

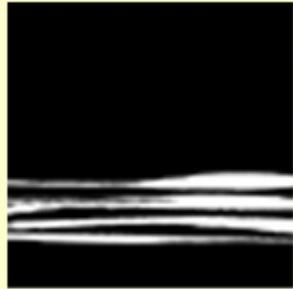
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Editorial

David Mott



Welcome to the 105th edition of the *AACAI Newsletter*.

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In this issue we include AACAI's submission on the NSW Department of Environment and Conservation interim guidelines on community consultation. The submission below is almost exactly the same as the draft previously circulated on the AACAI email list with a few grammatical changes. Consultation with AACAI members and legal advice has identified a number of issues that need to be addressed as many of our members will end up working with the interim guidelines.

The Webmaster's report indicates the AACAI website has been accessed by many people from a variety of countries with the Register of Consultants proving to be the most popular section. Further evidence that our field is gaining in popularity and accessibility are the steady stream of new job opportunities that have been advertised lately, some of which are contained in this newsletter.

Please consider making a contribution if you feel it will be of interest to members. We are always interested to hear news of changes relevant to our members in each State and Territory. Job vacancies, conferences, lectures, workshops, seminars, legislative updates or comments, reports from State Executive Committees and short reports of interesting projects are just some of the topics that the newsletter is interested in covering.

Contributions can be made to either directly to [me](#) or to newsletter@acc.ai.com.au.



AACAI Submission on NSW Department of Environment and Conservation Interim Guidelines on Community Consultation

Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy

The submission below on the DEC Interim Guidelines on Community Consultation has been finalised and sent off. The submission is almost exactly the same as the draft previously circulated on the AACAI email list with a few grammatical changes.

20 August 2005

Mr Mark Gifford
Director Reform and Compliance
Department of Environment and Conservation
PO Box 1967
HURSTVILLE NSW 2220

Dear Mr Gifford,

Re: DEC Interim Guidelines on Community Consultation

Joshua Gilroy has informed me that you are now the DEC officer responsible for the finalisation of these guidelines and that our submission should be forwarded directly to you.

Background:

In March 2005 Mr Joshua Gilroy and Mr Phil Purcell of DEC attended an occasional meeting of the Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists Inc. and provided us with some background on the interim guidelines and their intended objectives. The occasional meeting was attended by members of our NSW Chapter and other interested practising consultants.

At the meeting it was agreed that the AACAI would prepare a submission outlining concerns of members. DEC representatives explained that there would be a process for finalisation of the guidelines that would involve stakeholder input and that consultation with the AACAI would be included in this process. To date as far as we are aware the process for this stakeholder consultation has not been announced.

Since the meeting in March 2005 we have undertaken extensive consultation with our members who are faced with implementing the interim guidelines. We have also sought legal opinion on the efficacy of the interim guidelines and the implications for our members. Importantly we point out that in seeking the legal advice we were taking a proactive role in trying to understand if and how these guidelines might achieve their aims, how they would affect our members and what positive or negative affects they might have on the conservation of significant Aboriginal heritage in this state.

The major issues:

[Attached](#) is a spreadsheet with a summary of the many submissions that we received from members and the issues that they raised in regard to the interim guidelines. The major issues which we feel are not adequately addressed by the guidelines may be summarised as:

- Clarity- who to consult with? When? etc
- Transparency of process - how is DEC going to weight input and submissions from individuals and organisations, and how will conflicting advice and opinions be dealt with?
- Open ended time, cost and scope of projects.
- Assessment of 'Aboriginality' and 'right to speak' for country/heritage - currently this is determined within the Aboriginal community through the establishment and operation of LALC's and Traditional Owner Corporations. While a group may challenge another groups right to speak for heritage in any given region, at least this is a process or negotiation within the Aboriginal community. The DEC guideline's requirement to advertise for any interested Aboriginal 'stakeholders' means that this process is undermined and the proponent and consultants must 'assess' the authenticity of respondents and their

claim to be consulted.

- The requirement is inconsistent with our Association's current policy on consultation which recognises the need to support Aboriginal community structures and efforts to establish representative groups or corporations to promote and protect cultural heritage.
- Almost certainly the guidelines and their emphasis on individual stakeholders will lead to further splintering of the Aboriginal community and undermine Land Council and Traditional Owner corporations as it promotes individual interests.

Legal advice:

Following is a summary of the advice that we received from our legal advisor. We note that there is no requirement in the *NPW Act 1974* for the DG to consult with any parties in relation to Part VI approvals. Therefore, in the absence of express statutory obligations to consult, we must turn to case law to set out the general principles which might apply in these circumstances. In this case the most relevant principles are likely to be:

DEC must act reasonably

While the NPWA might not impose any obligation to consult, the Minister, the NPWS or the DG must act 'reasonably', which the Courts have stated to be must not act so unreasonably that no reasonable person in their position could have undertaken the actions they took. However, in the absence of an obligation to consult stipulated by the NPWA, it is doubtful that a failure to consult would be considered unreasonable.

A duty to make enquiries

There is usually no duty upon any decision maker to make any further enquiries beyond that which the applicant provides to him/her for determination. For example, a council is not required to make any further enquiries about a development application, and will usually refuse the application if the information supplied is inadequate. It is up to the applicant to provide sufficient information to enable the decision maker to properly exercise his/her discretion. There are some minor exceptions to the general rule but not such that would, require the DEC to consult with the public before exercising any Part VI power.

The DEC should not discriminate without justification

The issue of discrimination is a question of reasonableness, and does not necessarily relate to racial discrimination. The courts have suggested that a decision maker should apportion the benefit or detriment of a decision equally amongst members of a class of people who are equally deserving. Hence, if there is to be consultation, all those who are deserving of consultation should be consulted.

This does not answer the questions of whether there should be consultation, and who should be consulted. Rather, it suggests that, once a practice of consultation is initiated, and the class of people who are to be consulted are defined, all members of a class should be treated equally, and consulted.

The DEC must apply policy flexibly

Decision makers are able to act according to adopted policies. If the DEC has a policy of consultation, it could well lead to a legitimate expectation on behalf of those who ought to be consulted that the DEC will consult with them. Thus, policy needs to be clear on who is to be consulted and why and how the DEC will go about carrying out that consultation.

The difficulty with this general principle is that, while a consultation policy may promote consistency and predictability of governmental behaviour, it must not be applied inflexibly. There may be circumstances where the particular consultation policy needs to be applied in a flexible manner to consult with those beyond the class of people which are habitually the subject of consultation according to the policy. As a result, the DEC ought not unreasonably ignore someone who wishes to make representations as to why he/she should be consulted, even though he/she does not within the category of persons to be consulted under the adopted policy.

The DEC must act with procedural fairness (the natural justice rule)

As a general principle, if the individuals most vitally affected by a decision are not given an opportunity to provide information to the decision maker, then the decision may well be invalid.

This will be problematic for the DEC. If it decides that only a certain class of people (e.g. recognised Aboriginal elders) ought to be consulted, then it may experience complaint from other members of the Aboriginal community who consider themselves to have a sufficient interest that the DEC should consider. As a result, if the DEC limits the people with whom it will consult, it ought not be closed to representations made by persons outside that class of consultees, although there may be a different level of weight given to that individual, depending on the circumstances.

Conversely, if the DEC adopts a policy of consulting with all members of the Aboriginal community, then each member of the Aboriginal community will have an expectation of being able to make representations to the DEC about a particular matter.

Summary - General principles applying to the DEC's draft guidelines:

In summary, the general principles applying to the DEC's draft guidelines are certainty and reasonableness.

Certainty involves:

- who is to be consulted;
- when are they to be consulted;
- how they are to be consulted;
- what rights of representation do they have due to the consultation process; and

- when the consultation period will be considered to have ended such that a decision can be made without further consultation.

The requirement of reasonableness requires:

- the criteria as to certainty are reasonable (i.e. the choice of who may be consulted must be reasonable) etc; and
- the policy must be administered reasonably including:
 - the class of people being consulted are given an adequate time to make representations and participate in the consultation; and
 - people outside the class are also afforded an opportunity if they make representations and have sufficient interests which are being affected by the decision.

Applying these general principles to the draft guidelines:

When to consult

The guidelines refer to the consultation for Part VI approvals, not all cultural heritage projects.

It would be reasonable for the DEC to limit community consultation to the issue of s.90 permits. It would be reasonable for DEC not to consult (or to restrict the level of consultation) in relation to s.87 permits if the consultation process was ultimately disadvantageous to Aboriginal heritage.

However, it is open to the DEC to broaden the occasions when consultation should occur.

Who carries out consultation?

The draft guidelines appear to be an attempt to shift the potential for litigation regarding DEC decision making processes away from the DEC and onto consultant archaeologists and proponents.

This attempt will fail. At the end of the day, the DEC is the decision maker, and any challenge to the consultation process will ultimately be a challenge to the decision made by the DEC under s.87 or s.90. What the policy must do is ensure that the roles of the consultant archaeologist are clearly stated.

If there is a Court challenge to a s.90 consent, then, as always happens, the respondent parties will be the DEC and the proponent. The DEC's defence to any such challenge will be to ensure that the proponent has carried out its consultation program in accordance with the Guidelines.

Weighting of stakeholder representations - who do you consult with?

There are 2 issues here:

(a) Who do you consult with

The guidelines appear to require consultation with whoever comes forward, as the inclusion of local print media in the list of entities to be notified suggests that the guidelines want to hear from all people, not just the listed organisations.

This broad approach may be of concern to some groups which have recognised spokespeople for making comment on the significance of a site, and who would be offended if a separate individual sought to make an individual representation.

Such a group may make a submission to the DEC as to the need to restrict the rights of consultation to recognised people, on the basis of cultural and societal norms. However, as the guidelines stand the DEC has legitimately decided to allow consultation with anybody who wants to make a submission, and it is doubtful that a refusal to adopt a more restrictive approach could be successfully overturned on the basis of such a submission.

(b) What weight do you give to different people's submissions?

The issue is therefore what weight is given to various submitting parties. If one receives a submission for the Local Aboriginal Land Council and a local individual, what weight is given to each submission?

The guidelines do not offer much help in this regard. The 3 consultation steps are:

- **step 1** - proponent finds out who wants to make a submission by the notification process;
- **step 2** - proponent provides all registrant stakeholders with a copy of the proposed methodology for the cultural and archaeological assessment, incorporating at least the 4 factors on p.6 of the guidelines;
- stakeholders provide comments in writing or in meetings;
- **step 3** - proponent to finalise the methodology and draft the assessment report (incorporating at least the 3 factors on p.6 of the Guidelines) and provide those 2 items to the stakeholders for comment;
- proponent to consider submissions and report to the DEC.

The problem is that the guidelines offer no assistance in deciding how to weigh up the various submissions. In particular, when the 4 factors in step 2 require the opportunity for Aboriginal people "who hold knowledge" to contribute, there is no mechanism for deciding which knowledge is important and which not, or which prevails in the case of conflict.

The following matters may be considered relevant in apportioning weight to a submission:

- *Personal credentials*

It is unlikely that proponents will be assisted by requesting stakeholders to provide their credentials for making submissions as a means of sorting out conflicts and measuring the significance of submissions. Many Aboriginal people will not have any historical records proving the validity of their claims to speak on heritage matters. A person who is judged less authoritative on the basis of their credentials may be sufficiently offended to commence an immediate challenge to the validity of a consent.

- *Group represented*

A person appointed as spokesperson for a group should have the authority to speak on behalf of the group, not merely as an individual. It would be useful (although not always possible) to have a letter of authority (or formal resolution) from the group for the spokesperson to rely on.

In such a case the spokesperson's submission has the authority for the entire number of people in the group, which may be one factor in weighing up its importance in the face of other individual submissions.

However, we are aware that there may well be conflict among groups as to who has the stronger claim to knowledge, or conflict as to who has the right to speak (or even be a member of a particular group). Even then individuals disaffected by the group structure may demand equal recognition.

- *Independent commentary*

An independent expert may assist by providing expert comment on the Aboriginal history of the area and which persons are more recognised. However, the use of experts is costly, time consuming and limited by the fact that their historical knowledge is based upon the personal histories of the very people who are seeking to make submissions as to their personal history.

Ultimately the decision as to weight should be a matter for the DEC, not the proponent, as it is the DEC who makes the decision on whether or not to grant the permit. In my view, the guidelines represent an attempt by the DEC to pass on to proponents an obligation that ought to be fulfilled by the DEC, not the proponent. In making its decision the DEC should be cognisant of the common law principles of non-discrimination and flexible application of policy which would apply in each case. However, it is not possible to describe in this general overview how they might apply in each circumstance, as the Courts normally make rulings on a case-by-case basis.

These common law principles apply to decision makers, not proponents. The fact that the DEC is trying to force proponents to make these decisions suggests that the DEC would like proponents to apply these common law principles - i.e. the DEC is effectively trying to avoid one of its essential legal obligations. A disaffected stakeholder could well attempt to mount a challenge to the grant of a permit on the basis that the

DEC wrongfully left it to a proponent to make decisions that ought to have been made by the DEC, and therefore wrongfully tried to avoid acting in accordance with accepted principles of non-discrimination and flexible application of policy.

If the DEC refuses to change the guidelines in this regard, then the best that any consultant can do is provide a weighting to the DEC in the final report, with reasons for it, but provide sufficient information to the DEC to allow them to make an alternative decision.

However, even that approach is fraught with risk, as any stakeholder who feels that his/her opinion has not been adequately weighted may challenge the opinion of the consultant, if only on the basis that the consultant's decision was biased in favour of the proponent.

What we would like to see happen now

Obviously the finalisation of workable guidelines will take some time. We believe that this goal can only be achieved by working in partnership with the major stakeholders in the process and we believe that our members constitute one of these groups. *To this end we would like to see a process developed by DEC that involves the AACAI in ongoing consultations over this matter.*

In the short term we submit that a lot of confusion and anxiety would be alleviated if *a clear statement was made on the website, via a formal response to us, and to DEC staff that the interim guidelines apply only to Part 6 Approvals.* While this has been conveyed verbally by senior DEC staff such as at the AACAI occasional meeting various members report that specific regionally based heritage staff have said that in their area they are "taking a different viewpoint and applying them to all projects." This contributes to the lack of clarity and confusion surrounding the consultation process and directly affects the effectiveness of any guideline and gives rise to unrealistic expectations on the part of stakeholders.

It is important that DEC staff 'speak with one voice' on this issue. The variety of processes and opinions expressed across the geographically dispersed units in DEC, have long been one of the causes of the variety of stakeholder expectations in relation to consultation processes and outcomes.

Finally representatives of our Association would be pleased to meet with you to discuss any matters raised in this submission. Enquiries may be directed to Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy (02) 97972477 or via [email](#).

Yours faithfully,

Dr Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy, Vice President AACAI
and Chair of AACAI NSW Chapter



Webmaster's Report*Sean Ulm**Introduction*

This report documents the 12 months of operation of the AACAI website from 1 August 2004 to 31 July 2005.

Usage Statistics (1 August 2004-31 July 2005)

In the 12 months to 31 July 2005 the website received 338,440 hits (Figure 1) from users based in 63 countries (Figure 2). Daily usage averaged c.927 hits and monthly usage averaged in excess of 28,200 hits. Usage over this period comprised the accessing of 261,062 files, 68,595 pages, 27,674 individual visits and the serving of 4.6GB of data. The Register of Consultants and its subordinate pages (Full Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members) received the majority of hits (Figure 3). Pages with joining information and general information about AACAI were also popular, with 209 copies of the Full Application Package in .pdf format downloaded. The introduction of the electronic version of the AACAI Newsletter also proved popular, with many users downloading the printable version in .pdf format. Around 23% of hits on the site were from users based outside Australia. The vast majority of international visitors to the site were based in the English-speaking world, comprising the United States, United Kingdom, Canada and New Zealand (Figure 2).

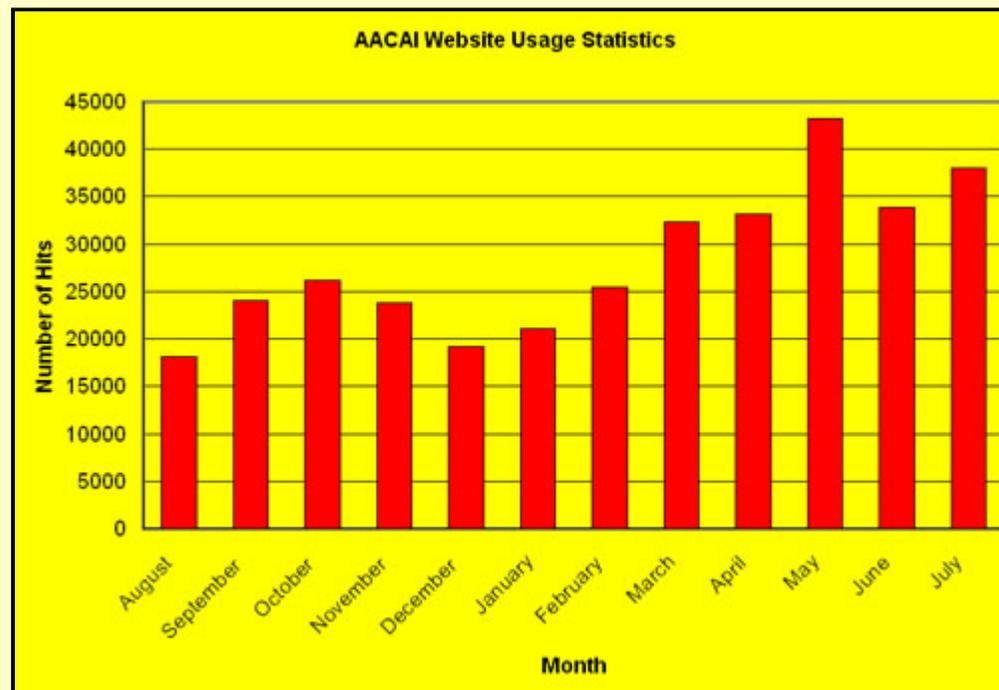


Figure 1. AACAI website usage statistics, 1 August 2004-31 July 2005.

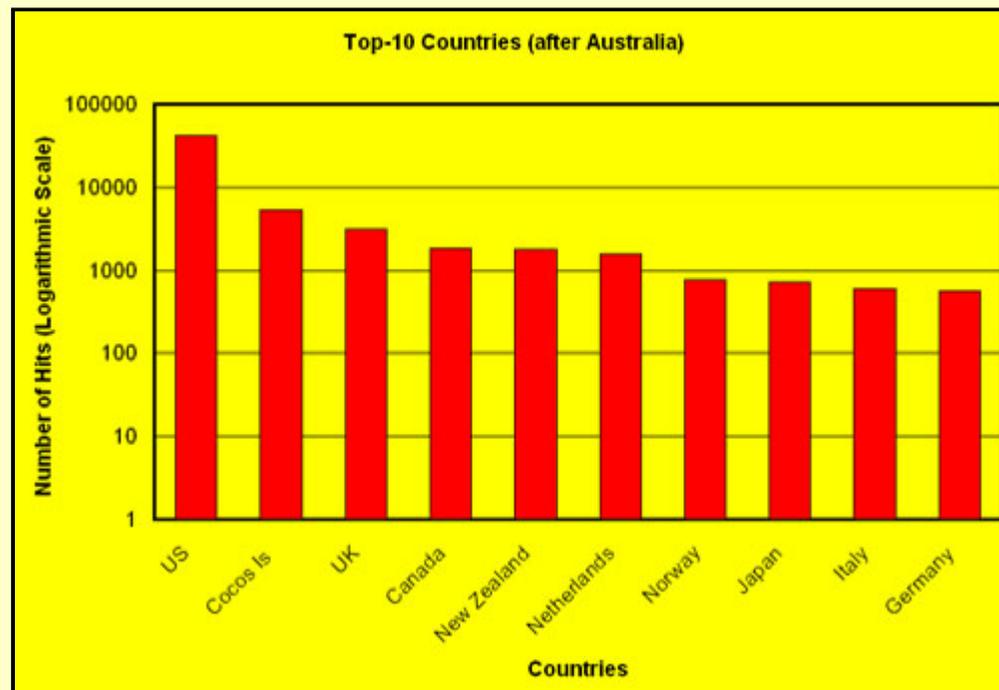


Figure 2. Top-10 countries by web page hits (after Australia), 1 August 2004-31 July 2005.

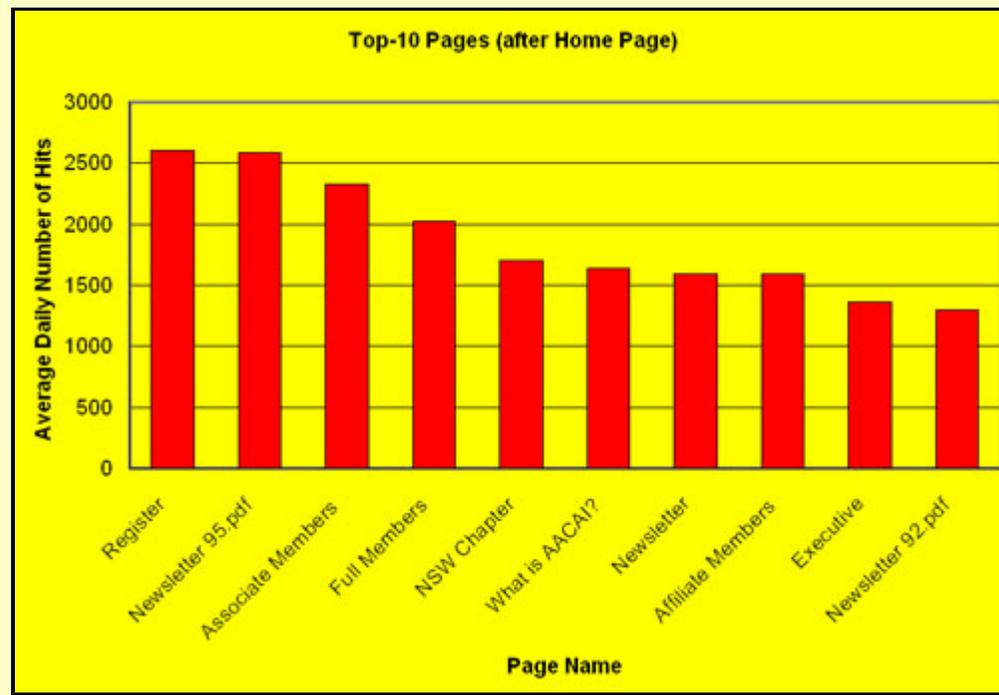


Figure 3. Top-10 pages by web page hits (after home page), 1 August 2004-31 July 2005.

Maintenance and On-going Work

Recent maintenance work has included investigation of establishing member-only password access to areas of the site hosting the new AACAI journal and monograph series. On-going maintenance of member records has been conducted on a daily basis.

Feedback and contributions are very welcome. Please email [Webmaster](#).

Sean Ulm
 Webmaster
 11 August 2005



Global Heritage Fund Annual Report

For those of you interested the Global Heritage Fund Annual Report 2004 is now available from

www.globalheritagefund.org/home_static.html.

"The Global Heritage Fund's mission is to enable successful long-term preservation of mankind's most important Global Heritage cultural sites in developing countries with acute pressures and without resources for preservation and planned development. The Global Heritage Fund is a private, California non-profit organization based in the San Francisco Bay Area, and is developing independent fundraising affiliates in Boston, New York, Britain, France and Japan.

The Global Heritage Fund leads funding, planning and monitoring of critical preservation and restoration projects at Global Heritage cultural sites exclusively in developing countries which have few resources or the training for preservation. Over 90% of GHF funding goes directly to on-site preservation and planned development projects backed by the long-term support of local communities." ([ref](#))



e-Archaeology ARC E-Research Support Grant

Sean Ulm is part of an international team that has received an \$80K Australian Research Council (ARC) E-Research Support Grant. Sean and Nicole Bordes, from the University of Queensland's School of Physical Sciences, lead a project developing and implementing an Australian archaeological digital collection platform based on existing High Performance Computing techniques and infrastructure. This collection will facilitate the dissemination and interchange of archaeological data across disciplines and institutions and across the public and private sectors; enhance archaeological research; and contribute to discourses about Australian cultural heritage and identity. The project is titled *E-Archaeology: Towards An Australian Archaeological Data Grid*. E-Research Support is a pilot initiative under the ARC Special Research Initiatives program and aims to overcome barriers to the adoption of E-Research by encouraging open exchange of information, sharing of resources and better use of existing ICT infrastructure. Other project team members include Peter Hiscock and Jay Hall.



AACAI Workshop: Cultural Heritage Legislation 22-23 October 2005

This is an intensive two day workshop examining Australian cultural heritage legislation. The workshop will cover international and federal legislation, but with a focus on Queensland legislation. Best practice models of CHMP processes and alternative agreements will also be discussed. The presentations will be in non-technical language and will use case studies from many parts of Australia. The workshop is hosted by the Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists Inc. Queensland Chapter.

Speaker: The workshop will be led by Dr Luke Godwin and Scott L'Oste-Brown of Central Queensland

Cultural Heritage Management Pty Ltd. Luke has worked as a cultural heritage consultant and in state government agencies in New South Wales and Queensland as a cultural heritage officer. He has published widely on cultural heritage management issues in Queensland. Currently, he is providing technical advice on cultural heritage management issues to many Aboriginal organisations and development proponents throughout Queensland. Scott also worked in Queensland state government agencies before joining CQCHM. He has published widely on Queensland cultural heritage issues, including two major contributions on the Taroom Aboriginal Reserve and Bowen Basin Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Project published in the Queensland Environmental Protection Agency's Cultural Heritage Monograph Series.

Registration: Registration for this Workshop is now open. A full program, registration form and venue details are available at: www.aacai.com.au/workshops/qld_legislation.html

The registration form should be completed and returned with payment by Friday 30 September 2005.



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.



Employment Opportunities

Position: Archaeologist, Biosis Research Pty Ltd, Melbourne

Description: Biosis Research Pty Ltd., a leading firm providing consulting services in both Cultural and Natural Heritage, is seeking to appoint an Archaeologist in our Melbourne Office. The position (Consultant Level 1 - typically less than 2 years of experience) will be part of the Cultural Heritage Group of Biosis Research. The position is full-time permanent. Our primary requirement for the position is that you are an individual willing to participate fully in a supporting role within our team environment. The successful applicant must hold a minimum qualification, BA (Hons), BSc (Hons) or equivalent, preferably majoring in Archaeology. Previous consulting experience is not essential; but is highly desirable. A background in applying current legislation, previous archaeological fieldwork experience in pre- and post-contact Australian archaeology, a history of managing projects and well-developed team skills (including excellent communication) will be well regarded. Competency with computers and a current manual driver's licence are a must along with a keen desire to be part of a team of specialist consultants. Remuneration package is

negotiable based upon experience and will include a profit-share component.

Closing Date: 5 September 2005

More Information: [Jayna Ingram](#)

Position: Business Coordinator (Cultural Heritage), Queensland Department of Main Roads, Gold Coast

Description: To assist District Management ensure that Main Roads' activities within the District comply with the legislative obligations and departmental requirements in relation to Cultural Heritage and Native Title. Cultural heritage refers to both indigenous and non-indigenous heritage issues. To assist District Management ensure that consensus is achieved between Main Roads and the community (including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Organisations) regarding Cultural Heritage issues.

Closing Date: 6 September 2005

More Information: Andrew Makinson on (07) 5596 9423

Position: Consulting Archaeologist, Federated States of Micronesia

Description: To The FSM Consulting Archaeologist will serve as the nation's technical expert on archaeology and historic preservation providing guidance and expert recommendations at both the State and National levels. The applicant must have a graduate degree in Anthropology, Archaeology, or a closely related field with a specialization in some applied field of Archaeology. The applicant must have a minimum of three years of full-time professional experience in applying theories, methods, and practices of Archaeology that enable professional and appropriate decisions to be made about the identification, evaluation, documentation, registration and treatment of historic and cultural properties. The applicant must demonstrate successful application of acquired proficiencies in Archaeology to the practice of historic preservation, and the ability to carry research to completion. Preference will be given to applicants with a specialization and field experience in Pacific Prehistory, particularly that of Micronesia. Please send by both fax and surface mail your current curriculum vita and a cover letter specifying how your qualifications and experience will enable you to successfully complete the duties of this position.

Closing Date: 7 September 2005

More Information: Andrew Paula Creech on phone (510) 817 1395 or fax (510) 817 1484



AACAI Workshops & Meetings

Date: 22-23 October 2005

State: QLD - Brisbane

Title: *Introduction to Australian Cultural Heritage Legislation*

Who: Luke Godwin and Scott L'Oste-Brown, Central Queensland Cultural Heritage Management Pty Ltd

Time & Place: 8am-5pm, TBA

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



Seminars

Date: 1 September 2005

State: SA - Adelaide

Title: *Phytoliths and Late-Quaternary Human-Environment Interactions in the Kimberly, North Western Australia*

Who: Lynley Wallis

Time & Place: 3-5pm, Room SSS 007, Social Sciences South Courtyard (bottom floor, western side of courtyard, closest parking - Car Park 4)

Series: Flinders University Department of Archaeology Seminars

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

Date: 2 September 2005

State: QLD - Brisbane

Title: *Identification of Ancestry Using CRANID*

Who: Richard Wright

Time & Place: 3-4pm, Room 213, Gordon Greenwood Building (#32), St Lucia Campus ([map](#)), University of Queensland

Series: Working Papers in Archaeology

Details: www.atsis.uq.edu.au/workingpapers.html

Date: 2 September 2005

State: NSW - Sydney

Title: *Archaeology of the Eastern Torres Strait: New Implications for Late Holocene Australian and Melanesian Interactions*

Who: Melissa Carter

Time & Place: 3:15pm, Quad Latin Room S224 (ground floor, down a short corridor in the corner of the Quad which has the tree)

Series: Prehistoric and Historical Archaeology Seminar Series

Details: [Martin Gibbs](#)

Date: 5 September 2005

State: NSW - Sydney

Title: *News from Angkor*

Who: Wayne Johnson

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

Series: AACAI NSW/ACT Chapter Occasional Meetings

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

Date: 8 September 2005
State: SA - Adelaide
Title: *Paleodietary Studies: Implications of Broad Spectrum Analysis*
Who: Scott Chisholm
Time & Place: 3-5pm, Room SSS 007, Social Sciences South Courtyard (bottom floor, western side of courtyard, closest parking - Car Park 4)
Series: Flinders University Department of Archaeology Seminars
Details: ehlt.flinders.edu.au/archaeology/resources/seminar.php

Date: 9 September 2005
State: QLD - Brisbane
Title: *Rules of Archaeology in International Law*
Who: Patrick O'Keefe & Lyndel Prott
Time & Place: 3-4pm, Room 213, Gordon Greenwood Building (#32), St Lucia Campus ([map](#)), University of Queensland
Series: Working Papers in Archaeology
Details: www.atsis.uq.edu.au/workingpapers.html

Date: 9 September 2005
State: NSW - Sydney
Title: (a) *A Landscape Approach to Archaeology in the Cumberland Plain: Investigations from the Western Sydney Orbital*; (b) *Recovering the Lost Landscape of Valeri Ricetti - The Archaeology of an Individual*
Who: (a) Felicity Barrie; (b) Bobby Caillard
Time & Place: 3:15pm, Quad Latin Room S224 (ground floor, down a short corridor in the corner of the Quad which has the tree)
Series: Prehistoric and Historical Archaeology Seminar Series
Details: [Martin Gibbs](#)

Date: 15 September 2005
State: SA - Adelaide
Title: *The Historical Archaeology of Tasmanian-Based Whaling in South Australian Waters 1820-1850*
Who: Kylii Firth
Time & Place: 3-5pm, Room SSS 007, Social Sciences South Courtyard (bottom floor, western side of courtyard, closest parking - Car Park 4)
Series: Flinders University Department of Archaeology Seminars
Details: ehlt.flinders.edu.au/archaeology/resources/seminar.php

Date: 16 September 2005
State: QLD - Brisbane

Title: *Applications of High Resolution Geophysical Surveying to Archaeological Problems*

Who: Ian Moffatt

Time & Place: 3-4pm, Room 213, Gordon Greenwood Building (#32), St Lucia Campus ([map](#)), University of Queensland

Series: Working Papers in Archaeology

Details: www.atsis.uq.edu.au/workingpapers.html

Date: 16 September 2005

State: NSW - Sydney

Title: (a) *Recalling the Reclining Vishnu*; (b) *Chasing the Dragon around the Rocks: A Comparison of the History and Archaeology of Opium Smoking in The Rocks, Sydney, 1850-1930*

Who: (a) Bronwen Doran; (b) Monique Galloway

Time & Place: 3:15pm, Quad Latin Room S224 (ground floor, down a short corridor in the corner of the Quad which has the tree)

Series: Prehistoric and Historical Archaeology Seminar Series

Details: [Martin Gibbs](#)

Date: 22 September 2005

State: NSW - Armidale

Title: *Local Government, Heritage, and Social Identity*

Who: Max Eastcott

Time & Place: 12pm, SHES2 or 3, School of Human and Environmental Sciences, University of New England

Series: Heritage Futures Research Centre

Details: [Andrew Piper](#)

Date: 23 September 2005

State: QLD - Brisbane

Title: *Tragic Siblings: Death, Coincidence and Public Archaeology at the Toowong Cemetery*

Who: Michael Haslam, Jon Prangnell & Tam Smith

Time & Place: 3-4pm, Room 213, Gordon Greenwood Building (#32), St Lucia Campus ([map](#)), University of Queensland

Series: Working Papers in Archaeology

Details: www.atsis.uq.edu.au/workingpapers.html

Date: 23 September 2005

State: NSW - Sydney

Title: (a) *Making the Bones Talk: A Key to the Identification of Warfare, and its Evolution*; (b) *Stone Adzes of Mainland Southeast Asia: Their Role in Prehistoric Economies*

Who: (a) Alexandra Leroye; (b) Tessa Boer-Mah
Time & Place: 3:15pm, Quad Latin Room S224 (ground floor, down a short corridor in the corner of the Quad which has the tree)
Series: Prehistoric and Historical Archaeology Seminar Series
Details: [Martin Gibbs](#)

Date: 30 September 2005
State: QLD - Brisbane
Title: *Beyond the Valley of the Dolls: The Neural Ecology of Figurine Use in the Formative Copan Community*

Who: Daniel Cummins
Time & Place: 3-4pm, Room 213, Gordon Greenwood Building (#32), St Lucia Campus ([map](#)), University of Queensland
Series: Working Papers in Archaeology
Details: www.atsis.uq.edu.au/workingpapers.html

Date: 6 October 2005
State: SA - Adelaide
Title: *Challenging the Concept of the National Museum: The Smithsonian's New Museum of the American Indian*

Who: Claire Smith
Time & Place: 3-5pm, Room SSS 007, Social Sciences South Courtyard (bottom floor, western side of courtyard, closest parking - Car Park 4)
Series: Flinders University Department of Archaeology Seminars
Details: ehlt.flinders.edu.au/archaeology/resources/seminar.php

Date: 6 October 2005
State: NSW - Sydney
Title: *A New Geoarchaeological Approach to Open Site Survey: Some Insights from 10 years of Research in Western NSW*

Who: Trish Fanning
Time & Place: 6:30pm, Benledi Room, Glebe Library (Cnr Glebe Point Road & Wigram Road, Glebe, Sydney)
Series: AACAI NSW/ACT Chapter Occasional Meetings
Details: www.aacai.com.au/chapters/nsw/

Date: 7 October 2005
State: QLD - Brisbane
Title: *Making Old DNA Young Again: A Model for Repairing Ancient DNA*

Who: Julie Connell

Time & Place: 3-4pm, Room 211, Gordon Greenwood Building (#32), St Lucia Campus ([map](#)), University of Queensland

Series: Working Papers in Archaeology

Details: www.atsis.uq.edu.au/workingpapers.html

Date: 7 October 2005

State: NSW - Sydney

Title: *Cold Adaptations in Australian Aborigines*

Who: Ian Gilligan

Time & Place: 3:15pm, Quad Latin Room S224 (ground floor, down a short corridor in the corner of the Quad which has the tree)

Series: Prehistoric and Historical Archaeology Seminar Series

Details: [Martin Gibbs](#)

Date: 13 October 2005

State: SA - Adelaide

Title: *Portonian Respectability: Approaches and Attitudes to the Working-Class Display of Respectability Through Material Culture in Port Adelaide*

Who: Susan Briggs

Time & Place: 3-5pm, Room SSS 007, Social Sciences South Courtyard (bottom floor, western side of courtyard, closest parking - Car Park 4)

Series: Flinders University Department of Archaeology Seminars

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

Date: 14 October 2005

State: QLD - Brisbane

Title: *Mill Point Archaeological Project: 2005 Excavations*

Who: Karen Murphy

Time & Place: 3-4pm, Room 213, Gordon Greenwood Building (#32), St Lucia Campus ([map](#)), University of Queensland

Series: Working Papers in Archaeology

Details: www.atsis.uq.edu.au/workingpapers.html

Date: 14 October 2005

State: NSW - Sydney

Title: *From Radar Imaging to Rice Husks: New Techniques for Mapping the Decline of Urbanism at Angkor, Cambodia*

Who: Damian Evans

Time & Place: 3:15pm, Quad Latin Room S224 (ground floor, down a short corridor in the corner of the Quad which has the tree)

Series: Prehistoric and Historical Archaeology Seminar Series

Details: [Martin Gibbs](#)

Date: 20 October 2005

State: SA - Adelaide

Title: *The Archaeology of the Russian Scare*

Who: Martin Wimmer

Time & Place: 3-5pm, Room SSS 007, Social Sciences South Courtyard (bottom floor, western side of courtyard, closest parking - Car Park 4)

Series: Flinders University Department of Archaeology Seminars

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

Date: 20 October 2005

State: NSW - Armidale

Title: *Valuing History, Huts and Heritage: Cultural Heritage in National Parks*

Who: Piers Thomas & Christine Lehmann

Time & Place: 12pm, SHES2 or 3, School of Human and Environmental Sciences, University of New England

Series: Heritage Futures Research Centre

Details: [Andrew Piper](#)

Date: 21 October 2005

State: QLD - Brisbane

Title: *Backed Artefact Residue Analysis*

Who: Gail Robertson

Time & Place: 3-4pm, Room 213, Gordon Greenwood Building (#32), St Lucia Campus ([map](#)), University of Queensland

Series: Working Papers in Archaeology

Details: www.atsis.uq.edu.au/workingpapers.html

Date: 21 October 2005

State: NSW - Sydney

Title: *The Archaeology of Defence - Australian Bunkers, Tunnels and Tank Traps*

Who: Tim Owen

Time & Place: 3:15pm, Quad Latin Room S224 (ground floor, down a short corridor in the corner of the Quad which has the tree)

Series: Prehistoric and Historical Archaeology Seminar Series

Details: [Martin Gibbs](#)

Date: 27 October 2005

State: SA - Adelaide

Title: *Art and Community in Western Arnhem Land*

Who: Sally May

Time & Place: 3-5pm, Room SSS 007, Social Sciences South Courtyard (bottom floor, western side of courtyard, closest parking - Car Park 4)

Series: Flinders University Department of Archaeology Seminars

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

Date: 28 October 2005

State: QLD - Brisbane

Title: *Archaeology of the Upper Georgina River Drainage*

Who: Tom Loy

Time & Place: 3-4pm, Room 213, Gordon Greenwood Building (#32), St Lucia Campus ([map](#)), University of Queensland

Series: Working Papers in Archaeology

Details: www.atsis.uq.edu.au/workingpapers.html

Date: 28 October 2005

State: NSW - Sydney

Title: *Historical Archaeology at the KENS Site*

Who: Wendy Thorp

Time & Place: 3:15pm, Quad Latin Room S224 (ground floor, down a short corridor in the corner of the Quad which has the tree)

Series: Prehistoric and Historical Archaeology Seminar Series

Details: [Martin Gibbs](#)

Date: 6 October 2005

State: NSW - Sydney

Title: *The Aboriginal History & Connections Program at Sydney Olympic Park*

Who: Paul Irish

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

Series: AACAI NSW/ACT Chapter Occasional Meetings

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

Date: 3 November 2005

State: SA - Adelaide

Title: *Trends in Australian Colonial-Period Shipbuilding*
Who: Rick Bullers
Time & Place: 3-5pm, Room SSS 007, Social Sciences South Courtyard (bottom floor, western side of courtyard, closest parking - Car Park 4)
Series: Flinders University Department of Archaeology Seminars
Details: ehlt.flinders.edu.au/archaeology/resources/seminar.php



Conferences

Date: 21-23 September 2005
Place: Sydney, Australia
Title: *Second International Engineering Heritage Conference*
Convenor/s: -
Venue: Powerhouse Museum, Sydney
Details: www.sydney.ieaust.org.au/heritage/heritage_Syd_Confa.htm

Date: 22-24 September 2005
Place: Dubrovnik, Croatia
Title: *The Best in Heritage*
Convenor/s: -
Venue: TBA
Details: www.TheBestInHeritage.com/

Date: 28-30 September 2005
Place: Tamworth, Australia
Title: *Thinking Rail: Lessons from the Past, the Way of the Future*
Convenor/s: Heritage Futures Research Centre, University of New England
Venue: Tamworth, Australia
Details: www.une.edu.au/campus/confco/nrhc2005/

Date: 14-16 October 2005
Place: Perth, Australia
Title: *26th Australian Garden History Society Annual National Conference: From Sea to Scarp*
Convenor/s: International ICOMOS
Venue: Novotel Langley Hotel, Perth, Western Australia
Details: www.gardenhistorysociety.org.au

Date: 17-21 October 2005

Place: Xi'an, China
Title: *ICOMOS 15th General Assembly and Scientific Symposium: Monuments and Sites in their Setting - Conserving Cultural Heritage in Changing Townscapes and Landscapes*
Convenor/s: International ICOMOS
Venue: Xi'an People's Hotel, Xi'an, China
Details: www.international.icomos.org/xian2005/index.html

Date: 8-12 November 2005
Place: Ranataua, Tauranga, Aotearoa/New Zealand
Title: *The Uses and Abuses of Archaeology for Indigenous Populations [WAC Inter-Congress]*
Convenor/s: Des Kahotea & Joe Watkins
Venue: Ranataua, Tauranga, Aotearoa/New Zealand
Details: ehlt.flinders.edu.au/wac/site/confer_nz2005.php

Date: 25-28 November 2005
Place: Melbourne, Australia
Title: *Corrugations: The Romance and Reality of Historic Roads*
Convenor/s: Australia ICOMOS, Royal Automobile Club of Australia, VIC Roads
Venue: RACV Clubrooms, Melbourne
Details: www.corrugations.net.au

Date: 27-30 November 2005
Place: Fremantle, Australia
Title: *AAA/AIMA Annual Conference: The Archaeology of Trade & Exchange*
Convenor/s: Western Australian Maritime Museum and University of Western Australia
Venue: Maritime Museum, Fremantle, Western Australia
Details: www.aaa-aima-2005.conf.uwa.edu.au/

Date: 5-8 December 2005
Place: Kensington, Sydney, Australia
Title: *Molecules to Morphs: 19th Annual Conference of the Australasian Society for Human Biology*
Convenor/s: School of Medical Sciences (Faculty of Medicine) and the School of Biotechnology and Biomolecular Sciences (Faculty of Science), University of New South Wales
Venue: BioMedical Theatre E, Building E27, University of New South Wales, Kensington Campus
Details: <http://notes.med.unsw.edu.au/medsciences.nsf/website/newsevents.calendarofevents.ashb2005>

Date: 12-15 December 2005
Place: Canberra, Australia
Title: *Australasian Archaeometry Conference 2005*
Convenor/s: Andy Fairbairn & Sue O'Connor

- Venue:** Department of Archaeology and Natural History, Coombs Building, Australian National University
Details: car.anu.edu.au/Archaeometry/archaeometry_conference.html
- Date:** 11-15 January 2006
Place: Sacramento, California
Title: *Life on the Edge [SHA Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology]*
Convenor/s: Society for Historical Archaeology
Venue: Hyatt Regency Sacramento
Details: www.sha.org
- Date:** 20-26 March 2006
Place: Manila, Philippines
Title: *18th Congress of the Indo-Pacific Prehistory Association*
Convenor/s: University of the Philippines, National Museum of the Philippines & W.G. Solheim II Foundation
Venue: University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City, MetroManila
Details: arts.anu.edu.au/arcworld/ippa/ippa.htm
- Date:** 30-31 March 2006
Place: Canberra, Australia
Title: *Strangers on the Shore: A Conference on Early Coastal Contacts with Australia*
Convenor/s: National Museum of Australia, Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies and Australian National University
Venue: National Museum of Australia
Details: www.aiatsis.gov.au
- Date:** 15-18 May 2006
Place: San Juan, Puerto Rico
Title: *Heritage Interpretation*
Convenor/s: The Association of Interpretation
Venue: TBA
Details: www.interpnet.com/iwh/
- Date:** 18-23 July 2006
Place: Sydney, Australia
Title: *Angkor - Landscape, City and Temple*
Convenor/s: University of Sydney
Venue: University of Sydney, Sydney
Details: conferences.arts.usyd.edu.au/index.php?cf=9

Date: 4-9 September 2006

Place: Lisbon, Portugal

Title: XV UISPP 2006 Congress

Convenor/s: Union Internationale des Sciences Préhistoriques et Protohistoriques International – Union for Prehistoric and Protohistoric Sciences

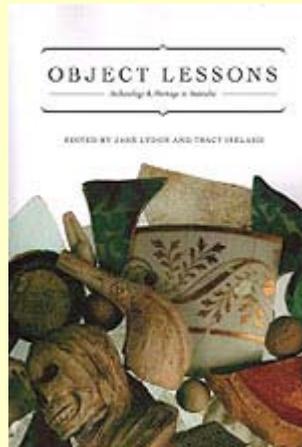
Venue: University of Lisbon

Details: www.uispp.ipt.pt



New Publications

***Object Lessons: Archaeology and Heritage in Australia* edited by Jane Lydon and Tracy Ireland**



Australian society increasingly tries to learn from its past, as it comes to recognise how rich and complex that past has been, and the ways that it continues to shape the present. Where many Australians once considered their society to lack a history or culture of its own, today the nation takes pride in its unique identity. In representing ourselves we draw upon diverse aspects of the past, including the distinctiveness of Aboriginal cultures, and the meaning and importance conferred upon colonial places. We create a sense of emplacement and belonging within these negotiated social spaces. This book examines how we define ourselves through our concern with the past: a series of case studies explores controversial places and themes including Sydney's Conservatorium of Music site, Mawson's Huts in Antarctica, the search for the Endeavour, and the origins of the 'stolen generations'. Conflict and negotiation over these sites and artefacts defines an Australian personality. Perhaps the greatest strength of this collection is its emphasis on how Australians have created a sense of identity through the idiosyncratic ways we engage with the material world. The power of objects, places and landscape to focus emotion and define world views are an explicit object of reflection and tell us about ourselves: what we disagree over, what we care about, and who we are. Download an order form [here](#).



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