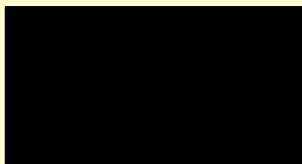
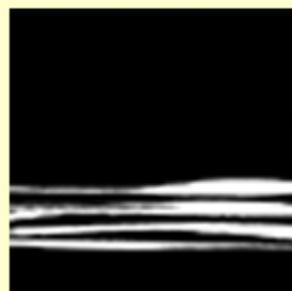


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A Report from the Recent Australia ICOMOS Conference
Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy



For Members 

Workshop Series 

Renewal Form 

I have recently returned from the ICOMOS Australia conference 'Loving it to Death: Sustainable Tourism in Heritage Places' held in Port Arthur, Tasmania, from 25-28 November. The conference was crammed with papers and activities (the organisers obviously believed that rest was for the very wicked or that if left to our own devices the delegates would foment trouble) and the papers and ensuing discussions proved very thought provoking.

Interested AACAI members can see an official account of the conference when ICOMOS Newsletter #149 is posted to the ICOMOS (Australia) website www.icomos.org/australia/. I thought, however, I would mention a few issues that were particularly relevant to us as archaeologists and particularly to those of us who as consultant archaeologists are involved in the 'heritage' industry.

There were many interesting papers but one that struck home for me was the impassioned plea from Richard Engelhardt, the UNESCO regional advisor for culture in Asia and the Pacific, regarding the escalating impact of tourism on Asia's heritage sites. According to Engelhardt, the major threat to heritage sites in the region is the rapidly growing tourism industry.

"it is exactly this voracious capacity for growth that makes tourism such a danger to sustainable management of the heritage - the very resource on which tourism depends".

Engelhardt's arguments struck a cord in a sector of the audience, particularly those who have worked with indigenous communities and have seen how tourism can hijack local community agendas. Strangely, many other papers commenced from the premise that tourism was inevitable and that tourism accompanied by interpretation was the ultimate outcome of the heritage endeavour. Perhaps it is partly my archaeological background and partly again experience with local communities and an appreciation of the role of heritage as a mechanism for local identity building but I see that there is another role for us as heritage advisors and specialists and that in some cases this is to assist communities to protect sites from exploitation, to buffer them from the juggernaut of tourism and to promote local community significance as a primary management driver where appropriate. Several other delegates expressed similar sentiments and certainly several papers presented uniquely community focussed projects.

Another interesting presentation was provided by Nolubabalo Tongo, a researcher at Robben Island Museum in the Heritage and Environmental Management Department of South Africa. Robben Island of course is the now infamous for its role as a place of internment for political prisoners under the apartheid regime in South Africa. Tongo presented a captivating paper on how past political internees are informing the interpretation by the inclusion of individual and group narratives to accentuate the intangible values of this World Heritage

Listed site.

There were many more papers, and, unfortunately, as they were organised in multiple simultaneous sessions there were many more presentations than was physically possible to attend. Hopefully many of them will appear in an upcoming issue of *Historic Environment* so that I can catch all those that I missed!

For AACAI members who are interested in heritage and tourism and heritage conservation generally and who are not yet also members of ICOMOS (Australia) I urge you to explore their website.



Notice of the AACAI Annual General Meeting

The 2004 Annual General Meeting of the Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists Inc. will be held on Tuesday 21 December at 4pm for a 4:30pm start. The venue of the meeting is yet to be finalised and will be announced on the AACAI email discussion list.

All enquiries should be directed to [Oona Nicholson](#).

Notices will be emailed to all members. Members of the National Executive and State Chapters should provide their reports to Oona as soon as possible. All those intending to attend in person are asked to let Oona know to make sure that we have enough room and refreshments. It is envisaged that those attending in person may like to get together for dinner afterwards to mark the end of another successful year.



Reminder to Send News Items for Inclusion in the Monthly Newsletter

Please don't forget to send in any items of news that might be relevant to members. These could include short reports of interesting projects, job and consultancy adverts, conference and seminar notices or interesting snippets of news. Many members have said how they find it interesting just to hear the range and types of projects that members are undertaking - so even if you don't have much time a series of dot points on recent projects keeps your colleagues in touch with what you are doing.

As the newsletter is now monthly don't wait for a deadline 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 the [Newsletter Editor](#).



Who's Been Doing What

Out of the 10 consultants approached who said they would send an update only two managed to find time to forward a contribution. To the others (YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE), please try and get your contributions to me ASAP so that they can be included in the next edition. This time of year is particularly busy for consultants, as clients seem to go a little crazy suddenly realizing that the Christmas season is approaching and the chance of completing projects by then is getting more and more remote! So it is not surprising that consultants groan at the thought of putting fingers to the keyboard for one more task. Don't despair with a monthly newsletter you don't have to wait for deadlines. Just get your copy to us and we will add it to the next newsletter. It is always interesting to see what our colleagues have been doing.



Archaeological and Heritage Management Solutions (AHMS) 2004 Summary

Jim Wheeler

Archaeological and Heritage Management Solutions Pty Ltd (AHMS) have almost come to the end of another very busy year. Peter Douglas, Jim Wheeler and Fiona Leslie were joined by Gina Scheer and Emma Thompson recently and we're looking forward to more fun times next year when Matt Kelly joins us after many years working at Godden Mackay Logan. Working with subconsultants Graham Wilson, Prof. Richard Wright, Dan Tuck, Vanessa Hardy and Paul Irish we've completed a range of projects in both historical archaeology and Aboriginal archaeology. Some of the more interesting projects included:

- The Riverwalk Development, Newcastle West - Historical and Aboriginal archaeological salvage of the former Newcastle West Presbyterian Cemetery and Aboriginal midden site on a Holocene sand dune near the southern bank of the Hunter River. The salvage was limited to footings and service lines for the proposed development and excavation revealed a highly disturbed profile that contained historical relics and Aboriginal stone artefacts and midden remnants.
- Test excavation of the 1820s Bonnyrigg Male Orphan School site to locate remains of the complex of buildings so that they can be managed during proposed future development.
- Merimbula Public School - Ongoing salvage, in partnership with the Bega Traditional Aboriginal Elders Council, of a large Aboriginal occupation site adjacent to Merimbula Lake on the NSW far south coast. The salvage has been undertaken in advance of re-development works across the site. The use of our 48" mechanical sieve, last seen on the Prince of Wales excavations in the 1990s, proved an efficient method of screening large volumes of topsoil to salvage artefacts. A massive collection of

stone artefacts has been recovered including rare types such as a Worimi Cleaver, which have enabled us to learn about the range of activities and uses of a large relatively intact estuarine site. Ultimately the results will feed into an interpretation plan and artefact display at the school, which will be a valuable teaching resource for the school and the broader community.

- Sheoks Development, Bayview - Test excavation of an Aboriginal midden on the margins of Pittwater in partnership with the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council. The results of excavation were interesting in that the dense shell midden contained a very small range of shell species, no bone and only a low density of stone artefacts. This contrasts with the diverse assemblage found by Jo McDonald at the Angophora Reserve Rockshelter on the northern side of Pittwater. The site is interpreted as a specialised location for foraging and consumption of local mudflat shellfish. A basal radiocarbon date of 4,404 +/- 41 BP was taken from a cockle shell. Historical archaeological excavation of a series of World War Two machine gun emplacements was also undertaken, which have enabled a reconstruction of the nature and design of local defences during the war.
- Parramatta Skate Park - Recent Aboriginal archaeological test excavation of potential deposits at Parramatta Skate Park, near the margin of the former Clay Cliff Creek, found a very low density of re-worked stone artefacts within a disturbed topsoil horizon. The excavations revealed a fluvial clay profile derived from Pleistocene deposits of Clay Cliff Creek and its shale catchment. The excavations demonstrated that the alluvial sand body investigated by Jo McDonald CHM at George & Charles Streets Parramatta does not extend to the southern edge of the river terrace and is probably confined as a sand levee closer to the margins of Parramatta River.
- Castle Hill Heritage Park - Test excavation of the convict barracks and outbuildings associated with the Third Government Farm (est. c.1802), from which the Vinegar Hill rebels escaped.
- Gloucester Street, the Rocks - Preparations for excavation of early historic domestic dwelling remains in the south end of the Rocks in the first part of 2005.
- Brookvale Brickworks - Excavation and recording of a reasonably rare surviving set of downdraught kiln footings established at the site in c.1910 and modified repeatedly through to closure of the works in 1997-1998.



Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy Heritage Consultants

Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy

Like everybody else I feel like time is accelerating, it seems that only few months ago we were starting out on a fresh new year. We have been working on a range of projects from small to large and those little surprises that start out small and somehow become large ... you know the type I mean! Rae Woodward has

joined the office on a permanent basis and we have continued to join forces with other consultants to undertake a wide range of projects.

- Early in the year we finally completed working on the MetroGrid Project. Denis Gojak of Banksia Heritage, worked with us on this project which involved monitoring of hotspots for non-indigenous archaeological sites along the underground cable route which ran from Picnic Point to the Haymarket. It also involved a test excavation of a suspected midden at Fraser Park in Marrickville and a salvage excavation of a sandstone and brick culvert and drain at Ultimo.
- Somerset Historic Site and the Wamera conservation area, Cape York. We have been beavering away on this project for some time now. The Conservation Management Interpretation Tourism Plan is just about finalised and the Stage 1 conservation works have yet to be completed. These have been held up while we wait for the architects to supply schedules for the contract. Works are now likely to be delayed by the wet season until next year. This project has involved a number of significant sub-consultants including Gondwana Consulting and Troppo Architects (Nth Qld).
- The Indigenous Values of the Central Eastern Rainforest Reserves of Australia World Heritage Area. This project has been completed to draft report stage. It involved an overview of the known heritage values of the WHA which comprises a range of parks from Barrington Tops National Park to several parks just over the Queensland border. Kate Sullivan worked on this project facilitating a series of workshops with Aboriginal people throughout this area.
- Work has been progressing on the Sydney Ports' Heritage and Conservation Register which is nearing completion.
- The Upper Hunter Heritage Trust has been slowly edging towards the completion of its first baseline study overviewing the Aboriginal history, archaeology and landscape history of the Upper Hunter Valley.
- An Aboriginal heritage assessment was undertaken of several areas within the Northern Peninsula Area, Cape York as part of the environmental assessment of infrastructure works to be carried out by the army (AACAP). A general cultural induction for army personnel was also conducted.
- Test excavations were undertaken at Kurnell as part of the upgrade of the Kurnell Meeting Place.
- A Statement of Heritage Impact was prepared for the installation of antenna at the South Head Signal Station.
- A number of smaller projects including surveys at Glenhaven, Castle Hill, Berrilee and Gynea Bay have also been completed and several others are in the final stages of completion.



The fully revised 2004 edition of the *Illustrated Burra Charter: Good Practice for Heritage Places* was formally launched at the 'Loving it to Death' conference at Port Arthur, Tasmania, on Friday 26 November 2004. The authors of the original *Illustrated Burra Charter*, Peter Marquis-Kyle and Meredith Walker joined forces again to complete this marathon effort.

There are many more images and case studies of exemplar projects exhibiting good heritage practice which are used to reinforce the Burra Charter process. My only complaint is that the case study text is so trendily faint and small that it makes reading the case studies a bit of a struggle. However, it is worth persevering. This document will not only prove useful to consultants in the heritage industry themselves but provides invaluable examples to help explain to clients how and why something should be done in a certain way. If you haven't already bought your copy, they are available from Australia ICOMOS.



Jobs, Scholarships and Opportunities

Project Manager, Heritage Victoria

Description: The position will be required to coordinate projects involving a large number of community and government agency stakeholders throughout Victoria, including owners and managers of heritage places, Parks Victoria, local councils and community groups.

Position Number: 17641

Tenure: Ongoing

FTE: Full Time

Salary Range: \$55,189-\$62,618 p.a.

Applications Close: Friday 10 December 2004

For further information and application information see www.jobs.vic.gov.au

Cultural Heritage Researcher - Historical Archaeology, Department of Environment and Conservation (NSW)

Description: EPO 9, Research Section, Cultural Heritage Division, Hurstville. Temporary (3 years) full-time.

Position No: DEC04/249. Total remuneration package valued to \$79,907 p.a including salary (\$65,001-\$72,412 p.a.). We are seeking an historical archaeologist to join our research team that is engaged in

developing innovative approaches to cultural heritage conservation. Research will be directed at providing information and depth of knowledge for conservation and interpretation of heritage places and landscapes (non-Indigenous and Aboriginal) relating to the historic period in NSW. Priority will be given to a cultural landscape approach and on linking archaeology with written and oral history records. For selection criteria and information package: [Anthony Hanna](mailto:Anthony.Hanna@dec.nsw.gov.au) (02) 9585 6397 or at www.jobs.nsw.gov.au. Closing date: 17

December 2004.

PhD Scholarship - Australian Postgraduate Award (Industry)

Project Title: 'Mining and transformation in Jawoyn country, southern Arnhem Land' Applications are invited for a PhD Scholarship - APA(I) valued at \$23,886 (2004 rate, indexed annually, tax free) per annum. This project integrates archaeological, documentary and oral evidence about the Maranboy and Yeuralba mines' role in the transformation of Aboriginal people's lives in southern Arnhem Land, from a hunter-gatherer way of life to the community residence patterns of today.

This is a collaborative project that includes direct participation and direction by Indigenous custodians. The work will contribute to knowledge about the ways in which Aboriginal society changed and adapted to European settlement in this part of Australia and will produce a range of interpretative materials for the Jawoyn Association's nascent tourism enterprises

The successful candidate must be prepared to spend long periods in the field camping in remote areas.

Applicants must be Australian citizens or permanent residents and have at least an Honours degree (first class or upper second class) in archaeology. A background in anthropology and/or history would be an advantage.

For further information contact [Dr Jane Balme](#) or [Dr Heather Burke](#).

Graduate Research Office, University of Western Australia

Interested applicants should send their CV, academic record and the names and contact details of two referees to Dianne Anstey, Archaeology M405, School of Social and Cultural Studies, 35 Stirling Highway, CRAWLEY, WA 6009. Applications close 31 January 2005.



AACAI Workshops & Meetings

Date: 21 December 2004

State: NSW - Sydney

Title: AACAI AGM

Time & Place: 4:30pm

Details: [Oona Nicolson](#) (Secretary)

Seminars

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: 13-15 December 2004

Place: NSW - Armidale

Title: *Australian Archaeological Association Annual Conference*

Major Theme: Networks and Narratives

Convenor/s: Iain Davidson and Wendy Beck

Venue: University of New England

Details: www.une.edu.au/aaa/

Date: 11-16 April 2005

Place: Newcastle, United Kingdom

Title: *Cultural Landscapes in the 21st Century: Cultural Landscapes, Laws, Management, and Public Participation: Heritage as a Challenge of Citizenship [WAC Inter-Congress]*

Convenor/s: International Centre for Cultural and Heritage Studies (ICCHS), University of Newcastle Upon Tyne

Venue: University of Newcastle Upon Tyne, United Kingdom

Details: www.ncl.ac.uk/unescolandscapes/

Date: 8-12 November 2005

Place: New Zealand

Title: *The Uses and Abuses of Archaeology for Indigenous Populations [WAC Inter-Congress]*

Convenor/s: NA

Venue: Ranataua, Tauranga, Aotearoa/New Zealand

Details: http://ehlt.flinders.edu.au/wac/site/confer_nz2005.php



Useful Websites

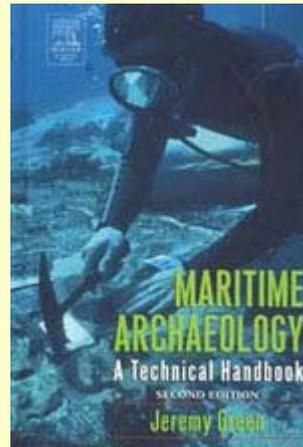


Australian Archaeological Association (AAA)

The new version of the AAA website was launched at the beginning of December. 4 years in the making, with a cast of thousands, it's bigger than *Homo floresiensis*. With new resources such as searchable *Australian Archaeology* online content, book reviews and upcoming seminars and conferences, the website will become the one stop web spot for those interested in Australian archaeology. And it's not orange!



New Publications



***Maritime Archaeology: A Technical Handbook (Second Edition)* by Jeremy Green**

"This book not only asks (and answers) the question of what is maritime archaeology, but also forms a technical guide and reference for those working in the field. As practical guides go, this one is readable and clearly presented, and has also been revised and enlarged since the first edition published in 1989. Most of the structure of the book remains the same, apart from the loss of a chapter on conservation, with sections on searching, recording and excavating sites, site and project management, study, research and publication. However, as Jeremy Green acknowledges, things have moved on, and the increased use and potential of computers and GPS in maritime archaeology, in particular, are covered in detail. 470p, many b/w figs and pls (Elsevier 2nd edn 2004)" ([ref.](#))



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