from the experience of Australia's national cultural institutions

This advanced professional development short course focuses on the theory and practice of valuing, curating and presenting indigenous collections and exhibitions. Taking advantage of the unique opportunity to visit the varied and important Indigenous collections held in Canberra, the course will encourage participants to develop a critical understanding of key issues in the representation of cultures in museum displays and public venues, drawing on interdisciplinary approaches and methodologies from relevant fields such as anthropology and history to inform museum studies.

The specific emphasis in the program will be on collections and exhibitions relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples that are held or displayed in Australia or overseas, but specific attention is also given to other ethnographic and historical collections and displays. Issues examined during the course include the history of collecting and exhibitions, community representation, ownership and intellectual property, repatriation, negotiation, preservation, and modes of display.

[Click here Expression of interest](#)

Society for Medieval Archaeology Annual Conference**Date:** 20-22 September**Venue:** The University of Nottingham, UK

The Society for Medieval Archaeology annual conference is being relaunched in 2013 when they meet at the University of Nottingham, to discuss the theme: Transformations and Continuities in the Eleventh Century: Archaeology of the Norman Conquest.

[Click here for more information.](#)

October 2013

Empire, Faith and Conflict Conference – Fremantle Australia**Date:** 3-5 October 2013**Venue:** The University of Notre Dame Australia

The University of Notre Dame Australia is proud to host the 2013 conference 'Empire, Faith and Conflict'. The event is part of the World History Association Symposia program and will be held in partnership with the Australian Historical Association.

Since the days of Ancient Civilisations the world has been shaped by the rise and fall of empires, the disputes of faith and the outbreak of conflict. From Mesopotamia to Rome and Byzantium to Gallipoli, civilisations have been shaped by three critical elements: empire, faith and conflict. Perhaps more than any other period of world history, the past century has seen empires brought to their knees, faith pitted against faith, and conflict sweep the globe.

On the eve of the centenary of the Great War, the World History Association, the Australian Historical Association and the University of Notre Dame Australia invite you to join us for a unique opportunity to examine the intersection of empire, faith and conflict in world history, and their impact in shaping the modern world.

TOWARDS RATIFICATION - Australia's Underwater Cultural Heritage**Date:** 3-6 October 2013 (Workshop and Conference)**Venue:** Australian National University, Sir Roland Wilson Building, Research School of Humanities and the Arts, Canberra, Australia.

Workshop on ratification of the UNESCO 2001 Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage (UNCPUCH)

Conference 4-6 October, 2013

This conference's primary objective is to continue to encourage the Australian Government towards immediate ratification of the UNESCO 2001 Convention for the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage to meet the international best practice standards for management of underwater cultural heritage. The Conference themes will highlight the variety and significance of our underwater heritage in Australian waters and overseas, and the significant positive value that Australia's ratification would have in the region.

[Click here for more information](#)

APT New York City – Preserving the Metropolis

Date: 11-16 October 2013

Venue: New York City, NY, USA

APT New York City 2013 – [Preserving the Metropolis](#) – APT Annual Conference to be held (for the first time) in New York City, NY, USA.

For the first time in history, the population of cities exceeds that of the surrounding suburbs and countryside. New York City, after decades of population decline, has recently exceeded its peak 1970s population and continues to grow. Such growth, mirrored in older and newer cities globally, is countered by cities with shrinking populations in the United States and abroad. Both expanding and shrinking cities present new challenges that require preservationists to think broadly and collaboratively, themes that will be highlighted at [APT NYC 2013](#).

December 2013

AAA - Complexities of Scale

Date: 1-4 December 2013

Venue: Novotel Pacific Bay Resort, Coffs Harbour.

AAA2013 will be hosted by Archaeology and Palaeoanthropology, University of New England. The theme for 2013 will be 'Complexities of Scale' and we hope to embrace a variety of approaches that explore the diverse spatial and temporal scales in understanding archaeological data sets in the context of radiometric and other chronologies, environmental and climatic data and explanatory frameworks. The conference venue will be the beautiful Novotel Pacific Bay Resort, Coffs Harbour.

The conference will take place over 3 or 4 days, following a welcome reception on the evening of Sunday 1st December 2013 (i.e. 1 to 4 December).

The conference paper sessions have now been announced, and can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

As they become available, details about the venue, registration, accommodation and other AAA2013 information will be available on this website.

Peter Grave, Luke Godwin, Scott L'Oste Brown and Wendy Beck

AAA 2013 Organising Committee

Welcoming New Members to AACAI

We would like to welcome the following new members to AACAI:

1. Sheelagh Conran – Associate
2. John Marrell – Associate
3. Alan Matthews – Associate
4. John McDermott – Associate
5. Alyce Howard – Associate
6. Ben Pentz – Associate
7. Marc Schmidlin – Associate
8. Stirling Smith – Full Member
9. Roark Muhlen-Schulte – Full Member
10. Deborah Van Sambeeck – Associate
11. Tory Stening – Full Member
12. Sarah Ward – Associate
13. Lucy Sinclair – Full Member
14. Jade Pervan - Affiliate

Situations wanted

The following person is looking for archaeological work/ experience. If you have any suitable opportunities, please contact the relevant person directly:

Jessica graduated in Art history and Archaeology in June 2012. She has been volunteering for 5 years in different sites and completed post-excavations studies on Human and animal bones.

Jessica.Salustri's contact details are:

E-mail: salustri.jessica@gmail.com

Mobile: 04 06 138 874

Situations Vacant

Casual Archaeologists wanted

July 5th, 2013

Kelleher Nightingale Consulting is an archaeological company operating in Sydney. We have a series of excavations scheduled throughout the remainder of 2013 and require a number of casual archaeologists to supplement our current field team.

If you are interested in joining our team please reply with a copy of your cv to kylie.mcdonald@knconsult.com.au

Recent graduates and students looking for field experience are welcome to apply.

Where are you and what are you up to?

A snapshot of what various members are doing and where they are?



- A- Sarah Ward is working on a Vietnam Cultural Heritage Project on the Lam River, near Vinh, North Vietnam (the dot is only indicative of overseas). She is investigating a wooden wreck as part of a broader research project undertaken by Professor Mark Staniforth.
- B- Andrew Costello is doing an archaeological survey for Trukpayn Mining Lease in Weipa, Western Cape York. The survey covers 500 ha with the Peppan and Wathayn Traditional Owners and has recorded over 100 sites – mainly scarred trees and artifact scatters.
- C- Joseph Brooke is working on the Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Hwy Upgrade. He is assessing potential impacts on Aboriginal heritage sites.
- D- Louise Steding is presently writing up excavations at the Women's Prison on Cockatoo Island (1871) and the excavation of subfloor deposits at Fairfax's Harrington Park Homestead (1817-1825). We are also surveying an interval of Cox's Road (1814), the first road across the Blue Mountains..
- E – Belinda Leibel is doing a Phd at Monash University based in Adelaide with research on Yorke Peninsula, SA. Her PhD title is :Boundaries and connections: Indigenous visibility on South Australian rural landscapes.
- F - Laura Farquharson is finalising a report for a 10 week Aboriginal salvage excavation on the Aberglassyn Water Transport System (Stage 2) Upgrade in the Wentworth Swamps of the Lower Hunter Valley in NSW.
- G - Richard Fullagar is in a mining camp somewhere in the Pilbara, WA working with Aboriginal women (Native Title holders) and mining company heritage managers on samples of usewear and residues on selected grinding stones for analysis in the laboratory to determine function(s) of the implements.

We would like to invite you as members to submit items of interest to this Newsletter which will be published every second month.

State Delegates should submit news on their state chapter by 15 June 2013 to Cindy Shadiack at aacai_sec@yahoo.com.au