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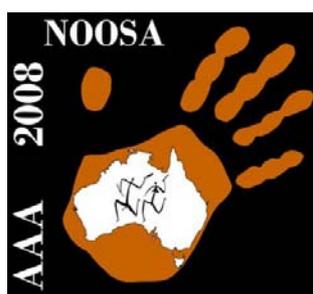
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## Australian Archaeological Association Conference 2008 3-6 December 2008



Don't forget the AAA conference which is rapidly approaching. There is a fantastic line up of papers for the Consulting archaeology session which is being organised by Oliver Brown and Oona Nicholson. The AACAI AGM will also take place during the conference.

The 2008 Australian Archaeology Conference will be held over three days from 4-6 December in Noosa at the Australis Noosa Lakes Resort in Noosaville, Queensland.

We are now inviting proposals for papers based on the sessions that have been proposed, covering current issues in Australasian archaeology as well as sessions of interest and relevance to Australian Archaeologists more generally. We also invite posters to be displayed at the conference on relevant research topics.

A welcome evening will be held on Wednesday 3 December, and a post-conference tour is planned for Sunday 7 December.

The air-conditioned conference venue boasts three beautiful, centrally located pools, and Noosa is home to some of the best beaches in Australia, so bring your togs. Noosa is also known for excellent dining and its natural beauty, including the nearby World Heritage Fraser Island and Great Sandy Region.

For further information, visit

<http://www.socialscience.uq.edu.au/index.html?page=74856>.

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## 2008 AACAI Annual General Meeting – Notice

The 2008 AGM will be held in conjunction with the AAA conference 3-6 December 2008 at Noosa.

The AGM will be held on the evening of 4 December. The room location will be announced as soon as the conference organisers advise the NEC of the allocation.

You are reminded that to vote at the AGM you must be a financial member of the AACAI. To find out if you are a financial member please contact the membership Secretary Allan Lance [membershipsecretary@aacai.com.au](mailto:membershipsecretary@aacai.com.au).

**Elections** will be held for the position of **SECRETARY**. Our current Secretary is now a full time employee of the RTA and transferring to Affiliate member status and therefore is no longer eligible to hold the position. Nomination forms will be circulated shortly. Please consider standing for this position and joining the NEC.

According to our constitution:

56. A nomination shall name the candidate and the position for which election is sought and be signed by not less than 2 members.

57. Nominations shall be made to the Returning Officer at the administrative office and shall close on a date to be fixed each election year by the National Executive Committee such date being not later than one month before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting.

58. No nomination shall be valid unless the member nominated consents in writing to act if elected and the nomination paper and consent are received before the close of nominations. The consent shall be sufficient if

the member signs a form of consent on the nomination paper but the Returning Officer may accept any other form of consent whether accompanying the nomination paper or not that the Returning Officer deems satisfactory, and such acceptance shall be final. The member may withdraw his or her consent to nomination at any time before the close of nominations by lodging with the Returning Officer a notice of withdrawal, and as a consequence the nomination shall be cancelled.

**Call for Motions and Agenda Items:** Any motions for determination at the AGM should be forwarded in writing (email will suffice) to our current secretary: [secretary@aacai.com.au](mailto:secretary@aacai.com.au).

Please make sure you indicate your name and contact details as proposer of the motion. Nominations should be received no later than **15 November 2008** to allow them to be circulated to members for consideration.

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### **Thank you to Gretta Logue**

The NEC would like to thank Gretta Logue on behalf of all members for her work as Secretary over the past year.

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### **New Postal Address for AACAI National Executive Committee**

A new post office box has been established for mail that needs to be directed to the AACAI National Executive Committee, the AACAI Membership Secretary or the AACAI President

Please address mail to the AACAI National Executive Committee, the AACAI Membership Secretary or the AACAI President as follows:

AACAI NEC/Membership Secretary/President (as appropriate)  
c/o Georgia Meros  
PO Box 8382  
ARMADALE VIC 3143

Mail that is intended for the NSW chapter of AACAI Inc. should continue to be sent to: Box 214, Holme Building, University of Sydney, SYDNEY NSW 2006.

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### **New Secretariat Support**

It is with great pleasure that the NEC announces the appointment of Georgia Meros as part time Secretariat Officer to the AACAI.

Georgia joins us for one day a fortnight to assist with the running of the Association. A new postal address has been established (see item above) as part

of our re-arrangement of secretariat services to provide a more efficient service to our members.

One of Georgia's immediate tasks is to re-establish the regular monthly Newsletter. So if any one has any items for the newsletter, please refer them to her at [georgia@aacai.com.au](mailto:georgia@aacai.com.au).

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## Seminars at Flinders University, SA (School of Archaeology)

Departmental Seminars are held on campus during semester from 3 - 5 pm Thursdays.

First semester seminars are generally presented by staff, postgraduate students and guest speakers. Second semester seminars contain a mixture of Honours student presentations and guest speakers. Staff and students of the University and the general public are very welcome to attend any of these seminars. For further information regarding the seminar program, visit <http://ehlt.flinders.edu.au/archaeology/events/seminars/index.php>.

If you would like to receive notification about our upcoming public lectures and seminars via email, please subscribe to the FUAD list server by visiting <https://listserver.flinders.edu.au/mailman/listinfo/fuad>.

If you are interested in presenting a seminar in 2008 please contact the lecturer in charge, [donald.pate@flinders.edu.au](mailto:donald.pate@flinders.edu.au).

**Place:** Room 149, Social Sciences South Building, Flinders University

**Contact:** [donald.pate@flinders.edu.au](mailto:donald.pate@flinders.edu.au) or (08) 8201 2067

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## CAIS Seminars

The Centre for Australian Indigenous Studies (CAIS) at Monash University is organising an exciting seminar program for 2009.

### **Previous Seminars**

Listed below are recordings of previous seminars available in the Elizabeth Eggleston Memorial Library, Level 2, Building 55.

Dr Barry Judd, Monash University,  
'Aboriginal Identity and Nationalism in Australian Football' (2007)

Prof Lynette Russell, Monash University,  
'From Anthropological Specimen to Historical Actor: William Lanne, Whaler, Shipmate and Friend' (2007)

Mr Jeremy Ash, Monash PhD candidate,  
'Lining the Path, Mission Sites in Northeastern Australia' (2007)

Dr Gwenda Baker, Monash University,  
'The Boycott: Goulburn Island Activists and the Missionaries' (2007)

Dr John Bradley, Dr Amanda Kearney and Mr Tom Chandler Monash  
University,  
'I Saw My Mother's Song' (2008)

Dr Andrew Gunstone, Monash University,  
'Unfinished Business: the Australian Reconciliation Process' (2008)

Dr Therese Davis, Film and TV Studies, School of English, Communication  
and Performance Studies,  
'Collaborative Moments: Indigenous and non-Indigenous Partnerships in  
Australian Film' (2008)

Prof Jane McMillan, St Xavier University, Nova Scotia, Canada,  
'Seeking Netukulimk: An exploration of Mi'Kmaq Law Ways in Resource  
Relations' (2008)

Mr Bryan Fricker, Monash PhD candidate,  
'Apology or Excuse? An Opportunity Lost? A Critical Discourse Analysis of  
Brendan Neslon's Apology to the Stolen Generation' (2008)

Dr George Mukuka, University of Johannesburg, South Africa,  
'The Making of the Catholic Indigenous Clergy in South Africa' (2008)

Dr Stephen Pritchard, Monash University,  
'The Culture of Multiculturalism: Reflections of the Question of Culture  
and Cultural Diversity' (2008)

Dr Ian Lilley, Queensland University,  
'Archaeology and the 'tyranny of participation': have we avoided a  
backlash or is it still coming?' (2008)

For further information, visit  
<http://www.arts.monash.edu.au/cais/seminars/index.php>.

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## **Dakhleh Oasis Project – Sixth International Conference**

**Dakhleh Oasis Project  
Sixth International Conference  
"New Perspectives on the Western Desert of Egypt"  
University of Salento, Lecce (Italy)  
21-24 September 2009**

**University of Salento** (Prof. Paola Davoli, Prof. Mario Capasso ), **New York University, Institute for the Study of the Ancient World** (Prof. Roger S. Bagnall ) and **Monash University** (Prof. Colin Hope ) have the pleasure to invite scholars working in the field in Dakhleh, in the Western desert of Egypt and in

the Libyan desert to join us at this international meeting. In the occasion of the Dakhleh Oasis Project 30th anniversary the organizers of the **Sixth DOP International Conference** take the opportunity to enlarge the topic of the meeting to the whole western desert of Egypt and to nearby Libyan desert.

International Conferences of DOP have been organized every three years. The previous five Conferences were organized by Universities and were held in Durham in 1994, in Toronto in 1997, in Melbourne in 2000, in Poznan in 2003, and in Cairo in 2006. In this last occasion the meeting was already enlarged to cover the other oases of Egypt; the importance of the exchange of data and knowledge on that occasion have encouraged the organizers to repeat the experience, embracing a wider horizon on the whole Libyan desert. As in previous conferences of the DOP there will be consecutive sections on Prehistory, Physical Anthropology, History, Archaeology and other themes.

We invite all participants of the Dakhleh Oasis Project, as well as other colleagues working in the Egyptian western desert to submit proposals for papers. We also offer the opportunity to present a poster on relevant topics.

For further information, contact [info@dop2009.org](mailto:info@dop2009.org). Also visit the website <http://www.dop2009.org/pages/index/home>.

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### **“Excavations at the “Lote B” Site (Cerro Manchay) Lower Lurin Valley, Peru” – call for participants**

The archaeological project: “Excavations at the “Lote B” Site (Cerro Manchay) Lower Lurin Valley, Peru”, is offering the opportunity to participate in the project’s field season, that will run from February 2009 to May 2009.

The project is directed by Giancarlo Marcone and forms a part of his doctoral research. The site to be excavated is located in the Lurin valley just a few kilometers from the city of Lima, Peru. The site consists of a settlement that is domestic in nature with a few public buildings. The project proposes excavating middens and architectural structures. Previous experience is not necessary. Participants would have to make a monetary contribution for housing and food.

Interested individuals or for more information contact Giancarlo Marcone at [mala\\_tardio@hotmail.com](mailto:mala_tardio@hotmail.com) o a [gim2@pitt.edu](mailto:gim2@pitt.edu).

El proyecto arqueológico Excavaciones en el sitio “Lote B” (Cerro Manchay) Valle bajo de Lurín, Perú”, esta abriendo oportunidades para personas que quieran participar en la temporada de excavaciones de Febrero 2009 a Mayo 2009.

El proyecto es dirigido por Giancarlo Marcone y forma parte de su investigación de Doctorado. El sitio a excavar se encuentra en el valle de Lurín a unos pocos kilómetros de la ciudad de Lima, Perú. El sitio corresponde a un asentamiento de carácter domestico con algunos edificios públicos. El proyecto contempla

excavaciones en basurales y en la arquitectura. No es necesaria experiencia previa. Los interesados tendrán que contribuir monetariamente por casa y comida.

Los interesados en participar o en tener mayor información pueden escribir a [mala\\_tardio@hotmail.com](mailto:mala_tardio@hotmail.com) o a [gim2@pitt.edu](mailto:gim2@pitt.edu).

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## **Indigenous Cultural Heritage Acts Review**

The protection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage is in the interest of all Queenslanders, and effective legislation is central to ensuring that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, traditions and customs are celebrated and protected. The Department of Natural Resources and Water (NRW) is reviewing the performance of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003* and the *Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage Act 2003*.

### **Why review?**

Included in the Acts is a requirement to review them within five years of commencement. The review must focus on their efficacy and efficiency. As a result, the review will address the legislation's implementation, operation and performance. Scheduled reviews are an opportunity to assess if legislation is working as planned.

### **Consultation and feedback**

A consultative committee will assist and inform the review's consultation process. The consultative committee will consist of three groups:

- Aboriginal consultative group—engaging Aboriginal interests in the legislation
- Torres Strait Islander consultative group—engaging Torres Strait Islander interests in the legislation
- stakeholder consultative group—engaging the interests of other users of the legislation.

As part of the review's consultation strategy, NRW has released a review paper inviting submissions relating to the performance and effectiveness of the legislation since its introduction in 2004.

The review paper seeks the community's views on:

- whether the legislation has done what it set out to do
- what is working well, and why
- what can be improved, and how.

Submissions are encouraged on any matter relating to the legislation.

A copy of the review paper is available from the NRW website [www.nrw.qld.gov.au](http://www.nrw.qld.gov.au) or by contacting NRW.

The following questions may assist interested parties in making a submission to the review:

### **Ownership, custodianship and possession of Indigenous cultural heritage**

- Has the legislation ensured that all human remains, and secret and sacred objects in the custody of the Queensland Government, are controlled and protected by their owners?
- Has the Queensland Museum's authority to accept custody of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage worked to protect this cultural heritage?

### **Protection of Indigenous cultural heritage**

- Has the cultural heritage duty of care worked to protect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage?
- Have the cultural heritage duty-of-care guidelines, under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*, provided clarity and assisted people to comply with the Act's cultural heritage duty of care?
- Has the legislation achieved its objective of enabling the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander owners of secret or sacred information to have control over it?
- Have the following been effective in averting and repairing damage to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage?
  - stop orders
  - court orders requiring rehabilitation or restoration
  - Ministerial power to act to protect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage.

### **Native title parties, Indigenous parties and cultural heritage bodies**

- Has the definition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parties ensured that people with the necessary knowledge and authority are identified under the legislation?
- Do cultural heritage bodies assist people who need to comply with the legislation to identify Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parties?

### **Indigenous cultural heritage databases and registers**

- If you have requested information from the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage databases or registers, how efficient and effective was the process for retrieving the information?
- How useful has information from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage databases or registers been in the assessment, management and protection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage?
- Have the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage registers been useful as a planning and research tool?

### **Cultural heritage studies**

- Has the cultural heritage study process helped in the accurate assessment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage?
- How effective is the legislation in ensuring that both proponents and Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people can make meaningful contributions to cultural heritage studies?

### **Cultural heritage management plans**

- Do you think the cultural heritage management plan guidelines have been helpful in developing cultural heritage management plans under the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003?
- To what extent do cultural heritage management plans provide a timely and efficient process for the management of activities to minimise or avoid harm to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage?

### **Investigation and enforcement**

- Do you think the investigation and enforcement powers given to authorised officers have been effective in helping to protect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage?

### **What next?**

In association with the consultative committee, the review team will finalise the consultation process.

Further information about the consultation process, and how you can have your say, is available on the NRW website [www.nrw.qld.gov.au](http://www.nrw.qld.gov.au).

### **How will feedback be used?**

Once consultation is complete, the review team will provide a report to the Minister for Natural Resources and Water. The report will outline the community's views on the legislation's implementation, operation and performance.

### **Making a submission**

All submissions made to the review must include the name and address of the person making the submission.

Submissions will be treated confidentially.

### **Submissions must be received by 28 February 2009.**

Submissions may be made online, by post, by fax or by contacting NRW. For further information or to make a submission, contact NRW:

**Phone:** (07) 3225 2714  
**Fax:** (07) 3405 6899  
**Email:** [ichar@nrw.qld.gov.au](mailto:ichar@nrw.qld.gov.au)

**Website:** [www.nrw.qld.gov.au](http://www.nrw.qld.gov.au)  
**Post:** Indigenous Cultural Heritage Acts Review  
Department of Natural Resources and Water  
GPO Box 2454, Brisbane QLD 4001

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### **Forthcoming conference, 'Heritage CHAT', November 2008 – registration now open**

The Contemporary and Historical Archaeology in Theory (CHAT) group encourages international research and interdisciplinary dialogue in the fields of later historical archaeology and the archaeology of the contemporary world. Since 2003 it has hosted an annual conference in November.

After years of generous hosting by the University of Bristol, we now have a dedicated CHAT domain and website at [www.contemp-hist-arch.ac.uk](http://www.contemp-hist-arch.ac.uk).

Please check the site for details of the forthcoming conference, 'Heritage CHAT', to be held at the UCL Institute of Archaeology from November 14 -16, 2008, hosted by Atkins Heritage, English Heritage and UCL Centre for Museums, Heritage and Material Culture.

Registration for the conference is now open.

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### **2001 UNESCO Convention for the protection of the underwater cultural heritage**

Barbados has become the 20<sup>th</sup> country to ratify the 2001 UNESCO Convention for the protection of the underwater cultural heritage. This was confirmed by the Director General of UNESCO, Koïchiro Matsuura, announced on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October, during the afternoon session of the 180th Executive Council. Mr Matsuura advised that, accordingly, the future entry into force of the 2001 Convention will take place on January 2nd, 2009 (three months after the deposit of the 20th ratification). (Advice received from ICUCH members Toni Carrell and Tatiana Villegas).

This is a significant milestone in the international protection of underwater cultural heritage that began in the mid 1990s with the development by ICOMOS of its Charter on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage - ratified by the 11th ICOMOS General Assembly in Sofia, Bulgaria, October 1996. There is a long way to go yet of course – for Australia and many other countries – but this convention just came into harbour!

UNESCO, ICOMOS (and its scientific committee, ICUCH), AIMA, ACUA as well as many other organisations and individuals will need to continue to work with the other countries who are moving towards ratification - as well as to assist countries who have ratified. Capacity building, ie, developing an infrastructure of authorities with competence in UCH management, will be a key focus. Providing access to university courses and practical skills, eg NAS programs, will play an

increasingly important role in ensuring the effective implementation of the principles and rules of the convention.

For the full list of ratified countries to date see the UNESCO site at <http://portal.unesco.org/la/convention.asp?language=E&KO=13520>.

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