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### ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### Work Practices Questionnaire

Members will already have received a questionnaire which has been circulated by the Work Practices Subcommittee. Members are reminded that completed questionnaires should be returned by the end of December. The more members who respond the better since it will assist the Subcommittee in bringing together a package of proposals on working conditions which is to be presented to the Association in 1990.

AACAI, Victorian Chapter News

The Chapter now has an official post box if you want to send us anything (Christmas cards, sums of money, champagne etc.). The address is:

AACAI, Victorian Chapter  
P.O. Box 12101  
A'Beckett Street  
Melbourne VIC 3000.

The building recession is having some effect on the contract situation in Victoria, although some developments are still being proposed regardless of it. The National Estate funded projects through MPE and VAS are gradually being advertised and filled by consultants and others. If you are interested in receiving details of these projects contact:

The Manager  
Victoria Archaeological Survey  
P.O. Box 262  
Albert Park VIC 3206.

You should send a current curriculum vitae (including contact numbers and addresses) for the VAS register from which the mailing list is compiled.

VAS currently has Betty Ross working on the second stage of the Kerang Lakes Aboriginal Sites project and Jim Rhoads working on a desk top study of Gippsland. David Rhodes is currently conducting an Aboriginal Site Survey of Dandenong Creek, after which he will carry out a survey for post-Contact sites at Lake Condah. Anne Clarke will be looking for prehistoric and early Contact sites at Lake Condah in December. Roger Hall is still in Gippsland surveying Aboriginal Sites.

The other news from VAS is that the Aboriginal Sites Officer Trainees have started their training programme with Caroline Bird (ex-La Trobe). Five trainees have been selected for the programme by Aboriginal communities and by VAS. The trainees come from Gippsland, Swan Hill, Shepparton, Ballarat and the Melbourne Metropolitan Area.

The Historic Places Branch of Conservation, Forests and Lands has also appointed David Bannear on a temporary basis as Historical Archaeologist on the Victorian Goldfields Archaeological Project. It would be even better if they had several archaeologists working with them on a permanent basis.

La Trobe University has a new tutor, namely Phil Edwards from the Archaeology Department of Sydney University. La Trobe has recently established a programme to encourage students to work in the field with Consultants, so any of you out there wanting student labour should contact:

Nicki Stern  
Department of Archaeology  
La Trobe University  
Bundoora VIC 3083  
ph. (03) 479 1111

Barry Gray is a Canadian archaeologist looking for work on archaeological projects of any kind as a volunteer over this summer. He has a B.A. in prehistory and a M. Sc. in industrial archaeology. He can be contacted on (03) 836 0839.

So, that about wraps it up for us mob in Victoria. We are hoping to publicise AACAI more next year in some kind of concerted campaign and to continue to network with the rest of Australia.

Hilary du Cros  
Newsletter Correspondent.

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Increase in Membership - First Signs of the Jo Curve?

? It is pleasing to see that the Association's membership has now reached over 60 paid up members, an increase of 50% in the last twelve months. About a dozen more people have recently been accepted for membership and a number of other membership applications are currently being assessed. At this rate, membership numbers will reach 100 in the next 12-18 months. An increasing proportion of membership applications are being received from non-NSW people, especially those in Victoria and Western Australia.

The Membership Secretary advises that this membership increase is a result of a previously unknown phenomenon called the Jo Curve.

Register of Consultants

Those of you waiting with bated breath will be pleased to know that the next edition will appear in January. It promises to be bigger and better than the previous edition.

Log Book

Members with long memories will know about this. It was produced some years ago for Associate Members to use as an on-going record of their employment experience. Apparently few people use the books which is a pity since they would provide a handy reference guide for members, prospective employers and the Membership Committee when considering upgrading membership to Full Member status.

Copies of the log book are still around and enquiries should be directed to the Publications Officer (Tessa Corkill) on 02. 6521470 or via the Association's address.

Change to National Executive Committee

Regrettably, the hard-working Sue McIntyre is to resign from the NEC in January in order to take up a 12-month teaching position in the top end of Cape York. We don't suppose that she is sorry to exchange NEC duties for mangoes and unpolluted beaches.

Sue's NEC vacancy is expected to be filled as a temporary position until the next Annual General Meeting. Members can expect phone calls/door knocks in the near future.

Sue will continue as a member of the Membership Committee.

#### OTHER REGULAR FEATURES

##### Histeria

Yet another brief offering based largely on Sydney news. There are now historical archaeologists working in most States so please drop the editor a line so that news from further afield can be included in the next issue.

##### ASHA Conference

The conference of the Australian Society for Historical Archaeology was held in Sydney over the week-end of September 22-24. Attendance was low due to the pilots dispute. The Friday session was devoted to discussions and workshops on the Historical Archaeology Guidelines Project. The remaining days included a range of papers on artefacts and material culture, and a visit to the laboratory/workshops used by Wendy Thorp for the large excavation of the Lilyvale site in Sydney's Rocks area. This excavation produced around 200,000 artefacts.

##### Historical Archaeology Guidelines Project

This is being undertaken by the Centre for Historical Archaeology at Sydney University, for the National Heritage Administrators' Conference and is nearing completion. The Project will produce three documents.

1. Procedural Guidelines for Historical Archaeological Sites.
2. Draft Code of Practice for Archaeologists, Developers and Government Authorities.
3. Project Report.

It is expected that documents 1 and 2 will be available for comment in the near future.

##### 271-273 Pitt Street

A large excavation is currently in progress in the centre of Sydney. The site incorporates part of the Sydney School of Arts and is being redeveloped by Kumagai Pty. Ltd. The area being excavated has been occupied continuously since the 1830s and possibly since the first decade of the 19th century. It has been used for commercial, residential and industrial purposes during its history and includes the remains of houses, shops, a cooperage, a bakery, a fire station and other features.

##### The Historical Archaeology Workshop (H.A.W.)

The "Historical Archaeology Workshop", an informal gathering of professional historical archaeologists, has re-formed as a result of moves to create/join a professional association for historical archaeologists. The group will soon circulate a short questionnaire on this issue and a copy may be obtained from:

Richard Mackay,  
67 Piper Street,  
Lilyfield. NSW 2020.

One of the options under consideration by this group is to recommend AACAI membership for professional historical archaeologists and AACAI members should take time to draw the attention of their historical archaeologist colleagues to the benefits of AACAI. One difficulty is the H.A.W. view that a professional association is also required for non-consultants such as academics and public servants.

#### First Government House Site

Moves are again afoot at Sydney's First Government House Site. The development proposal for the whole block, using a design prepared by architects, Denton Corker Marshall, was recently put on public display. The proposal envisages the conservation of the First Government House remains in an open setting, with provision for movable "peep holes" to view the remains. There is to be an interpretation centre at the southern end of the site. The Young and Phillip Streets terraces are to be used as commercial premises. The southern end of the whole block itself would be dominated by a hugh tower which is to cantilever out over the Phillip Street terraces. More details later.....

#### Breccia by TFC

Christmas is upon us again and some AACAI members are hoping that Santa will bring them a brand new tax-deductable 4WD Subaru Liberty or the latest in Toyotas. Me, I'm just praying my Colt won't turn into an old Nag just yet.

Whispers from Near and Far: Rumour has it that at least two AACAI members will be heading for Mount Parnassus (some call it Canberra) in the near future to upgrade their intellectual CVs. What is there about the place that draws otherwise sane (?) people like a magnet, whereas certain other Universities miss out? Could it be encouragement? (No correspondence entered into on this. Ed.)

Tiny Feet: I gather that Jo McD's baby, now over 2 months old, is named Oliver Wendell Holmes Handsome, or is it Oliver William Lawrence Hanson? My handwriting really is getting quite unreadable. Anyway, belated congrats to mother, father and baby.

For Sale: AACAI funds must be getting desperate. Our esteemed President has asked me to advertise a surplus of Tea Bags, bought on behalf of the Association over the last five years (sorry, months). She swears they have'nt been used much. Tenders are called for and the closing date is 1/4/90. Does the lowest tender win? Seriously, I have been asked to advertise a little-used Mountain Bike with 18 gears (\$250) and an as new -30 degree Sleeping Bag (\$100). I've heard of people doing fieldwork in some pretty rugged conditions, but what a contract that must have been! Phone me on 02-652-1470 if you're interested.

Re-cycling: My versatile friend, John, who seems equally at home with High Finance, Horticulture or Harchaeology, has found new uses for old stakes (no, not for driving through devilish hearts). The multiple marker poles from Second Ponds Creek are now lined up in our vegetable garden, with captive tomato plants attached. Home-sieved residue gravel from another excavation is destined to become surface mulch for a native garden. Why don't you wash out all your old plastic bags and use them for wrapping Christmas presents. Talking of which, I must away and finish a report for an impatient client (is there any other kind?), or my Christmas will be spent huddled over a hot computer instead of a hot stove.

Have a Happy Christmas and all the best for the coming New Year.

## OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

### Proposed ACT Heritage Act

The ACT Government has recently released a consultation paper proposing an integrated planning, environment protection and heritage system. This is to be based on a set of legislation including a proposed ACT Heritage Act.

The Act would establish an ACT Heritage Committee and a draft ACT Heritage Register, and allow areas of particular significance to be identified in a heritage plan.

How much all this progresses in the light of current political instability in the ACT remains to be seen. Perhaps ACT members could keep us informed.

### NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service Report Writing Guidelines

The Service has released a set of interim requirements for the preparation of archaeological reports. These take effect on January 1 for a period of twelve months, after which time they will be reviewed.

Copies of the requirements can be obtained from the Service's Historic & Archaeological Services Branch (contact Annie Ross 02.585 6463). Comments on the requirements are welcome and these should be sent to the Service. The Association would also be interested in receiving members' comments since the NEC will be preparing a submission on the requirements in 1990.

### Employment

**JCU** JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY  
OF NORTH QUEENSLAND

#### **LECTURER - ANTHROPOLOGY**

(Cairns Campus)

Applications are invited for the position of Lecturer in the School of Behavioural Sciences to be located at the Cairns Campus.

Applicants must have a PhD in Anthropology and/or Archaeology and be experienced in teaching Social Anthropology and Archaeology. Teaching and research expertise in at least one of the following regions: Aboriginal Australia, Torres Strait or Melanesia would be desirable. The School has a responsibility for teaching in Anthropology, Archaeology, Sociology, Community Welfare, Psychology and Social Work, and subscribes to a broadly based multidisciplinary philosophy. Present staff are engaged in a number of fundamental and applied research projects focused especially on Northern Australia and the tropics.

The salary range is \$A32,197-\$A41,841 a year and commencing salary will be determined according to qualifications and experience.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from the Recruitment Manager, James Cook University, Staveville, Qld 4811. Applications close on 19 January 1990. In reply please quote reference number A9921.



**ACT GOVERNMENT**

Chief Minister's Department  
SOCIAL POLICY DIVISION  
**A.C.T. HERITAGE UNIT  
MANAGER**  
\$39715 - 41094

The ACT Government is seeking an experienced and highly motivated officer to head up the ACT Heritage Unit. The Unit is located in the Social Policy Division and is responsible for policy and operational aspects of the identification, protection and management of the ACT's cultural heritage. Heritage legislation is expected to be introduced early next year and the person selected will have an important role in managing the implementation of the new legislation, providing policy advice and liaising with the community and other interested agencies. The position is classified at the Administrative Services Officer Class 7 level and normal Australian Public Service conditions of service will apply. Contact Officer for enquiries is Ms Miriam Jamieson on (062) 46 2150. Duty statements and selection criteria may be obtained from Wendy Onway-Smith on (062) 46 2431. Conditions: The successful applicant will be permanently appointed to the Australian Public Service (APS) in the Office of the ACT Public Service and therefore must be an Australian Citizen or be both eligible for and willing to take out citizenship. We have a TTY telephone for people with hearing or speech impediments. You can contact us on the TTY during business hours on (062) 46 2389. Applications detailing qualifications and experience against the selection criteria should be forwarded to:  
Recruitment Office  
Chief Minister's Department  
GPO Box 156  
CANBERRA ACT 2601 Fax No. (062) 47 3448  
by close of business 21 December 1989.  
ACT Government is an equal opportunity employer.

**CHARLES STURT**  
UNIVERSITY  
MURRAY

#### **ALBURY - NSW**

CSU-Murray is located at Albury on the NSW-Victorian border. The Region has a population of 75,000 people and is one of Australia's major growth centres. CSU-Murray is a developing member of the University which currently has approximately 750 students.

### **SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT AND TECHNOLOGY**

#### **Lecturer in Archaeology and Cultural Resource Management**

To teach subjects in Archaeology, Australian Prehistory and Cultural Resource Management in the B.App.Sc. (Parks and Recreation) and Assoc. Dip. Park Management, and to conduct research.

Applicants should have experience in research, applied archaeology, and be able to relate to the management of both Aboriginal and historical places in a land management context. A post graduate qualification and professional experience in cultural resource management is desirable.

Applications: Close Wednesday, 20 December 1989. It is anticipated interviews for the designated positions will be scheduled in late January/early February 1990. Application forms and additional information are available from:

The Manager  
Division of Personnel Services  
Charles Sturt University-Riverina  
PO Box 588, Wagga Wagga, NSW, 2650  
Telephone: (069) 22 2230

### Australian Heritage Award

The award is designed to recognise outstanding contributions to the preservation and promotion of Australia's cultural and natural heritage. The award is a \$10,000 cash endowment and is open to individuals, associations, private companies and government bodies.

The Award is presented by the Australian Council of National Trusts with the sponsorship of Jones Lang Wootten. The winner will be selected from finalists in each of the following categories: Government, Planning, Private, Publications, Media, Education, Cultural Conservation and Interpretation, Architecture, Nature Conservation, Contemporary and Individual.

Entries close February 1, 1990, and nomination forms can be obtained from any capital city office of the National Trust, any office of Jones Lang Wootten or the Australian Award Secretariat, PO Box 1002, Civic Square, ACT 2608 (Ph.062.476766).

### New Publications

Members may be interested in the following:

#### Sites and Bytes: Recording Aboriginal Places in Australia

J. Flood, I. Johnson and S. Sullivan (eds), is the eighth volume in the Australian Heritage Commission's Special Australian Heritage Publication Series. It is available from the Australian Government Publishing Service bookshops for \$19.95.

A review of this book will appear in the next issue.

Conserving Australian Rock Art: A Manual For Site Managers by David Lambert (G. Ward ed.) is available from the Publications Assistant, Aboriginal Studies Press, GPO Box 553, Canberra, 2601, at a cost of \$20.00 (cheques payable to A.I.A.S.).

The Green Guide: (Margaret Gee Publisher) is an information directory specialising in environment and conservation contacts in government, media and private associations. It is available from most large bookshops for around \$55.00.

Greenweek is a weekly newsletter for environmental managers and reports on Australian and international issues concerning the environment. It is available from Philip Luker and Staff Pty. Ltd., PO Box 475, Woollahra, 2025, at a cost of \$290.00 per year or \$70.00 for 3 months (12 issues).

### Changes of Address

Beth Rich has moved from Glen Innes and is now at 1A Angel Road, Strathfield, 2135, (Ph.02.744 3797)

The Australian Heritage Commission has re-located to Westpac Chambers, 53 Blackall Street, Barton, 2600. The new phone number is (062)73 2042. The postal address is unchanged.

### Next Issue

This will be in March. Deadline for copy is March 1.

CALENDER OF EVENTS - JANUARY - MAY 1990

Date	Organisation	Venue	Time	Event	Contact
Feb.14-16	ANZAAS	Hobart		Congress:Global Change and the Southwest Pacific	Secretariat Ph.002.202099
Feb. 21	AACAI	Sydney	10am	Forum: Public profile of AACAI & its relationship with environmental organisations	Mary Dallas Ph.02.8183287
April 1	AACAI	Sydney (Marrickville Community Centre)	10am	Workshop: Practical Skills I	David Crew Ph.02.5589161 Laila Haglund Ph.02.8184541
April 8-11	Australia ICOMOS	Adelaide		Conference: History, Architec- ture, Environment: Cultural Heritage and Tourism	Conference Secretary C/o State Heritage Branch,DEP, GPO Box 667, Adelaide 5000. Ph.08.2167929
April 22	AACAI	Sydney (Marrickville Community Centre)	10am	Workshop: Practical Skills II	David Crew Ph.02.5589161 Laila Haglund Ph.02.8184541
May 13-18	Australian Council of National Trusts	Darwin & Kakadu N.P.		Conference: Heritage & Conservation - Challenges in the Asia-Pacific Basin	Secretariat PO Box 1002 Civic Square 2608. Ph.062.476766