

Newsletter

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Message from the President

As this is my first address as the new President, I'd like to take the opportunity to say hello to all our members— if I don't already know you I'm hoping that sometime, somewhere over the next two years, I might have the chance to meet most, if not all, of you in person.

I'd also like to offer my thanks to the past NEC Office Bearers and our Secretariat Cindy Shadiack, who have streamlined many of the administrative processes in recent years, allowing the Association to operate in a highly structured and well organised manner, making the tasks of the NEC much easier to deal with. In keeping with this, I'd like to offer a special thanks to our former President (now our Vice-President) Fiona Hook. After having talked me into taking on this role, she's subsequently spent many hours on the phone offering advice and answering my considerable list of questions, so I'm extremely grateful for her support.

Despite the downturn in the heritage industry in some states last year, many businesses again offered donations for the AAA Annual Conference held in Coffs Harbour from 1–4 December, and participated in the annual 'Meet the Graduates' event following the AACAI AGM on the Monday evening. I'd like to express my appreciation to Richard Fullagar and Jacqueline Matthews for all of their hard work in organising the event, to AAA for again supporting the event, to the sponsors who gave up their time to participate and offer advice, and to all the recent graduates and current students who came along and showed an interest in pursuing a consulting career. At a time when the protection of heritage is being challenged across the country on numerous fronts, it's critical that as an industry we support each other, and especially the next generation of heritage professionals. As such, I'd like to encourage all of our members who are in a position to do so to support MTG again in 2014 (this year the AAA conference will be held in Cairns), and to respond to the calls for AAA sponsorship when they are made later in the year.

As President, based on what's already happened in 2014, I'm looking forward to a busy, challenging and exciting year ahead. The new NEC has already held two meetings (one in late January and another in mid-February), and as a result we're able to advise you about some recent decisions and happenings.

Following on from recommendations made in 2013, we've engaged the services of a web designer to make some important changes to the AACAI websites. These involve amendments to the member listings on the site, so that people can more easily search for members by state (which is currently somewhat difficult to do), and also to provide an alphabetical listing of members. While these in some ways seem like simple changes, they will greatly enhance the usability of the site for external visitors. These updates should happen in the not-too-distant future.

Secondly, given that the AACAI Constitution is now nearly 40 years old, the NEC has resolved to implement a process of constitutional review, with the view to drafting a revised Constitution for the membership to consider at the AGM. One reason for doing this is that there have been some major changes to the legislation governing how organisations are set up and should run since our Constitution was written, and we're no longer certain that we meet the legislative requirements in this regard. Further, there are several elements that are not dealt with, or are only dealt with minimally, in the current Constitution. These include, but are not necessarily limited to, the process that establish how the Association deals with complaints against members, and the relationship between the NEC and State Chapters in terms of financial auditing and reporting. Stay tuned for further updates and requests for your input on this.

Relating to this is a decision by the NEC at the February meeting to develop a formal Strategic Plan to guide AACAI into the future, as part of increasing professionalisation. We envisage the Plan being a relatively simple document that explicitly establishes some short-term (i.e. two year) and medium-term (ie five to ten year) goals to help guide the Association systematically and strategically into the future. The NEC will be working both with State Chapters and members in coming months to develop this document, so again keep an eye out for more detailed notices about this in the near future, and think about how you would like to see AACAI move forward in coming years.

As part of the Strategic Plan, and following the recent news from the Institute for Archaeologists (IfA) in the UK that their Petition for a Royal Charter of Incorporation was considered and accepted by the Privy Council at its meeting on 11 February 2014, the NEC has resolved to formally explore similar options that might be open to us to address the ongoing concerns about accreditation and professional standards in our industry.

We have also resolved, in line with the general ongoing issues around retaining a secure membership base, to conduct a brief survey to generate some firm data about some of the reasons why people choose to **not** join AACAI, and look at developing strategies to address any issues that emerge through that investigation.

Pre-empting part of the Strategic Plan development, we've also resolved to be more proactive in terms of our communication strategies and public visibility. One aspect of this will be the development of a formal Media Policy, and to explore appointing a Media Officer. If anyone is particularly interested in taking on this sort of a role, please don't hesitate to get in touch to discuss what it might involve.

We'll be making greater use of the AACAI Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/australianassociationofconsultingarchaeologistsinc) to communicate information that is of interest to our membership and nonmembers, as well as establishing an official Twitter account that will be linked to the Facebook page. The use of these platforms will be governed by the newly developed Media Policy, and we'll be quite selective in the types of information we post to these platforms, as their primary aim is information dissemination, rather than discussion or debate. For those of you who are not active on social media (and especially those of you who have no desire to **ever** be active on such platforms), have no fear, we have no intention of ceasing any of our usual methods of

communication; these new platforms are simply an additional mechanism that will allow us to reach a wider audience than we currently do, and to reach that audience more rapidly than is possible using the Newsletter.

We're pleased to advise that there has been substantial interest over the past month in the re-invigoration of the SA and QLD Chapters of AACAI, with more than the requisite five members from each state having advised the NEC in writing of their support for these notions. In line with the Constitution, the NEC has passed an ordinary resolution to re-establish these Chapters. Further information will be sent out to members in both states in the coming weeks about this, asking for nominations for State Chapter Office Bearers and advising of an upcoming meeting of members to be held in each State.

I'd like to thank Oliver Brown for all of his hard work in managing the Student Support Fund on behalf of AACAI for the past few years. The Fund was established in 2010 to provide funding to full-time honours students working on projects that relate to consulting archaeological practice. In the four years since it was established AACAI has distributed \$20,500 to 9 recipients, for a wide range of projects. Oliver stood down from his role at the 2013 AGM, and is being replaced by Fenella Atkinson, who has already been hard at work for us this year. A call for applications from students has been widely publicised, with a closing date of 21 March 2014. A judging committee will consider the submissions based on the relevance of the project, academic record and the comments of referees.

AACAI donates \$2000 annually to the Fund, and solicits additional donations from members. We would like to thank the following businesses who have already offered donations in 2014:

- Archaeological and Heritage Management Solutions
- Comber Consultants
- HEH
- Ochre Imprints
- Wallis Heritage Consulting

Anyone else who would like to donate to the Fund for 2014 should contact Fenella (fatkinson@ahms.com.au).

In closing, we'd like to remind those of you who've not renewed your membership for 2014 to please do so at your earliest convenience (which helps with our cash flow!), and to ask you to encourage your peers who are not members to consider joining up and getting involved to help build AACAI and our role in consulting in the future.

News From the State Chapters

WA State Chapter

WA State Chapter has had a slow start to the new year. The WA executive committee will be meeting early next month to look at a document that Fortescue Metals Group (FMG) will be bringing out.

The document provides their staff with guidance on heritage survey and site recording in line with current DAA changes. The WA executive committee as always welcomes any of our members to suggest any professional development training they would like to see us organise or sponsor.

NSW/ACT State Chapter

The NSW/ACT chapter of AACAI held its AGM, followed by Christmas drinks, on 29 November 2013.

The elected office bearers for the committee are Andrew Costello (Chairperson), Jenna Weston (Vice-Chairperson and State Delegate), Michelle Lau (Treasurer), Lyndon Patterson (Alternate State Delegate), Alan Williams and Annie Bickford. The chapter is still looking for a permanent Secretary, and would welcome interest from members.

SA and QLD State Chapters

At the last National Executive Committee meeting in February a formal resolution was passed to re-establish the South Australian and Queensland State Chapters. We encourage our South Australian and Queensland members to get involved and consider nominating for the state executive committee position.

In Memoriam

AACAI and Archaeology lost a champion in the passing of

Gaye Marion Nayton

Born in England on 7 May 1954 Passed away on 5 December 2013 Aged 59 years

A memorial page can be found at:

http://www.heavenaddress.com/Gaye-Marion-Nayton/459761/

Archaeological News from around the World

When Genetics and Archaeology meet. An interactive map of human genetic mixing fills gaps in 4,000 years of recorded history. Led by Dr. Garrett Hellenthal of the University College London Genetics Institute, a team of researchers has reconstructed the genetic mixing between each of 95 populations spanning Europe, Africa, Asia and South America over the last four thousand years. Researchers were able to associate some of the admixture events with key historical periods and events, such as the rule of Alexander the Great. It has also shed light on how humans were interacting during times and in places where there is currently no historical record of the interaction. It draws on the effects of the slave trade, the Silk Road and early merchant explorers. For those who want to know more: http://admixturemap.paintmychromosomes.com

Evidence Shows Prehistoric Humans Used Fire 300,000 Years Ago

New findings reported in the Journal of Archaeological Science suggest that prehistoric humans were able to control and use fire at their will. A team of Israeli scientists discovered the earliest evidence of unequivocal repeated fire building over a continuous period in the Qesem Cave. This evidence, found at an archaeological site near present-day Rosh Ha'ayin, dates back to around 300,000 years ago. http://www.redorbit.com/news/science/1113056252/prehistoric-hearth-fire-evidence-012814/

Are we fated to be the next woolly mammoths?

Scientists have put forth many theories on why woolly mammoths and other large animals went extinct around 10,000 years ago. A new DNA-based study published in the journal *Nature* has found that the flowering plants these "megafauna" depended on disappeared between 25,000 and 15,000 years ago from northern Asia and North America after the last Ice Age. Interestingly one can also see the results in the perspective of the present climate changes.

Human reaction however, has followed an old pattern as natural climatic shocks strike the world. "People have unintentionally built vulnerabilities through decisions and actions in social, political and economic realms", according to Margaret Nelson who is part of an international team examining how people can be most resilient to climate change when it comes to food security. We do not have to be woolly mammoths, it seems.

Read more at http://www.redorbit.com/news/science/1113065355/ice-age-killer-mammoths-killed-off-from-diet-changes-020614/#76WBC5qUZCjsKSOE.99

A Slice of AACAI History

This gem is from Newsletter No. 29 published in May 1986.



Are there any budding cartoonists out there who wish to have their work shared in our Newsletter? Send me your cartoons and let's have a good "archaeologiggle". To submit a cartoon, you must own the rights to the item or give full credit with the submission.

Call for Papers

The 3rd International Conference – NAZARETH -Archaeology, History and Cultural Heritage Due 15 April 2014

http://www.iccrom.org/eng/news_en/2013_en/field_en/misc_

en.shtml

Preserving archaeological

Due 30 June 2014

remains in situ (PARIS 5) http://www.iccrom.org/eng/news_en/2013_en/field_en/misc_

en.shtml

NESS has issued a call for presentations for 2014

If you are interested in delivering a seminar between March and $% \left(\mathbf{r}\right) =\mathbf{r}^{\prime }$

June 2014, please get in touch with Ana Becarra on:

abec6397@uni.sydney.edu.au

Laila Haglund Prize 2013

The Laila Haglund Prize for Excellence in Consultancy recognises outstanding contribution to consultancy in Australia. The prize is awarded each year for the paper presented at the AAA Annual Conference that is considered to make the best contribution to consultancy practice in Australia.

The prize is named in honour of Laila Haglund in recognition of her considerable and ongoing contribution to AACAI and professional archaeology in Australia.

AACAI congratulates the recipients of the prize for 2013:

Ryan Hovingh (Snappy Gum Heritage Services) Ross Stanger (BHP Billiton) Karlka Nyiyaparli Aboriginal Corporation

New Books

Geoarchaeology of Aboriginal Landscapes in Semi-arid Australia

Written by:

Simon Holdaway University of Auckland Patricia Fanning Macquarie University

Features

- Integrates geochronology, geomorphology and archaeology applied at a landscape scale
- Provides a critique of the current approaches to archaeological survey in Australia
- Describes methods for understanding the raw material selection and technology of flake production
- Shows how this geoarchaeological approach to studying the Australian arid zone can be related to similar approaches worldwide

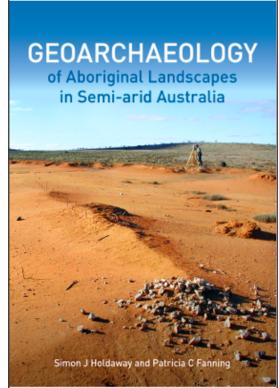
Description

This book provides readers with a unique understanding of the ways in which Aboriginal people interacted with their environment in the past at one particular location in western New South Wales. It also provides a statement showing how geoarchaeology should be conducted in a wide range of locations throughout Australia.

This analysis is based on the results of archaeological research conducted at the University of New South Wales Fowlers Gap Arid Zone Research Station between 1999 and 2002 as part of the Western New South Wales Archaeology Program. The interdisciplinary geoarchaeological program was targeted at expanding the potential offered by archaeological deposits in western New South Wales, Australia.

The book contains six chapters: the first two introduce the study area, then three data analysis chapters deal in turn with the geomorphology, geochronology and archaeology of Fowlers Gap Station. A final chapter considers the results in relation to the history of Aboriginal occupation of Fowlers Gap Station, as well as the insights they provide into Aboriginal ways of life more generally. Analyses are well illustrated through the tabulation of results and the use of figures created through Geographic Information System software.

Contact Anna Molan for more information or to obtain a copy.
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or call +61 3 9662 7596



Events

For a full list of events, please visit the Events page on the AACAI website

March 2014

The Archaeology of Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls

Sponsored by Archaeological Institute of America

Date: 13 March 2014 at 19:30

Venue: Art Auditorium, University of Hawaii at Manoa 2535

McCarthy Mall, Honolulu, HI 96822 United States

Lecturer: **Jodi Magness**

Contact: Robert I. Littman

littman@hawaii.edu

The Future for the Humanities and Social Sciences in a Global Era

The event is convened in conjunction with the University of Melbourne, the University of Western Sydney, The Australian Academy of the Humanities and the Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences, with the generous support of the Committee on Australian Studies at Harvard University and the Harvard Asia Center.

18 March 2014 at 09:30 Date:

19 March 2014 at 17:00

Organiser: The University of Melbourne

Venue: Level 10, 185 Pelham Street, University House @ the

> **Woodward Centre** 185 Pelham Street

Carlton, Vic

Presenting at the symposium are eminent speakers from **Lecturers:**

> across Australia, scholars from Harvard University, Hong Kong University, Tsinghua University, the University of

Ottawa and the National University of Singapore.

Contact: Contact Amanda Currie on this website:

> http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-future-for-thehumanities-and-social-sciences-in-a-global-era-tickets-

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Kimberley Foundation Australia - Public Lecture NGV Melb March 2014

Dating Kimberley rock art: The long and the short of it.

Presented by Prof Peter Veth who is a world expert in Indigenous archaeology.

Date: 20 March 2014 at 18:15 for a 18:30 start

Venue: NGV International, Clemenger BBDO Auditorium

180 St Kilda Road

MELBOURNE, Victoria 3000 Entry via North Foyer Entrance

Speaker: Prof Peter Veth

Contact: 03 9653 3780

admin@kimberleyfoundation.org.au

Website: http://www.kimberleyfoundation.org.au/

Archaeology and Heritage Seminar Series

"The transition from foraging to farming in the Levant (or the Near East)"
On Friday 28 March, Professor Ofer Bar-Yosef (Harvard University) will be delivering a talk as part of the Archaeology and Heritage Seminar Series at the University of Sydney

Date: 28 March 2014

12:00 - 14:00

Venue: University of Sydney

Room S241, The Quadrangle

Speaker: Ofer Bar-Yosef

Harvard University

Contact: <u>archaeology.seminars@sydne</u>y.edu.au

"The leopard changes its spots: The sequence at Catalhöyük"

In this lecture Prof. Ian Hodder will discuss recent research that shows major change through the occupation sequence at Neolithic Çatalhöyük East in central Turkey.

Date: 28 March 2014 at 16:00 – 17.30

Organiser: University of Queensland

Venue: St Lucia Campus, University of Queensland

Speaker: Prof. Ian Hodder (Stanford University)

Contact: Andrew Fairbairn

a.fairbairn@uq.edu.au

April 2014

National Archaeology Student Conference 2014

Participation is open to students at Australian and overseas universities.

Date: 11 – 13 April 2014

Venue: Flinders University, Adelaide, South Australia

Keynote Speakers: • Dr Annie Clarke

• Professor Emeritus Brian Fagan

Contact: enquiries@nasc14.org

Website: http://nasc14.org

May 2014

Asia-Pacific Conference on Underwater Cultural Heritage

A wide range of people involved with underwater cultural heritage are encouraged to attend including those from universities, government agencies, museums, NGOs, IGOs, the private sector and the community

Date: 12 – 16 May 2014

Venue: Honolulu, Hawaii

Host Oranisations: National Marine Sanctuary Foundation and University of

Hawaii Marine Option Program

Contact: hans.vantilburg@noaa.gov

Website: http://www.apconf.org

June 2014

Fragments, Holes, and Wholes: Reconstructing the Ancient World in Theory and Practice

Sponsored by Polish Academy of Sciences, University of Warsaw, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan

Date: 12-14 June 2014

Organiser: University of Queensland

Venue: University of Warsaw, Krakowskie Przedmiescie 26/28

Warsaw 00-927 Poland

Invited Speakers: Hans-Joachim Gehrke,

Annette Harde WolfgangKaiser DirkObbink Paul Zanker

Contact: Jan Kwapisz

jan.kwapisz@uw.edu.pl

Website: https://knoka.pan.pl/images/Fragments_Holes_and_Wholes.pdf

Across the Pacific

The 20th annual conference of the New Zealand Studies Association, together with the Norwegian Maritime Museum and the Kon-Tiki Museum, Oslo in association with the University of South Australia

Date: 25-28 June 2014

Venue: Oslo, Norway

Invited Speakers: Professor Bjørn L. Basberg, Dr Paul D'Arcy, Thor Heyerdahl Jr,

Professor Edvard Hviding, Professor Witi Ihimaera DCNZM, Professor Helen Lee, Professor Cluny Macpherson, Assoc. Professor Susan Najita, Professor Dame Anne Salmond, Professor Linda Tuhiwai Smith CNZM, Dr Roy Smith, Professor

Paul Turnbull

Website: http://www.pacificarts.org/node/1021

August 2014

<u>The 3rd International Conference NAZARETH - Archaeology, History and Cultural Heritage</u>

The Municipality of Nazareth The University of Haifa-Department of Middle Eastern History

Date: 6-8 August 2014

Venue: Nazareth, Israel

Contact: Dr. Sharif Sharif-Safadi

shareef.s@nazareth.muni.il

Quarantine: History, Heritage, Place

Sponsored by University of Sydney

Date: 14-16 August 2014

University of Sydney Organizing Committee

Alison Bashford, Annie Clarke, Ursula Frederick, Peter

Hobbins.

Venue: Quarantine Station North Head Australia

Keynote Speakers: • Nadav Davidovitch, Ben Gurion University of the Negev

Gareth Hoskins, Aberystwyth UniversityHarold Mytum, University of Liverpool

• Nayan Shah, University of Southern California

• Alexandra Minna Stern, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

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Website: http://sydney.edu.au/arts/research/quarantine/

<u>June 2015</u>

9th International Conference on Easter Island and the Pacific (EIPC 2015) CULTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DYNAMICS

Date: 21-26 June 2015

Venue: Ethnological Museum Dahlem, Berlin

Organisers: The German Archaeological Institute (DAI), the Christian-

Albrechts-University Kiel, and the Hafen City University

Hamburg

Website: <a href="http://9th-eip-conference.org/#http://9th-ei

conference.org/

Opportunities and Situations Vacant

Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania currently seeks applications from archaeologists intending to work in Tasmania. Please contact Emily Smith on emily.smith@hertage.tas.gov.au or call 03 6165 3159

Welcoming New Members to AACAI

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

Mark Dowdell Associate Member
Megan Gigcaz_ Associate Member
Melissa Marshall Associate Member
Corey O'Driscoll Associate Member
Steven O'Reilly Full Member

Dominic Steele Full Member from Associate Member

Lyndon Patterson Full Member from Associate Member

Erica Weston Associate Member

Where are you and what are you up to?

Send us an e-mail letting us know where you are and what you are doing to update our map of members movements in 2014.

We would like to invite you as members to submit items of interest to this Newsletter, which will be published every second month. Also consider sending us a project you are involved with which will be highlighted on our website.

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