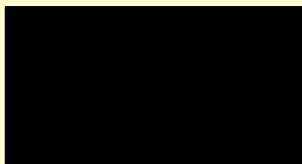
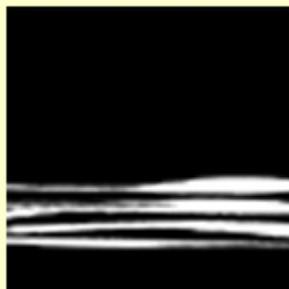


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Editorial

Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy

Welcome to our second edition of the new electronic *AACAI Newsletter*. We had a very positive response to our first edition in the new format. Thank you to everyone who took the time to email or call with positive comments. We only appear to have had one glitch in our electronic mail-out with one member reporting that they had not received the newsletter. A few members also had problems printing out the newsletter. To get around this, we have provided an Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) version of the newsletter that is formatted for printing. Go to the base of this page to access this option. That problem has now been remedied. Please let us know if you encounter any problems in receiving or opening future issues.

In this edition we bring you several updates from members working on a range of interesting projects, a number of job and contract notices, as well as an updated calendar of events.

Several members have recently raised questions about datums, the use of GPS and the new edition topographic maps and we include an article from Rodney Harrison which addresses some of these questions.

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. As the newsletter is now monthly don't wait for a deadline to send these items in as they arise and we will publish them in the next issue. The aim is to provide a constant flow of information to members and between members. Any items should be forwarded to newsletter@aacai.com.au.



Notice: Overdue Membership Fees

The AACAI membership year is in line with the financial year which means that all members were due to renew their membership and pay their annual fee on the 1 July 2004. Second reminder notices were posted on 25 October 2004. If you are one of our members who have forgotten to pay their fees please do so as soon as possible. Subscription renewal forms are available for download from the AACAI website at www.aacai.com.au/downloads/subscription_form.pdf. Cheques or money orders should be made payable to the AACAI and forwarded to Acting Membership Secretary, PO Box 6565, St Lucia QLD 4067. If you are

not sure about your membership status please contact [Sean Ulm](#).



Treasurer's Report *Catherine Westcott*

Since the last NEC meeting, I have taken over the role of Acting Treasurer and Bruce Veitch has forwarded all Treasury documents to me. Thanks to Bruce for the well organised handover.

As of 25 October 2004 , all received cheques have been processed and banked. The total deposited was \$3120.

\$388.87 is owed to Sean Ulm, mostly for copying and distribution of reports for Full Membership applications. This will be paid as soon as I am able to sign cheques. I am not aware of any other outstanding accounts.

AACAI finances now stand as follows.

Table 1. AACAI finances as at 31 October 2004.

Description	Date	Balance
NAB Account	30 July 2004	\$3,567.45
UBS Account	30 June 2004	\$8,565.60
NAB Account Deposit	25 October 2004	\$3,120.00
Total	-	\$15,253.05

I am in the process of changing signatories for the NAB account which is the day-to day working account. The account will require two to sign - it will be Sean Ulm and myself as we are the only two NEC members in Brisbane.

The audit for AACAI accounts for 2003-2004 is underway, but not yet complete.

Catherine Westcott

Acting Treasurer
31 October 2004



Membership Secretary's Report

Sean Ulm

Overview of Membership

Financial membership of AACAI as at 31 October 2004 for the 2004-2005 financial year was 89 (22 Full Members; 49 Associate Members; 18 Affiliate Members) (Table 1, Figures 1-2). For comparison, AACAI had 113 financial members at the end of the 2003-2004 financial year. The Register of Members for the 2003-2004 financial year was published in the April *AACAI Newsletter* (No. 95).

Table 1. Financial members for the 2004-2005* financial year (* up to 31 October 2004).

	QLD	NSW	ACT	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	O/S	Total
Full	4	8	2	2	0	4	2	0	0	22
Associate	9	19	3	3	0	7	8	0	0	49
Affiliate	4	7	0	1	0	2	3	0	1	18
Total	17	34	5	6	0	13	13	0	1	89

2004-2005 Renewal Reminder Schedule

On 25 October 2004, 36 subscription renewal reminders were posted to members with outstanding fees for the 2004-2005 financial year.

Successful Membership Applications in 2004

To date, three new members (1 Full Member; 1 Associate Member; 1 Affiliate Member) have been admitted to AACAI during 2004. The Full Member was an upgrade from Associate Membership status:

- Paul Greenfeld - Full Member
- Lyndon Patterson - Associate Member
- Madge Schwede - Affiliate Member

Membership Applications in Progress

Two Full Membership and four Associate Membership applications are currently in progress.

Sean Ulm
Acting Membership Secretary
31 October 2004

**An Archaeologist at the Henty Field Days***Alice Gorman*

On a recent trip to the southern Riverina, I found myself enticed into a bus trip to the Henty Field Days with the Berrigan Heritage Society. Although I grew up in this part of the world I had never been to a field day before. I wasn't particularly interested in farm machinery but I did expect an entertaining day. As it turned out, there were quite a few things of interest from an archaeological perspective.

There were several exhibitors with the latest laser surveying equipment. I was able to have a play, chat to the vendors, and collect some literature. Other displays included camping equipment, first aid kits, measuring instruments of all kinds, excavators and diggers, tents, safety equipment, soil testing kits, GPS, maps and aerial photographs, and satellite imaging. Both the *Weekly Times* and the *Land*, leading rural weekly newspapers, had book shops. Among many other more practical subjects (for example, *Storey's Guide to Raising Llamas*, and *In Pursuit of Pigs*), both publish local and rural histories.

NPWS had a display, mostly about National Parks in the region and wildlife. There was no literature on cultural heritage or Native Title available. This seemed like a wasted opportunity, especially since both are topics of interest and concern to farmers and graziers. A few agricultural colleges were represented, but only one university.

At one of the stands I picked up a booklet on rabbit control, thinking about the impact of feral animals on archaeological sites (see [AACAI Newsletter No. 92](#)). The booklet outlined the techniques of warren ripping and correlated them with soil types and rabbit density in different parts of Australia. I learnt that to destroy the subsurface structure of a warren, ripping needs to be done to a depth of 70 to 90 cm, and that the technique was most effective in dry friable soils.

There was a very good range of field clothes and many vendors were offering special discounts during the

field days. It wasn't just checked shirts and moleskins; there were some quite funky clothes I could see myself in the field with! Lots of work boots and hats, of course, and any amount of socks were to be had. There were raincoats, oilskins and other protective clothing. And for those who fancy an Indiana Jones accessory, there was a stock whip manufacturer.

The Henty and District Antique Farm Machinery Club had a display of vintage farm equipment. And in the end I did look at modern farm machinery, imagining its impact on archaeological sites. A careful study of the programme and exhibitors (published in the major rural newspapers in the week before) could lead to a very productive day for an archaeologist interested in new equipment, good work clothes, and rural material culture.



NSW Heritage Office: Review of Archaeological Policy, Procedures and Practices *Tracey Ireland*

The NSW Heritage Office is undertaking a strategic review of archaeological policy, procedures and practices under the Heritage Act in NSW. The Heritage Act regulates the archaeology of the 'colonial' or 'historic' periods that is 'historical archaeology'. In NSW, Aboriginal archaeology is regulated under the NPW Act, some sites therefore technically require approvals under both Acts.

The terms of reference for the review include:

- the administration and implementation of archaeological heritage management – how can the system be improved to achieve better outcomes for all stakeholders;
- priorities for archaeological heritage management – what aims do we want to work towards; and
- an improved rationale for archaeological heritage management actions, including excavation/investigation, research, public products and conservation outcomes.

I will be undertaking the review and consulting widely amongst government and non-government organisations and archaeological practitioners. I am keen to hear from AACAI Members who have comments, issues or submissions based upon their experiences of archaeology in NSW. I have met with the NSW State Chapter of the AACAI at their recent State Executive Committee meeting and a wide range of issues were discussed including the need for guidelines on significance assessment, strategic research questions for the State, the possibilities for further delegation of excavation approvals and the range of practical, and/or ethical issues that might arise. If you have any comments or questions you would like to

raise with me please contact me: [Tracey Ireland](#).



Why are these *@#%!! sites plotting out in the wrong place on my new maps?: Some notes on the Geocentric Datum of Australia (GDA) ...

Rodney Harrison

The Geocentric Datum of Australia (GDA)

The Geocentric Datum of Australia (GDA) and its corresponding geographical coordinate system (GDA94) is the new national datum which has been introduced for topographic mapping, replacing the Australian Geodetic Datum (AGD). GDA is part of a global coordinate reference framework that has been introduced so that topographic maps will be directly compatible with coordinates produced by the Global Positioning System (GPS). Maps produced using this new datum and corresponding Cartesian coordinate system, called Map Grid of Australia 1994 (MGA94), are rapidly replacing those using the two major systems which were previously used in most commercial Australian topographic maps (which basically produced the same coordinates give or take a few metres), known as AMG66 and AMG84, or sometimes simply as 'AMG'. Since 2000, most government mapping agencies have been producing maps using the new MGA94 coordinate system, although it may only be recently that AACAI members have begun encountering the new maps. Maps drawn on the new datum will usually display the GDA logo and contain additional datum information on the map border, while maps drawn after 2000 using the 'old' AGD datum may contain a warning or disclaimer and notes on the conversion to GDA coordinates.

Compatibility with Handheld GPS

The 'old' AMG66/84 Cartesian coordinates are based on the geographic coordinates derived from the Australian National Spheroid (ANS) while the 'new' MGA94 Cartesian coordinates come from the geographic coordinates defined by the Geodetic Reference System 1980 (GRS80). GRS80 is essentially (give or take a few millimeters - note that while this difference will not be an issue when using conventional handheld GPS, which typically has an error of around 10m, those using highly accurate differential GPS may want to read the ICSM issues paper "What is the difference between WGS84 and GDA94?"

www.icsm.gov.au/icsm/gda/wgs84fact.pdf. There is typically a difference of around 10cm between WGS84 and GDA) the same as WGS84, which is the geodetic datum and ellipsoid which GPS uses to define the 'shape' of the earth as a map. In the past it was necessary to use a conversion procedure (most often one built into the GPS software itself by setting it to use the AGD66 or AGD84 projection system) which downgraded the accuracy of GPS readings to plot them onto Australian topographic maps. Given the GPS unit is set to use Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) grid coordinates and either GDA94 (if it is a newer model and

this selection is available) or WGS84 (the default setting on most commercial handheld GPS) as the datum, the coordinates obtained from the GPS can be plotted directly onto the new MGA94 topographic maps. Further information regarding the differences between the datums is available at the Geoscience Australia website (www.ga.gov.au/nmd/geodesy/datums/aboutdatums.jsp).

In line with international treaties, aeronautical and maritime navigation charts have moved, or are in the process of moving to WGS84. Because GDA and WGS84 are very closely coincident and can be considered the same for most practical purposes, the shift to GDA will only effect users of older aeronautical and maritime navigation charts which were drawn using a non-WGS84 datum. Because they use the same default WGS84 datum, most modern aeronautical and maritime navigation charts are directly compatible with the coordinates obtained using handheld GPS.

What Difference will GDA make to Consulting Archaeologists?

The GRS80 (and hence WGS84) used by the new GDA is a geocentric system. This means that the origin of its coordinate systems corresponds with the centre of mass of the earth.

The Australian Map Grid (AMG66/84), the system being updated, was based on the Australian National Spheroid (ANS) which was an ellipsoid designed to be the best estimate of the earth's shape around the Australian continent rather than the world. As a result, the origin of the ellipsoid used in its definition did not correspond with the centre of the earth - it was about 200m away from it. Consequently the shift to the new datum will mean that all coordinates will shift by approximately 200m to the northeast. While both AMG66/84 and MGA94 are projections of geographic coordinates to Cartesian coordinates, they produce different grid coordinates because they are based on different models of the earth. It is important to note that heights on a map will not be affected as they will continue to relate to the Australian Height Datum (AHD), which is based on mean sea level.

When you are recording site location information obtained using handheld GPS you should always note the coordinate system and datum which was in use at the time, and record such information on the site card or in your report so that others will be able to accurately plot the information (or transform it so that it can be accurately plotted on their maps using a different datum) in the future. Similarly, if you are recording site location details using a topographic map, you should also record the map datum in use (i.e. whether it is a GDA or AGD map).

Converting 'Old' AGD Map Coordinates into GDA Ones and Back Again

Anyone trying to plot grid coordinates obtained using 'old' AGD maps (or indeed, from many of the state

agencies who manage Aboriginal cultural heritage data who have generally not yet migrated across to the new system - in a future newsletter we hope to present a position statement from each of the relevant state and federal heritage agencies regarding their migration from AGD to GDA) onto 'new' GDA maps will find that there is somewhere between a 190m and 210m difference between the coordinates, depending on where you are in Australia. For the purposes of most consulting archaeological work, such an error will be unacceptable. Many of the major GIS packages have a conversion procedure for moving between coordinate systems and map datums, however, such software should be kept as up to date as possible to make sure that the most recent conversion data is available. There are a number of freeware utilities and simple manual mathematical equations for converting between AGD and GDA. Information on these various conversion procedures can be found on the Intergovernmental Committee on Surveying and Mapping (ICSM) website at <http://www.icsm.gov.au/icsm/gda/software.htm>, and online calculators and downloadable utilities on the Geoscience Australia website at <http://www.ga.gov.au/nmd/geodesy/datums/calcs.jsp#trans>.

The accuracy of the various transformation methods is discussed in the ICSM issues paper "Transformation options" available at www.icsm.gov.au/icsm/gda/gdatranfact.pdf. Technical users should consult the *Geocentric Datum of Australia - Technical Manual* www.icsm.gov.au/icsm/gda/gdatm/index.html

Sources and Further Reading

Further detailed information on GDA is available from Geoscience Australia (www.ga.gov.au/nmd/geodesy/datums/gda.jsp) and the Intergovernmental Committee on Surveying and Mapping (www.icsm.gov.au/icsm/gda/index.html), which were utilised in pulling together this overview of GDA for ACCAI readers.



Call for the BECAS/FELLOWSHIPS MAE-AECI, University of Barcelona

These grants are available for foreign citizens to carry out post-degree studies in Spain during the academic course 2005-2006. The University of Barcelona offers our help for those interested in carrying out any of these postgraduate courses. Detailed information can be found at www.ub.edu/cultural.

- Master in Cultural Management (specialty: cultural heritage management, arts management or cultural industries) (October 2005-May 2007).
- Postgraduate Course in Cultural Tourism (October 2005-June 2006).
- Postgraduate Course in Cultural Management and Cultural Policies (October 2005-June 2006).
- Postgraduate Course in International Cultural Cooperation (January-June 2006).

If you are interested in applying to carry out a postgraduate course at the University of Barcelona, please see the fellowship details on our website (www.ub.edu/cultural) and send us the form, your *curriculum vitae* and a proposal of your research project (abstract with no more than 800 characters). If accepted you will send a confirmation letter and all the other documents to present your candidature.

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Sydney Historical Archaeology Practitioners Workshop

Denis Gojak

You are invited to attend a one day professional workshop on historical archaeological issues to be held next month. It will be held on Friday 5 November from 9:00am-5:00pm at the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, 1 Bedford Street, Newtown (opposite Newtown Station).

Although Sydney has the largest and busiest historical archaeological consulting scene in Australia it has not had a single opportunity for all practitioners to get together to discuss issues of common concern since the 1998 Australasian Society for Historical Archaeology (ASHA) conference. As a result many of us don't know who else is working in the field, what work has been done and what has been found. We are also aiming to build a closer professional historical archaeology community in Sydney.

All historical archaeologists currently working in Sydney or elsewhere in NSW - consultants, workers, administrators, students, academics and researchers and others with a professional interest in the health and development of our field - are invited to attend and contribute to this one day workshop.

The workshop has three important goals:

- Bring us up to date with the latest developments of the Heritage Act and Heritage Office administration of historical archaeology.
- Find out about who has been doing what over the past decade with short dig and project reports.
- Raise and discuss issues that affect our professional work practices such as standards, training and occupational health and safety issues.

This workshop is being supported by Banksia Heritage + Archaeology. The cost is nominal. It will be useful. It will be fun. It will be tax deductible. You have no excuse. Cost will be \$50 per person (\$30 students/concessions). Please pay on the day. For further information contact [Denis Gojak](#).



Can you provide opportunities for students to gain practical experience in any aspect of archaeological heritage practice?

Sarah Colley

I'm looking for excavation, fieldwork or laboratory/post-excavation volunteer opportunities between now and mid-November for four of our students currently completing the ARPH3912 Archaeological Practice, Department of Archaeology, University of Sydney this semester.

These are senior level students who have all achieved Credit+ results in their undergraduate study so far and are contemplating finishing a Major and/or Honours in Archaeology.

All the students have already completed some project work - including laboratory and fieldwork, and they are attending practical workshops and classes on campus taught by the Department. Four of the students still need more workplace experience and are also keen to broaden their experience into different kinds of work.

Each is typically looking for about 5-8 days worth of work in total - which could be spread across a couple of different projects. University semester finishes in two weeks time after which the students would be able to attend most days.

Students are fully covered by University of Sydney Personal Accident, Public Liability and Professional Indemnity Insurance for this kind of work which forms part of an assessed course.

Your only commitment beyond providing the student with a workplace experience and some basic training is to complete an assessment form which contributes towards their mark for the course.

If you can help please contact [Sarah Colley](#).



Tenders

Industrial Heritage Consultancy - Tannery Waterloo

Tenders are invited to undertake a heritage assessment and preparation of a Conservation Management Plan for the Waterloo Campus of TAFE building at 2 John Street, Waterloo NSW 2017, movable heritage and other items in accordance with NSW Heritage Office guidelines. Tender documents can be downloaded from the NSW Department of Commerce website tenders.nsw.gov.au/commerce. Quote RFT Number 0401660. Any enquiries should be directed to James Oosterveen, Development Officer, State Property on 9372 8838. Tenders close at 9.30am on Tuesday 23 November 2004. Tenders can be sent to: Tender Box, Department of Commerce, Level 3, McKell Building, 2-24 Rawson Place, Sydney NSW 2000 or faxed to (02) 9372 8974.

Blue Mountains City Council - Call for Tenders

Blue Mountains City Council has two archaeological studies to undertake in The Gully in Katoomba. These have been previously advertised but as no tenders were received they are offered again now with an altered scope of works and an extended time frame. The studies are a pre-contact and a post-contact study of an important site of Aboriginal significance. They will be run concurrently and require close coordination. Consultants are welcome to bid on both components as a package. For more information contact [Elizabeth Dudley-Bestow](#).



Postdoctoral Fellow: "Community-Centred Pacific Resource Management Models"

The [Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies](#) is seeking to appoint a postdoctoral fellow to undertake research under to following project title: "Community-Centred Pacific Resource Management Models". Vacancy No: MB11277/1204. Term of Contract: Fixed Term for 2 years. Closing Date: 17 December 2004.

Role

There are fundamental differences in both theoretical underpinnings and the base data identified and used by contending models of Pacific development and resource management. Current Western models mainly rely on Western knowledge systems and monetary analyses, while Pacific models incorporate local knowledge, non-monetised production and distribution, and their interactions with intersections with global economic factors. While analysts generally agree "development" has not worked in the Pacific and that excesses of corporate resource extraction have displaced and disadvantaged Pacific peoples, alternate models are not

well documented and understood.

A critical comparative overview of alternate models of island resource management and development projects, and analyses of their strengths and weaknesses, is required. The aim of the project is to study selected case studies drawn from three types of contemporary Pacific resource management/development cases (small-scale local projects, medium level projects such as eco-tourism, and large scale multi-national businesses), considering both their governance structures, and factors supporting successes and contributing to failures of community management processes. This will require literature review, and some case study fieldwork, as well as meetings with Pacific development stakeholders (i.e. Pacific Forum secretariat in Fiji , ANU) as appropriate.

The Postdoctoral Fellow should have a PhD in Geography, Anthropology, Indigenous Studies, Development Studies, Pacific Studies, Maori Studies or other relevant discipline. He or she should be able to display evidence of a Pacific research background in resource management and development issues. He or she should also have appropriate methodological skills for community and institutional research and evidence of application of analytical models to concrete situations. An active research publication record is desirable. Relevant Pacific language skills may be desirable but not required.

More information about this project can be obtained from [Professor Karen Nero](#). Or visit www.canterbury.ac.nz/hr/vacancies/service2/mb11277_1204.shtml. Applicants should submit the application form, a copy of their CV and three referee reports directly to the Human Resources Administrator, [Angela Harrison](#). The desired date for commencement of duties is 1 February 2005.



AACAI Workshops & Meetings

Date: 1 November 2004

State: NSW - Sydney

Title: *AACAI NSW/ACT Chapter Annual General Meeting*

Time & Place: 5:30pm, Benledi Room, Glebe Library (Cnr Glebe Point Road & Wigram Street, Glebe, Sydney)

Details: [Mark Rawson \(Secretary\)](#)

Date: 13-14 November 2004

State: NSW - Sydney

Title: *Geomorphology Workshop*

Who: Peter Mitchell

Time & Place: 9am-5pm, Room 246, Building E5A, Macquarie University (Day 1); various field locations (Day 2)

Details: www.aacai.com.au/workshops/

Seminars

Date: 1 November 2004

State: NSW - Sydney

Title: *Incorporating the Potential for Inundated Terrestrial Sites into Standard Archaeological Assessments: Is it Worth it?*

Who: Cos Coroneos & James Wheeler

Time & Place: 6:30pm, Benledi Room, Glebe Library (Cnr Glebe Point Road & Wigram Street, Glebe, Sydney)

Series: AACAI NSW Chapter Occasional Meeting

Details: www.aacai.com.au/chapters/nsw/

Date: 2 November 2004

State: ACT - Canberra

Title: *Vietnamese Diasporic Virtual Community Making for Trans-national Dialogue, Resistance and Change*

Who: Kieu Linh Valverde

Time & Place: 12:30pm, Theatrette, Old Canberra House

Series: Centre for Cross-Cultural Research

Details: www.anu.edu.au/culture/

Date: 4 November 2004

State: VIC - Melbourne

Title: *Cruising the Pacific Could be Bad for Your Health: Biological Perspectives on the Origins of the Polynesians*

Who: Michael Green

Time & Place: 6:30pm, Age Theatre, Lower Ground Floor, Melbourne Museum

Series: Archaeological and Anthropological Society of Victoria Lecture

Details: [Ron Vanderwal](#)

Date: 4 November 2004

State: SA - Adelaide

Title: *Kangaroo Island Stone Tool Assemblages*

Who: Justin Lewis

Time & Place: 3pm, Room 007, Social Sciences South Building, Flinders University

Series: Department of Archaeology Flinders University Seminar Series

Details: ehlt.flinders.edu.au/archaeology/resources/seminar.php

Date: 5 November 2004

State: ACT - Canberra

Title: *The Teouma Site, Vanuatu: The Earliest (or is it the only?) Lapita Cemetery in the Pacific*

Who: Matthew Spriggs

Time & Place: 3pm, Theatre 4, Manning Clark Building, Australian National University

Series: Centre for Archaeological Research

Details: car.anu.edu.au/seminars04.html

Date: 9 November 2004

State: ACT - Canberra

Title: *Finding the Gaps: Introducing the Jewish Women of Sydney 1870-1901*

Who: Lancia Roselya

Time & Place: 12:30pm, Theatrette, Old Canberra House

Series: Centre for Cross-Cultural Research

Details: www.anu.edu.au/culture/

Date: 10 November 2004

State: QLD - Brisbane

Title: *National Parks and State Forests: Part of Queensland's Cultural Heritage*

Who: Judy Powell and David Cameron

Time & Place: Queensland Art Gallery Theatre

Series: Queensland Connections

Details: www.archaeologyweek.com

Date: 11 November 2004

State: QLD - Townsville

Title: *Human Cultural Diversity, the Diversity of Intelligence and the Assumed Universality of Radio Communication in the Milky Way: Solutions for the Fermi Paradox*

Who: John Campbell

Time & Place: 3:00pm, Room B1.031, Cairns Campus, James Cook University AND Room H4002, Townsville Campus, James Cook University (by video conferencing)

Series: School of Anthropology, Archaeology and Sociology

Details: www.faess.jcu.edu.au/saas/seminars/seminars.html

Date: 16 November 2004

State: ACT - Canberra

Title: *NF 1679 Adela Pankhurst Walsh: One of the Forgotten Political Internees of World War Two*

Who: Georgina Fitzpatrick

Time & Place: 12:30pm, Theatrette, Old Canberra House

Series: Centre for Cross-Cultural Research

Details: www.anu.edu.au/culture/

Date: 19 November 2004

State: ACT - Canberra

Title: *The Sacred Geometry of Angkor*

Who: Daniel Davenport

Time & Place: 3pm, Theatre 4, Manning Clark Building, Australian National University

Series: Centre for Archaeological Research

Details: car.anu.edu.au/seminars04.html

Date: 23 November 2004

State: ACT - Canberra

Title: *Anthropological and Aboriginal Perspectives on the Donald Thomson Collection: Material Culture, Collecting and Identity*

Who: Louise Hamby

Time & Place: 12:30pm, Theatrette, Old Canberra House

Series: Centre for Cross-Cultural Research

Details: www.anu.edu.au/culture/

Date: 30 November 2004

State: ACT - Canberra

Title: *Two Museums*

Who: Peter Read and Marivic Wyndham

Time & Place: 12:30pm, Theatrette, Old Canberra House

Series: Centre for Cross-Cultural Research

Details: www.anu.edu.au/culture/

Date: 7 December 2004

State: ACT - Canberra

Title: *Contextualising Turkey for a Story of Emigrations: The One's Who Left and the One's Who Stayed Behind*

Who: Gokcen Karanfil

Time & Place: 12:30pm, Theatrette, Old Canberra House

Series: Centre for Cross-Cultural Research

Details: www.anu.edu.au/culture/



Conferences

Date: 5 November 2004

State: NSW - Sydney

Title: *Sydney Historical Archaeology Practitioners Workshop*

Convenor/s: Denis Gojak, Banksia Heritage

Place: Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, 1 Bedford Street, Newtown, Sydney

Details: [Denis Gojak](#)

Date: 11-14 November 2004

State: VIC - Melbourne

Title: *Dialogues Across Cultures*

Convenor/s: Centre for Australian Indigenous Studies, Monash University

Place: Sheraton Towers Southgate, Melbourne

Details: www.monash.edu.au/cmo/Dialogues/

Date: 22-25 November 2004

State: ACT - Canberra

Title: *Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Conference*

Major Theme: Indigenous Studies - Sharing the Cultural and Theoretical Space

Convenor/s: School of Anthropology, Geography and Environmental Studies (SAGES), University of Melbourne

Place: Manning Clark Centre, Australian National University, Canberra

Details: www.aiatsis.gov.au/rsrch/conferences/aiatsisconf2004/

Date: 25-28 November 2004

State: TAS - Port Arthur

Title: *ICOMOS Australian Conference*
Major Theme: Loving it to Death: Sustainable Tourism at Historic Places
Convenor/s: ICOMOS
Place: Port Arthur
Details: www.lovingittodeath.com

Date: 13-15 December 2004
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Major Theme: Networks and Narratives
Convenor/s: Iain Davidson and Wendy Beck
Place: University of New England
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[World Archaeological Congress \(WAC\)](#)

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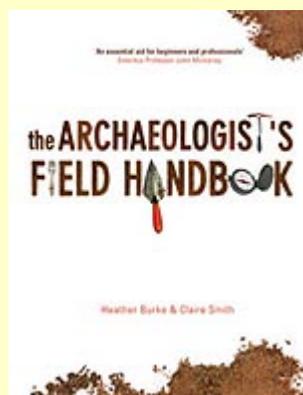
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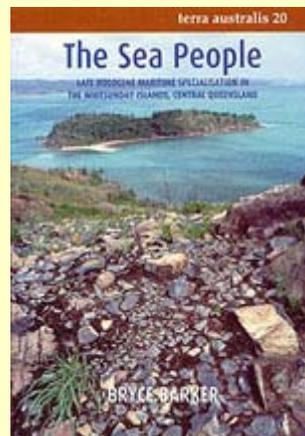


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research provides details of the two oldest sites of Aboriginal occupation on the tropical east coast of Australia, as well as formulating a model of late Holocene change for the wider region. Essentially this work supports the idea of a dynamic Aboriginal society and presents the archaeological evidence for a specialised marine Aboriginal culture continually utilising the marine environment throughout the Holocene.



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