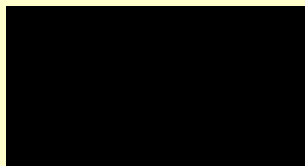


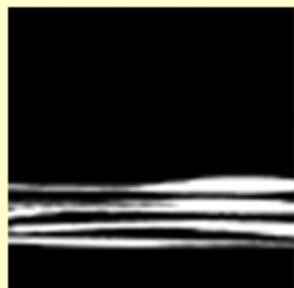
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Editorial

Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy

Welcome to the first edition of the electronic AACAI Newsletter for 2005. Already the New Year is well underway and time seems to be slipping away even faster than last year. This is a particularly long *Newsletter* as it contains the minutes of the 2004 AACAI AGM and all the associated reports. Please note as these documents have already been tabled they are included here basically as presented.

The National Executive Committee is particularly keen to commence the planned rotation of the *Newsletter* editorship between the State Chapters. I am also keen to get this underway as soon as possible as I only intended to take on this role temporarily. So if you are interested in having a go, please contact me and we can discuss the details.

Also on the agenda for 2005 is the upgrade of the AACAI website. This is an essential step in the move to publish our new Australian Archaeological Consultancy Monograph Series electronically as we are planning to introduce member logins so that we can provide additional value to our members.

The world of consulting archaeology is continually changing as legislation, regulatory bodies, the planning framework and public expectations shift. We are always interested to hear news of changes relevant to our members in each State and Territory. In particular we would encourage our colleagues in the various government departments to use our *Newsletter* as a means of advising changes such as policy changes, departmental restructures and the like.



Minutes of the 2004 Annual General Meeting of the Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists Inc.

6:30pm, 21 December 2004, Meeting Room 3, Hotel Unilodge, Corner Broadway and Bay Streets, Sydney, New South Wales

1. Attendance

Present:

Colin Pardoe, Oona Nicolson, Tessa Corkill, Helen Brayshaw, Laila Haglund, Mark Rawson, Jane Harrington, Denis Gojak, Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy.

Apologies:

Sean Ulm, Catherine Westcott, Trish Saunders, Richard Fullagar, Jill Reid, Ian Lilley, Annie Ross, Fiona

Leslie, Elizabeth Bradshaw, Ben Gunn, Gary Vines, Martin Lawler, Cos Coroneos, Di Smith, David Nutley, Jillian Comber, Val Attenbrow, Isabel McBryde, Neale Draper, David Mott.

2. Minutes of previous AGM

Note: Draft Minutes of the 2003 AGM were published in *AACAI Newsletter* December 2003.

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as a true record of that meeting (Corkill/Rawson). Passed with one amendment - it was noted that Tessa Corkill's name was misspelt.

3. Business arising from the minutes

3.1 Issue raised by Kelvin Officer re: DEC. It is noted that changes are happening and DEC are taking note of request for more consistency in their policy across regional offices and individual officers. This was noted in May 2004 NEC Minutes.

4. Annual Reports 2004

- President's Report
- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Membership Secretary's Report
- Webmaster's Report
- State Chapter Reports

Motion: That the annual reports be accepted (Harrington/Brayshaw). Passed.

Motion: That the financial statements be accepted (McIntyre-Tamwoy/Haglund). Passed.

5. Notices, motions and special resolutions

5.1 Notices

It was noted that at the 2004 Australian Archaeological Association Annual Conference held in Armidale, NSW, that "The 2004 Laila Haglund Prize for Excellence in Consultancy" was awarded to Garry Lord, Skye Kidd & Ken Markwell for "The Brewarrina Presentation". Congratulations are extended to the winners. [A synopsis of their presentation is included [below](#)].

5.2 Motions

Four motions were received as separate documents and were circulated. All motions were amended, moved and accepted.

5.2.1 Motion 1 (amended)

That Full Membership fees be raised to \$180.00; that Associate Membership fees be raised to \$100.00; and that Affiliate Membership fees be raised to \$80.00. This comes into effect immediately for any new members and will apply to renewing members at the start of the next financial year.

Move to accept Motion 1 (McIntyre-Tamwoy/Brayshaw). Motion accepted.

Background to Motion 1:

Currently the AACAI does not recoup enough fees from members to cover the annual costs of the Association. While the move to an electronic *Newsletter* frees up funds, the purpose of this change was to free funds for the development of an AACAI journal and other initiatives, thereby providing additional services to members for the same *Newsletter* cost. The AACAI fee increases have not kept pace with either the costs of the Association nor with the fees of other similar associations. In addition it is clear that many members who, according to the membership criteria, should be paying for Full Membership are in fact remaining in inappropriate categories resulting in a loss of income to the Association.

It is therefore recommended that the membership fees for categories of Associate and Affiliate be increased and pegged to a stated percentage of the Full Member rate. This may contribute to the incentive for qualified consultants moving into Full Membership. It will also mean that new services for members will be covered by the Association's income.

Table 1 presents what was agreed in the amended motion and so includes an increase in Full Membership fees.

Table 1. Current and new fee membership fee structure.

Category	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Difference
Full Members	\$160	\$180	+\$20
Associate Members	\$50	\$100	+\$50
Affiliate Members	\$40	\$80	+\$40

5.2.2 Motion 2

- *That the members endorse the publications program including the monthly electronic Newsletter, a bi-annual printed journal and digital technical monographs, the latter to be accessed on the website via*

- individual member logins.*
- *That editorship of the electronic Newsletter be undertaken by State Chapter Delegates on a rotational basis of say 3 months at a time.*
 - *That the new AACAI journal be produced as a peer reviewed journal with independent reviewers.*
 - *That the interim editorial committee consists of Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy, Jane Harrington, Richard Fullagar and Sean Ulm and that other members (drawn from Affiliates, Associate or Full Members) are appointed to the committee after a call for expressions of interest.*
 - *That the following roles be allocated to the specified members of the Editorial Committee:*
 - *Journal Editors: Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy and Jane Harrington;*
 - *Newsletter Coordinator and Webmaster: Sean Ulm;*
 - *Technical Monograph Series Editors: Sean Ulm and Richard Fullagar*
 - *A vote of thanks be extended to Jane Harrington, Tessa Corkill and Sean Ulm for their tremendous efforts to date.*

Move to accept Motion 2 (McIntyre-Tamwoy/Harrington). Motion accepted.

Background to Motion 2 [NB: This is the background provided to the AGM prior to amendment of the above motion from the floor].

Over the past year the NEC has discussed at length the need to provide our members with more value for money in relation to the range of publications. Previously the key feature (and in most years the only product) of the AACAI publications program has been the hardcopy *AACAI Newsletter*. In recent years the *Newsletter* has been given a major facelift and has been an important way for the Association to stay in touch with its members. Unfortunately the cost of printing and distributing the *Newsletter* varies but 3-4 issues per year now cost around \$6,000-\$8,000 per year. This consumes most of the Association's funds, effectively preventing us from producing other publications. The challenge for the NEC was to look at ways of still providing the essential communication services to our members but at the same time freeing up funds to enable publication of a journal. The NEC came up with the following package, which allows for the production of a newsletter, journal and technical monograph series.

The Newsletter: The initial change involved the move to an electronic *Newsletter*. In August 2004 the National Executive Committee resolved to trial a monthly electronic *Newsletter* to replace the quarterly printed *Newsletter*. This decision was made unanimously after a discussion that had started some months before concerning both the limited AACAI budget and a general desire to provide greater value to members. There are three main reasons why the NEC has decided to trial a monthly electronic newsletter:

- **Money:** The *Newsletter* is the major expense of the AACAI and for the last three years the Association has operated at a loss.
- **Value for Money:** If a printed newsletter was retained it would have to be reduced in either size or

frequency and even so it would continue to draw the bulk of the Association's available funds and limit other possible initiatives. Alternatively the move to an electronic journal reduces the Newsletter costs dramatically and frees up funds to introduce a range of new initiatives (see below).

- **Effective Communication with Members:** The printed *Newsletter* format requires a certain content of volume to make publication viable, from time to time this leads to delays while the Newsletter Editor is forced to wait for enough content to make the volume viable - this in turn may throw out printing schedules and can result in some information being out of date by the time it is produced. In addition, the publication of the Newsletter is not frequent enough to enable the communication of time-dependent information (meetings, employment opportunities etc). The electronic option on the other hand is not dependent on the size of the volume or the number of articles so it can be produced and distributed quickly even when the content is small, allowing timely distribution of news. Because of reduced costs we can afford to put the Newsletter out on a regular monthly basis, making it a more effective and reliable conduit of news to and from our members.

The *Newsletter* will be issued monthly. It has been running as a trial since September 2004, compiled and edited by Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy and Sean Ulm during its introductory phase.

It is hoped that the membership will adopt the concept of a rotating 'editor' role for the *Newsletter* that is shared between the State Chapters. It is felt that this would help to get a larger voice for some of our smaller chapters and help each chapter develop a strong individual identity while building stronger links with the Association as a whole. Volunteers from each State Chapter will be sought over the next few weeks to take on the role of rotating editor.

A New Journal: The proposed changes go beyond the electronic *Newsletter* to include the introduction of a new journal: *The Australian Journal of Consulting Archaeology and Heritage Management*. It is proposed that this journal will be produced twice a year and focus exclusively on papers arising from the work of consultants. The primary aims of this journal are to:

- Get the results and outcomes of consulting work into the public domain.
- Promote cross-fertilisation of ideas, strategies and innovation amongst our members.
- Showcase the range of innovative work being undertaken within the field.
- Provide opportunities for members including our Affiliate Members within agencies to publish their work.
- To enhance the standing of the Association and its members by promoting applied archaeological and heritage techniques, methods and theories as they relate to consulting archaeology and cultural heritage management.

The journal should meet requirements for a peer-reviewed publication (papers would be subject to peer

review). The journal will contain a statement outlining the review process. Records will be kept by the editors of the reviews for each article and the outcomes of the review although this information will not be published.

The first edition of the journal is scheduled for April 2005 and will be a compilation of solicited papers from members and volunteered papers. The second edition will be produced around September and will aim to pick up consultancy-based papers from the previous AIMA, ASHA and AAA conferences. Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy and Jane Harrington will start as journal editors supported by an editorial committee (see motion above).

A Technical Monograph Series: The previous NEC resolved to produce a monograph series that aimed to publish 'best practice' consultant reports. The first report (Jo McDonald CHM) was selected but publication had not progressed, due partly to lack of funds. However, the current NEC resolved to explore electronic publication via the AACAI website, which will be available through a member's login (see Webmaster's Report) this will provide a free-of-charge service to our members and allow them access to exemplar reports that would otherwise not be in the public domain. We are anticipating that we will be able to print and bind copies of the monograph on request. The printed versions would be available on an 'at cost' basis for those members who decide that they need a printed version.

The editorial committee will be looking for new exemplar reports. Suggestions from members are welcome. The reports should be authored or substantially be authored by a member of the Association. A variety of project types will be sought and suggestions from all state chapters are welcome. The projects should represent excellent examples of work from the field of consulting archaeology and heritage management. To expand the range quickly the editorial committee is specifically seeking a report from one of the following project types for its next technical monograph:

- A cultural heritage audit.
- An historical (non-Indigenous) excavation.
- An excavation that innovatively or comprehensively considers both Indigenous and non-Indigenous heritage.
- A Conservation Management Plan for either an Indigenous or non-Indigenous site or landscape.
- A maritime archaeological assessment or investigation.
- An industrial archaeological assessment or investigation.

[NB: an attachment was appended to the background information for this motion which is not included here i.e. DEST requirements for referred journals and journal articles].

5.2.3 Motion 3

Recording our history as an Association (amended):

That the NEC accepts the proposal by Helen Brayshaw and Laila Haglund to write a history of AACAI and authorizes the Treasurer to make funding of \$5,000 available to them for the work and expenses.

That \$2,000 be made available for work and expenses and a further amount of \$1,000 to be allocated in the next financial year. The NEC request that the NSW and QLD Chapters donate \$1000 each.

Moved that the NEC accept the proposal by Helen Brayshaw and Laila Haglund to write the history of AACAI (McIntyre-Tamwoy/Pardoe). Motion accepted.

Background to Motion 3:
Suggestions for a History of AACAI

These suggestions for presentation to the NEC are proposed by Helen Brayshaw and Laila Haglund. We both have long experience of the Association, Laila being responsible for initiating the idea of and developing the Association as Foundation President, and Helen having attended the inaugural meeting held in 1979 and later served time as President. Both are currently on the membership committee.

Since we are likely to remember - and perhaps forget - efforts and arguments that went into the growth of the Association but also know that there was an enormous amount of joint effort and varying opinions, other members should have a chance to contribute.

If the Webmaster is willing, we could start writing something about the early history of the Association and put this as a draft on the website, inviting other members to write in to comment and contribute. Such comments could then be forwarded to us for use in the history. We would keep adding sections as we got them finished. This approach could make it a lively and corporate effort.

If responses/contributions from others are more a matter of discussion of policies etc, they could be added to a discussion section in the Newsletter. Some of our early discussions are still seen as controversial and are relevant to present practices. The history could lead to a lively discussion.

We could also scan in various documents referred to in the text and provide them to be inserted as reference material.

At some stage others could take over to outline recent history, including that relating to the various State Chapters.

In terms of finance, we suggest it would be appropriate for AACAI to offer us \$2,500 each towards expenses to be incurred, or some variant of this with the difference to the Webmaster.

Table 2. Some of the areas to be covered in the AACAI history.

Document	List
Influences and circumstances leading to the calling of a meeting and the principal aims	reading material accessed
The meeting - attendance, discussions, matters raised for further investigation and action	participants in meeting
Major policy lines mentioned and areas of general agreement and/or interest	subcommittees set up (participants)
Organisation of and involvement in follow-up work	
Achievements of the first few years, including Constitution; incorporation; advice on contracting; recommended minimum fee scales; insurance and superannuation; upgrading skills; defining policies relating to clients, Aborigines, ethics, work practices	documents produced and dates; early revisions; revision of organisation and development of State Chapters
Discussions about membership levels, standards, fees, documentation required	append examples of advice and forms
Relations to various States and state departments - positive and negative	examples
Growing role as reviewers of legislation and regulations; policies relating to heritage	examples

National Executive Committee	office holders through the years
Membership	membership - all levels

5.2.4 Motion 4

Establishment of a Teaching and Learning Subcommittee:

Motion:

That the Association agrees to establish a Teaching and Learning Subcommittee.

That the NEC determine and set out the tenure, purpose and objectives of the Teaching and Learning Subcommittee.

That the details of the Subcommittee, and the contact details for its convenor be noted on the AACAI website for the information of members.

Moved that a Teaching and Learning Subcommittee be established. (McIntyre-Tamwoy/Corkill). Motion accepted.

Background to Motion 4:

Increasingly the various State Chapters of AACAI are responding to calls from members for learning opportunities relevant to their profession. It is considered important that the NEC take a coordinating and standards role to ensure that:

- the opportunities and courses offered are of a consistent standard and quality;
- that the courses are advertised to members equitably (say through an Annual Calendar);
- the courses are ultimately linked to progression through membership categories to assist members where necessary in moving into Full Membership; and
- that the opportunities foster an appreciation of life-long learning amongst Association members.

6. Elections and appointment of office bearers

Two vacant positions were filled.

Membership Secretary is now Jane Harrington (Brayshaw/Corkill)

Treasurer is now Denis Gojak (McIntyre-Tamwoy/Brayshaw)

Thanks are extended to the Acting Membership Secretary and Treasurer, Sean Ulm and Catherine Westcott for standing in for Fiona Hook and Bruce Veitch who had to step down earlier in the year.

7. Other business

7.1 Representatives of the proposed Indigenous Archaeological Association (IAA) had approached AACAI to inform them that they are in the process of becoming an active organisation and would like to communicate with AACAI on issues of common interest. The NEC will keep up discussions with the IAA.

8. Next meeting.

The next AGM will coincide with the next AAA Annual Conference, in Fremantle, WA.

9. Close of meeting

7:20pm



President's Report

Colin Pardoe

This was such an eventful year. I would like to steal the thunder of the rest of the executive reports by mentioning all the good things that have been happening. News on membership, publication, newsletter, workshops, seminars and much more will be set out in detail in this newsletter.

Fewer members and NEC were able to attend the AAA conference in Armidale than we might have wished, but we continue to contribute to our sister organisation by attendance and subscription, as well as the presentation of the The Laila Haglund Prize for Excellence in Consultancy, which will be reported shortly.

During the year we reluctantly accepted the resignation from executive, for personal reasons, of Bruce Veitch (Treasurer) and Fiona Hook (Membership Secretary). I would like to place on record here our appreciation of their efforts for AACAI and archaeology. During the year Sean Ulm and Catherine Westcott filled these respective roles.

Sean Ulm has also had to resign as Membership Secretary, mainly because we have finally managed to put enough rocks into his backpack to slow him down somewhat. Sean continues to assist AACAI, as Webmaster for which we record a vote of thanks.

Entering the Archaeological Record

We note the passing of Peter Clark, a friend and colleague of many working in western New South Wales. His lengthy association with the archaeology of the Willandra Lakes helped steer many projects to a good result.

Complaints

A feature of 2004 was the level of complaint levelled at individuals in archaeology. For those with long-term experience in archaeology, this will come as no surprise. For younger players, it is important to learn the evolutionary lesson that your competitors are those most similar to you - they will be competing for the same ecological niches. This makes the social cohesion of professional organisations such as ours difficult. At the same time it provides a social arena in which we may set out rules of behaviour and a level playing field. If you have trouble, you will have AACAI in your corner. Some complaints have been resolved, while others may not admit a resolution. But we must work at maintaining our social cohesion by maintaining an impartial approach that attempts to contribute to agreements that may be struck between development companies and interested parties, be they Indigenous organisations or other social groups. In addition to providing archaeological expertise, we must occasionally provide assistance in negotiations between these parties, and we must make sure that regulators can verify that legislation has been complied with.

Ethics

The AACAI Code of Ethics needs some minor modification at section 5.4:

5.4 Where a member has been asked for a second opinion, she/he shall advise the first archaeologist that she/he has been so requested.

During the coming year I propose to set out a more detailed proposal that will clarify the variety of 'second opinions' and how one might proceed. The associated policy document, CONSULTING WITH ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES, may also require attention.

During the year I also spent a considerable amount of time on the implications of the AAA Code of Ethics for private contract archaeologists. As a result of my communication with AAA executive, and the contributions of others, they have modified their Code of Ethics.

Future Initiatives

We are proceeding with ideas on promoting the results of our work on several fronts. I will not pre-empt our VP on some of these, but will note that our web service continues to expand.

Literature and Libraries

AACAI and AAA have moved to keep up with provision of literature and information, but it is a largish task. Further options will include publications. Many societies maintain a library for the benefit of members. As a distributed organisation, this is difficult. We are not, however, well served by either regulatory bodies or universities, although there are notable exceptions. The former maintain archaeological reports, but not in a library-friendly format. We cannot and probably should not rely on state regulatory bodies to maintain libraries, although some are very good at this, as Sue M-T points out for NSW. We should not expect this,

since it is not their core business, it is not well-funded, and there is a notion of ephemera to the so-called 'grey literature'. Universities have created a unique situation where the libraries supported at least in part by tax dollars (your money) have now, as a result of web-based journal publication, become unavailable to all but university staff and students. Since universities are still heavily supported by taxpayers, then archaeologists who operate in private enterprise with no links to universities subsidize those archaeologists who are either employed or affiliated with universities. Where university employees carry out contract work, either as individuals or through a consulting arm, we are subsidizing them to compete against us. We subsidize access to research literature and find ourselves restricted from it at the same time. Who would have thought that the journals would become not just ephemera, but a new form of grey literature?

My point, however, is that for those working in archaeology, footwork (real or virtual) is still necessary at any and all libraries, government departments, and with personal and business contacts. Grey can only refer to how difficult one perceives it to be to find required information. It strikes me that for some, the university library has become grey.

To counter such trends, it seems possible to me that we could take some small steps toward making relevant work accessible by hosting members' publications and reports. There are many difficulties and obstacles to such an idea, but at a small scale, a selection of work that each member thinks might contribute to the scene would be a bonus to all.

Bibliographies are also an important working tool. Ian Johnson attempted to provide an archaeological bibliography several years ago. I am not thinking at a terribly ambitious scale, but we might consider spending some money for the collection of State regulatory agency as well as members' bibliographies into a very basic document. The Webmaster's report takes up further issues of spending on our web presence.

Accreditation

We are not yet large enough, but the time is not far when we must consider taking on the responsibility of accreditation in the profession. If we look to dentists, doctors and engineers, their societies provide an accreditation body separate and independent from the universities that teach future practitioners. At the moment, universities both teach and accredit. The dramatic changes in universities in their teaching focus and methods will affect our membership for years to come. The reduction in teaching archaeology of Indigenous Australia, for instance, will have real effects over the next decade. Our input to the discipline of archaeology includes advice to universities about what is required in theory, method and analysis. A logical next step for archaeology is professional accreditation.

Thanks

It is always a pleasure to extend a vote of thanks. First, I would like to thank membership for their continued support and contribution to many aspects of society. Second, I would like to thank those members who

worked to provide the many benefits we have received. Third, I would like to thank the other members of the National Executive Committee for their contribution of time and effort in keeping AACAI a vibrant association.



Secretary's Report

Oona Nicolson

Three NEC meetings were held during 2004: 21 May, 30 August and 1 November. These meetings were conducted by telephone conference. Various issues have also been resolved outside formal NEC meetings by email. I have maintained a record of my email messages and faxed correspondence on CD-Rom.

The main issues dealt with by the NEC during 2004 have been:

- Support for ACCAI Chapters and various state workshops.
- The AACAI archives at the Mitchell Library.
- Changes to the Newsletter.
- The monograph series.
- Submissions on behalf of members to government and other agencies.
- Discussions of what constitutes peer reviews/audits and second opinions.
- Support for National Archaeology Week.
- AACAI is now a member of CHASS Council of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences (based in Canberra).
- Input into Victorian State Government cultural heritage strategies.
- Introducing EFT as a payment option for membership.
- Bibliography of member's reports on web.
- Professional dispute mediation.

AACAI has retained the post Box 214 in the Holme Building, University of Sydney. Subscriptions should still be sent directly to the Membership Secretary, a system which is now quite efficient. I am grateful to Mark Rawson, Julie Drew and Trudy Dolman who have helped by checking and delivering AACAI mail.

I thank all members of the NEC who have worked very effectively throughout the last year.



Membership Secretary's Report

Sean Ulm

Overview of Membership

Financial membership of AACAI as at 21 December 2004 (for the 2004-2005 financial year) was 110 (27 Full Members; 60 Associate Members; 23 Affiliate Members) (Table 1). For comparison, AACAI had 115 financial members at the end of the 2003-2004 financial year. The Register of Members for the 2003-2004 financial year was published in the April *AACAI Newsletter* (No. 95).

Table 1. Financial members for the 2004-2005* financial year (* up to 21 December 2004).

	QLD	NSW	ACT	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT	O/S	Total
Full	5	10	4	2	0	4	2	0	0	27
Associate	10	20	6	4	0	10	9	1	0	60
Affiliate	4	10	1	1	1	2	3	0	1	23
Total	19	40	11	7	1	16	14	1	1	110

2004-2005 Renewal Reminder Schedule

On 25 October 2004, second reminders were posted to 36 members with outstanding fees for the 2004-2005 financial year. On 6 December 2004, a third reminder was emailed to 13 members with outstanding fees. The Register of Members will be reviewed mid-way through the financial year (i.e. 31 December 2004) and non-financial members deleted.

Successful Membership Applications in 2004

To date, 13 new members (3 Full Member; 8 Associate Member; 2 Affiliate Member) have been admitted to AACAI during 2004. The three Full Members were upgrades from Associate Membership status:

- Tessa Boer-Mah – Associate Member
- Oliver Brown – Associate Member
- Adrienne Ellis – Associate Member
- Francis George – Associate Member
- Paul Greenfeld – Full Member
- Jane Harrington – Full Member
- Fiona Hook – Full Member
- Jenna Lamb – Associate Member
- Andrew McLaren – Associate Member
- Lyndon Patterson – Associate Member
- Judith Powell – Affiliate Member
- Madge Schwede – Affiliate Member

- Nathan Woolford – Associate Member

Membership Applications in Progress

Two Full Membership applications are currently in progress.

In closing I wish to thank Fiona Hook and the rest of the AACAI NEC for their support and offer my congratulations to the incoming Membership Secretary.



Treasurer's Report

Catherine Westcott

This has been an active year financially, with considerable amounts of money raised and spent. The audit for the 2003-2004 financial year (1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004) has been completed. A review of the most significant points follows.

As can be seen in Table 1, income over the last year was \$14,861.01. Expenses were \$19,291.74. The result is a loss of \$4,430.73 for the year. The profit retained from the previous year is \$14,173.00, giving AACAI retained profits of \$9,742.27 at 30 June 2004.

Table 1. Profit and loss statement 1 July 2003-30 June 2004.

2004 \$		2003 \$
14,861.01	TOTAL INCOME	10,371.00
19,291.74	TOTAL EXPENSES	14,029.00
4,430.73	OPERATING PROFIT/LOSS	3,658.00
14,173.00	RETAINED PROFITS	17,831.00
9,742.27	TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION	14,173.00
9,742.27	RETAINED PROFITS	14,173.00

Tables 2 and 3 show the annual income and expenses as percentages. The chief form of income is membership fees and the Association's major expenses are the publication of the Newsletter and conference expenses. It is interesting that they equal about the same percentage of AACAI's total income and expenses

respectively. The income and expenses are discussed in more detail shortly.

Table 2. AACAI income 2003/2004.

Category	%
Newsletter	1
Membership Fees	60
Application Fees	2
Workshop Registration Fees	34
Interest Received	3

Table 3. AACAI expenses 2003/2004.

Category	%
Accounting & Audit	2
Bank Charges	<1
Conference Expenses	28
Insurance	18
General Expenses	1
Newsletter Costs	30
Printing, Postage, Stationery	11
Association Registration Fees	0
Sponsorship	3
Travel - Meetings	4
Website	3

The balance sheet shows how AACAI's assets are allocated (Table 4). \$8,565.60 is held in a Cash Management Account and most of the remainder of the Association's cash is held in a Business Account which is used for day-to-day business. The total of this account fluctuates but at the end of June 2004 was \$1,037.45. A second NAB account holding \$369 is shown. This account was not used during the last financial year and I recommend that the incoming Treasurer close the account and operate from only one

NAB account.

Table 4. AACAI balance sheet 30 June 2004.

2004		2003
\$		\$
	ASSETS	
	Current Assets	
1,037.45	NAB Current Bank Account	6,055.00
369.00	NAB Bank Account	369.00
8,565.60	UBS Cash Management Account	8,229.00
70.00	Sundry Debtors	220.00
10,042.05	Total Assets	14,873.00
	LIABILITIES	
	Current Liabilities	
300.00	Creditors	700.00
300.00	Total Liabilities	700.00
	NET ASSETS	
	Represented by: Members' Funds	
9,742.05	Accumulated Surplus	14,173.00

Table 5 shows the details of AACAI's income. As Acting Treasurer since September 2004, I have not administered any of the income or expenses listed in the audit. As a result I have had to make some assumptions about these transactions and apologise if there are any mistakes. Please advise if you are aware of any misrepresentations. Income is largely derived from membership fees and workshop registration fees. I understand this workshop to be the Sydney Lithics workshop.

Table 5. AACAI income 2003/2004.

2004		2003
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\$		\$
	INCOME	
100.00	Newsletter	220.00
8,903.00	Membership Fees	9,510.00
330.00	Application Fees	90.00
5,125.00	Workshop Registration Fees	-
403.00	Interest Received	511.00
-	Other Income	40.00
14,861.00	TOTAL INCOME	10,371.00

Table 6 shows the expenses for the year. The chief of these are the production of the AACAI Newsletter, the money given to the New South Wales Chapter for the Lithics Workshop (but also see income from the workshop) and Liability Insurance for the Association. Other expenses include postage etc for the Newsletter and membership correspondence, the annual audit, the The Laila Haglund Prize for Excellence in Consultancy at the AAA conference, accommodation and travel for AACAI members attending the meeting of the Archaeology Teaching and Learning Committee, the Association's registration fees, and the cost of the domain for the AACAI website.

Table 6. AACAI expenses 2003/2004.

2004 \$		2003 \$
	EXPENSES	
359.00	Accounting & Audit Fees	881.00
29.00	Bank Charges	50.00
5,500.00	Conference Expenses	-
-	Conference Support	495.00
3,401.90	Insurance	-
170.32	General Expenses	-
-	Meeting Costs	292.00
6,011.30	Newsletter Costs	5,545.00

-	PO Box Rental	65.00
2,036.62	Printing, Postage, Stationery	68.00
-	Prizes	500.00
53.00	Association Registration Fees	102.00
500.00	Sponsorships	2,500.00
-	National Archaeology Week	650.00
682.60	Travel - Meetings	-
548.00	Website	2,881.00
19,291.74	TOTAL EXPENSES	14,029.00

The balance of the AACAI accounts, taken from the most recent bank statements, are as follows:

NAB account \$6278.70
 UBS cash management account \$8565.00
 Total assets as at 21/12/2004 \$14843.70

There are several current liabilities, namely:
 Reimbursement to Sean Ulm for various expenses \$596.97
 AACAI website hosting \$548.00
 Audit and bookkeeping expenses \$1049.00
 The Laila Haglund Prize (2004 AAA Conference) \$500.00
 Total outstanding expenses as at 21/12/04 \$2693.97

The net assets available to AACAI at this time are therefore \$12149.73.

The Association has sustained substantial losses for at least the last two years. I note, however, that the electronic production of the Newsletter will remove the major annual expense and more than cover the loss of the last financial year.

The cost of this year's audit includes entering the AACAI accounts since 1 July 2003 into a MYOB program. I strongly recommend to the incoming NEC, and particularly the Treasurer, that accounts continue to be kept in this format. This will provide consistency of recording, ease of auditing for future audits, financial records which comply with bookkeeping principles and legislative requirements, complete and accurate records, and accessible records. The entry of financial records into the MYOB program assists the Treasurer to keep

accurate accounts with least possible time input.



Webmaster's Report

Sean Ulm

Introduction

This report documents the 12 months of operation of the AACAI website from 1 December 2003 to 30 November 2004.

Usage Statistics (1 December 2003-30 November 2004)

In the 12 months to 30 November 2004 the website received 210,578 hits from users based in 58 countries. Daily usage averaged c.577 hits and monthly usage averaged in excess of 17,500 hits. Usage over this period comprised the accessing of 158,297 files, 39,601 pages, 15,541 individual visits and the serving of 2.8GB of data. The Register of Consultants and its subordinate pages (Full Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members) received the majority of hits. Pages with joining information and general information about AACAI were also popular, with 409 copies of the Full Application Package in .pdf format downloaded. The introduction of the electronic version of the AACAI Newsletter also proved popular. Around 21% 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.

The NEC recently proposed to publish a new Australian Archaeological Consultancy Monograph Series in Adobe Portable Document Format (.pdf) on the AACAI website with download access restricted to members. Offering this service (as opposed to an open access publication model) would require significant work on the structure of the website beyond the expertise of the current Webmaster. As the website now provides the primary mechanism for promoting the Association and disseminating information to its members it may be worth considering investing money to develop the website in general, including a members-only section to provide services to members.

Feedback and contributions are very welcome.



New South Wales State Chapter Annual Report

Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy, Chairperson

I take pleasure in providing my first annual report as Chairperson of the NSW State Chapter. It has been a busy year in which I have been learning as I go in regard to AACAI procedures and issues. Thankfully I

have had the support of some long-standing committee members to help fill in the gaps in my own knowledge and experience.

A Strong State Executive Committee

Our SEC has grown over the course of the year. When I first took up office we had the minimum number of committee members to operate under the constitution. This meant that people were doubling up on roles and given how busy we are it was often difficult to get a quorum at meetings. Nothing frustrates a busy consultant more than wasting time! Below quorum get together, no matter how unavoidable the individual excuses, had the potential to drive us all crazy. A small committee also means that the burden of work falls heavily on a few shoulders.

I therefore made it one of my first priorities to build up the SEC by finding enthusiastic volunteers to be co-opted onto the committee. I am pleased to report that we have a healthy active SEC with a good balance of more experienced and newer members. The SEC members besides me are:

Annie Bickford – Deputy Chairperson
Mark Rawson – Secretary
Julie Drew – Treasurer and State Delegate
Helen Brayshaw
Dominic Steele
Jane Harrington
Fiona Leslie

Input into Government Reviews and Policy Documents

The SEC has maintained a strong voice for members through provision of advice and input into government reviews and the development of policy documents. In the past year we have provided input into the following:

- The NSW Heritage Office Discussion Paper on Heritage and Sustainability with particular emphasis on:
 - Cultural Landscapes, ESD and Policy
 - State of our Heritage Report
 - Stakeholders
- Interpretation policy and guidelines project (HO NSW)
- Review of the *Tasmanian Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995*
- The current Heritage Office Review of the archaeological provisions of the Heritage Act.

Creating a Learning Environment for Our Members

Following on from the very successful stone tool workshops run by the previous NEC and the St Johns Ambulance course run last year by the SEC we have offered two workshops from members on geomorphology for archaeologists. The second of these workshops was held on the 13-14 November 2004.

In response to the obvious demand for professional development course I have held discussions with Sean Ulm and Catherine Westcott of the Queensland Chapter (who are also running workshops) with a view to getting a nationwide calendar of workshops together for inclusion in the Newsletter early in the new calendar year. We have also discussed putting a motion to the NEC AGM regarding the recognition of workshop attendance as a part fulfilment of some membership criteria for different levels of membership. This is in line with the NSW SEC's express concern to encourage our membership to progress through the ranks from Associate to Full Member as soon as possible while maintaining high professional standards.

Already we have had suggestions for next year's seminars and workshops which include:

- Forensic archaeology and the consulting archaeologist
- Workshop on the untapped potential of the Aboriginal Heritage and Information System DEC
- A 1 day add-on field trip - Geomorphology of the Cumberland Plain.

Members who have other suggestions are welcome to [email](#) me with their ideas.

Our occasional meetings have continued to provide food for discussion although the organisation of these owes very little to me (except for a brief stint where I had to pick up the reins while Tessa was lolling in the heather in Scotland) and everything to our tireless Tessa Corkill who continues to find, cajole and organise our speakers and Julie Drew and Mark Rawson who between them organise catering and venue. These occasional meetings which happen more than occasionally continue to be a convenient way for members to keep track of the vast array of projects occurring in NSW and elsewhere.

Emerging Issues for Our Organisation

Serving also as Vice President of the National Executive provides an ideal opportunity to keep abreast of what is happening in other states, within our organisation. It has also impressed on me the need to continually review the way we keep in touch with our members, transmit information and encourage the interchange of ideas that is essential to a healthy and vital member based organisation. Importantly we need to continually review the cost-effectiveness of some of our activities so that we can continue to deliver the best range of services to members. One of the recent changes introduced has been the change from our traditional print-based newsletter to an electronic version. While many of us have seen the transition with some reluctance the freeing up of funds has opened the way to providing more opportunities to members such as the proposed journal and production of the exemplar reports as a resource for members. While these are properly an NEC initiative it is important for us all to recognise the opportunities that these changes

provide so that we can make the most of them.

Another issue that is important to us in NSW is the matter of more involvement and input into the DEC restructure and the development of new policies and procedures to support the new organisational structure. The NEC President Colin Pardoe has had several discussions with DEC and although very little change has come from these discussions to date the time is now ripe for the establishment of more regular discussions at State level.

Developing and increasing our membership base: Every year it seems it is two steps forward and one step backwards in the membership numbers. There are still members who have not renewed their membership this year. AACAI membership runs on a financial year basis, so if you haven't already paid, you became non-financial on 1 July 2004.

The AACAI has one of the cheapest membership rates of any professional organisation around, particularly given its small membership base. This means that every dollar counts and your overdue membership dues have a very real effect on our ability to provide member services. Similarly those members who languish at Associate level when they should clearly apply for Full Membership are effectively failing to do the right thing by their organisation and the industry as a whole. For many of us with busy schedules it is probably more an issue of finding the time to upgrade our membership rather than ingrained miserly tendencies (or so it is hoped) so I would encourage everyone to review their membership status and apply for Full Membership where appropriate. This has been a concern of the SEC for some time and to this end the SEC last year put a motion to the NEC to alter the constitution so that it required Associate Members to apply for Full Membership after 5 years or show cause as to why they should be allowed to continue as Associate Members. After some delay, due to lack of familiarity of the process of registering changes to the constitution, I understand that this change is about to be implemented. So let's get a head start in NSW!

It is clear to me that if we don't increase our membership base then we will need to increase fees. It is important to balance this drive for more funds with the provision of high quality services for members. The success of the geomorphology workshop has shown that the State Chapter can generate a small financial base (independent of membership fees) of its own which it can put back into initiatives for its members.

Heritage and Archaeology: One of the primary confusions for new members/practitioners is the relationship between heritage and archaeology, except that is for those people who lurch straight into the workforce and don't realise that there is a difference! I consider this to be an area of importance to the Association. Better understanding and where necessary development of our role as well as our skills in heritage management is vital. Together with my colleagues on the SEC we will be looking for opportunities over the coming year to encourage debate of this issue and to provide opportunities to enhance the key skills of our members.

One of the tasks that I will be putting to the SEC for the new year is the development of a small program of initiatives over the next 12 months that can be self funded. This program will integrate the proposed workshops and occasional meetings and any other initiatives that the membership, through the SEC come up with. So if you have any good ideas for activities, initiatives or services that the SEC should be delivering please feel free to email me and let me know.

Queensland State Chapter Annual Report

Sean Ulm, Chairperson

The focus of 2004 Queensland Chapter activities was the offering of the Advanced Stone Artefact Analysis Workshop. The Chapter plans to offer a workshop entitled *Introduction to Australian Cultural Heritage Legislation Workshop* over the weekend of 1-2 October 2005 and *Introduction to GIS Workshop* over the weekend of 30 September-1 October 2006. The Chapter is also a major sponsor of 2005 National Archaeology Week activities in Queensland.

Minutes of the AACAI Queensland State Chapter AGM 2004

The Queensland State Chapter Annual General Meeting was held at 12:50pm on 13 December 2004 at the 2004 Australian Archaeological Association Annual Conference held in Armidale, New South Wales.

Members Present: Sean Ulm, Jill Reid, Catherine Westcott, Michael Haslam, Jenna Lamb, Nathan Woolford.

Non-Members Present: Bryce Barker, Luke Kirkwood, Alison Crowther, Noelene Cole, Sue Nugent, Gail Robertson, Delyna Baxter, Michelle Langley, Robyn Jenkins, Dan Rosendahl, Emma Oliver, Dee Gorrington, Clair Harris, Cassandra Venn, Janet Susans.

1. Apologies

Annie Ross, Ian Lilley, Liz Hatte, Michele Bird.

2. Review of 2004 Activities

The Advanced Stone Artefact Analysis Workshop in the AACAI Professional Development Workshop Series was hosted by the Queensland State Chapter in Brisbane over the weekend of 2-3 October 2004. The Australian Archaeological Association Inc. provided \$500 to support Indigenous delegates. Forty-one delegates completed the workshop.

3. Treasurer's Report

The Queensland State Chapter set up an account at the Commonwealth Bank early in the year. All income and expenditure during the year was associated with hosting the workshop. As at 19 December 2004 the balance stood at \$4,765-60 with no liabilities outstanding.

4. Potential Professional Development Workshop Discussion

A discussion was held concerning Queensland State Chapter activities for 2005. Attendees indicated a strong interest in further professional development workshops, in particular workshops focussing on GIS and cultural heritage legislation. The Executive undertook to investigate options for offering these workshops in the course of 2005.

5. Election of Office Bearers

2005 positions elected unanimously:

Chairperson Sean Ulm
Vice Chairperson Annie Ross
State Secretary Michael Haslam
State Treasurer Jill Reid
State Delegate Catherine Westcott
Alternative State Delegate Liz Hatte

Victorian State Chapter Annual Report

Oona Nicolson, Chairperson

Very little has happened with the chapter this year, and numerous planned meetings have not eventuated due to busy schedules.

Aboriginal Affairs Victoria and Heritage Victoria have requested AACAI input into the proposed changes to the heritage legislation in the State. This started with a series of workshops and continues into 2005. Oona Nicolson attended the workshops.

We have three speakers lined up for 2005 and Biosis Research has offered their conference room and facilities for the talks.

We look forward to a more active year in Victoria in 2005.

South Australian State Chapter Annual Report

David Mott, Secretary

The South Australian Chapter of AACAI recently (15 February 2005) held their Annual General Meeting at the Exeter Hotel, Rundle Street , Adelaide .

It was noted at the meeting that some SA members have allowed their membership to lapse and we would encourage those members to rejoin as we look forward to making 2005 a productive year for the SA Chapter.

We envisage undertaking a membership drive to increase the SA membership base. We also aim to reconnect with fellow local societies with a view to future events and keynote speakers.

The SA Chapter of AACAI held its Annual General Meeting recently. Election of members to the State Committee for the forthcoming year sees Neale Draper returning as Chairperson. Helen Cooke takes over from Susan Piddock as Treasurer and Helen also put her hand up for position of State Delegate (previously held by Gordon Copland). David Mott takes over from Kylli Firth as Secretary.

Research Student and Questionnaire for Members

David Jones of Adelaide University recently sought access to our mailing list on behalf of one of his students who was distributing a questionnaire to consultants as part of her research project. Masayo Matsuda is a doctoral student in landscape architecture at the University of Adelaide . She is being co-supervised by Lyn Leader-Elliott in the School of Cultural Tourism in Flinders University with advice from the Flinders University School of Archaeology. She is researching the intersection between post-contact archaeology practice and urban planning practice in Australian urban contexts on a state/territory basis.

To date she has sent questionnaires to all statutory planners in urban councils in Australia, all archaeology managers in state/territory heritage agencies, resulting in some very interesting information about totally different insights, perspectives, and levels of resolution of logic in every state/territory in Australia. We would like now to do a questionnaire to all practicing archaeologists in Australia to ascertain their problems with and understanding of Australia's planning systems as it relates to the practice of post-contact archaeology in urban landscapes.

The AACAI Executive recently agreed to assist with the distribution of the questionnaire.

Call for Expressions of Interest from State Chapters to Edit the AACAI Newsletter

Are you interested in taking a more active role in your Association? Perhaps you would like to promote the work of consultants in your State or Territory?

The National Executive Committee has resolved to establish a revolving editorship for the Newsletter now that it is in electronic format. We would like to hear from members who would be willing to take a turn at this role. So that this process works efficiently we need to prepare an advance roster. If you are interested in this opportunity please contact Susan Macintyre-Tamwoy.

Essential criteria:

- Internet access, computer, Word

- Willingness to commit to producing one Newsletter per month for 4 months

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](#).

DEC NSW Interim Requirements for Community Consultation

Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy

I recently spoke at some length with Joshua Gilroy, Director Northwestern, DEC. He is the member of the DEC Executive team that is responsible for the development of the Interim Community Consultation Requirements for Applicants. The main purpose of the discussion was to seek clarification regarding whether or not the requirements apply to projects where a s87 and s90 permit is required only (as the title implies) or to all projects. A range of other issues of concern to members were also canvassed but it was agreed that they would be covered in our formal submission.

Joshua confirms that the guidelines are intended to apply **only** in projects requiring an s87 or s90 permit. Furthermore any advice by any staff that may have been provided to the contrary is **incorrect**. Joshua rightly pointed out that there is no legal role for DEC to become involved in a project where there is no Aboriginal 'object' to be affected. This has always been the case. As I think I have pointed out to several people there is no requirement to even pass on a survey report to DEC if a site has not been identified – **unless there is some other trigger** that provides a legal requirement such as, for example, a stipulation in the Directors Requirements/Ministers Conditions for an EIS, requiring that work be carried out to the satisfaction of the DG DEC. That consultants do pass on these reports is largely a matter of convention and because it serves the collective good to ensure that the information contained in the report is available to future researchers.

To clarify the issue further I put to him the example of a multi-staged project which begins with a feasibility study and then moves to a REF and then possibly an EIS before developing into a full survey and then a possible testing program and later requires consents under s90. In such a scenario the steps leading up to an REF or EIS would not be subject to the requirements nor would the survey which may or may not identify sites or PADs. The REF or EIS would be the appropriate place to outline the future process including the

need to advertise prior to any testing program. **Up to the proposal for a testing program or work that will damage/affect and Aboriginal object the Part 6 approvals are not required** . Up to that point it is at the discretion of the client and the consultant how and if they undertake consultation and involvement with the Aboriginal community (bearing in mind issues such as our code of ethics etc).

One of the motivations behind the development of the guidelines was, I am told, the need to introduce some validation of the steps along the way to any decision regarding the Part 6 approvals. Hence the need for stakeholders to identify themselves in Step 1 if they are to be included in Step 2. If Aboriginal stakeholders come forward later, the steps already completed are not invalidated because they were not a party to them - there is no going back to step one although they may get the opportunity to review a draft report. This is important as most of you will know these early steps can involve a significant investment of time and resources by each of the consultant, proponent, Aboriginal community and DEC staff. Of course a number of issues remain to be addressed, not the least of which is how we as consultants can identify whether the respondents to an advertisement are appropriate to have a say in the cultural heritage in question or indeed how we verify their Aboriginality? These and other issues will be outlined in our submission. Joshua assures me that by the end of March 2005 the DEC will be in a position to outline the process for review and refinement of the interim requirements.

In relation to the transitional arrangements it has been brought to my attention by some members that some DEC staff are saying that the interim guidelines apply to all projects and they are not recognising the transitional arrangements. If this is the case then this is also **not correct**. I have written confirmation that DEC has introduced a transitional phase, specifically:

Any project that, before the 1 st of January 2005, had held a Planning Focus Meeting may continue to be prepared and assessed under the former processes This will also apply where a planning Focus Meeting is not to be held, but the proponent can demonstrate to DEC that it or its consultants has commenced work towards the assessment of archaeological or cultural significance before January 1 2005.

If your project falls within this category we recommend that you say this clearly in the report under your discussion of legislation and the new policy/requirements. If you have already submitted a s87 or s90 application then you should advise DEC if it should be considered under the former processes.

I hope this clarifies one aspect at least of the interim guidelines and their applicability.



2004 Laila Haglund Prize for Excellence in Consulting

This prize which is awarded annually by the AACAI was presented at the recent AAA conference held at the University of New England to Garry Lord, Skye Kidd & Ken Markwell for their Brewarrina Presentation.

The Brewarrina fishtraps, Ngunnhu [noon-oo], is located on the Barwon River in northwestern NSW. The Ngunnhu is a well-preserved example of Aboriginal fisheries, providing evidence of early Aboriginal occupation and trading networks, which relied on a highly skilled fishing technique that survived and has been maintained over many hundreds of years. The fishtraps are a series of stone wall enclosures spreading across the Barwon River and which extend for over 200m in length. It is the largest and most complex set of freshwater Aboriginal fishtraps not associated with aquaculture in Australia. The Ngemba people, custodians of the Ngunnhu, continue to use and have responsibilities for the Ngunnhu, which are shared by the Traditional Owner Groups who still live in the region today (the Ngemba, Kamilaroi, Murowari, Wiadjuri and Paakantji peoples). The Ngunnhu itself comprises of a number of weirs and holding ponds uniquely designed to trap fish. The Ngunnhu may be operated in an upstream or downstream direction. While the individual elements of the Ngunnhu are simple, the design of the whole is complex when compared with other Aboriginal fishtraps. 'Biaime', an ancestral and creation being for the region, is said to have been responsible for the design of the Ngunnhu. The story recounts that Biaime showed the Aboriginal people how to build the Ngunnhu by casting his net over the river and telling them to follow its design. The role of an ancestral being (Biaime) in creating the Ngunnhu (a built structure) is in itself very unusual in Aboriginal society and makes both the structure and the story nationally important. The Ngunnhu has been considerably damaged since European settlers first moved into the region. Many actions have impacted adversely on the cultural integrity of the Ngunnhu, including the removal of stones from the structure to create navigable waterways and town buildings and the construction of the Brewarrina Weir, completed in 1972. Such actions have also negatively impacted on the flow and ecology of the Barwon River. However, despite these adverse impacts, much of the Ngunnhu remains and there is great potential to rehabilitate the individual traps (which are currently in disrepair) to their original condition. The rehabilitation and restoration works for the Ngunnhu are currently being incorporated into a Management Plan. The Aboriginal community, in conjunction with the Commonwealth Department of the Environment and Heritage and other agencies, are currently progressing a nomination of the Ngunnhu for National Heritage Listing.

Funeral Arrangements for Dr Bruce Veitch

Well known WA archaeologist Dr Bruce Veitch passed away at home on Wednesday night 9 March 2005. The funeral service will take place in Bowra and O'Dea's chapel, corner of South and Ethelwyn Streets, Hilton, Western Australia, commencing at 3pm on Friday 18 March 2005. No flowers but donations in lieu to Motor Neurone Disease Association WA, The Niche, Suite B/11 Aberdare Rd, Nedlands WA 6009. A wake will be held at 13 Bennewith Street, Hilton WA 6163 after the funeral. Friends and colleagues welcome.

Jobs, Scholarships and Opportunities

Jeff Leach is a PhD student with field and writing experience in the American Southwest. He is looking for work opportunities (contract archaeology) in Australia. For more information on Jeff and the duration of his stay in Australia you can contact him by [email](#).

AACAI Workshops & Meetings

Date: 1-2 October 2005
State: QLD - Brisbane
Title: *Introduction to Australian Cultural Heritage Legislation*
Who: Luke Godwin
Time & Place: 8am-5pm, TBA
Details: www.aacai.com.au/workshops/

Seminars

Date: 17 March 2005
State: ACT - Canberra
Title: *Divide or Concord?: Designing Digital Repositories in Relation to Cultural Heritage Communities*
Who: Linda Barwick
Time & Place: 4:30pm, Conference Room, Old Canberra House, Australian National University
Series: Centre for Cross-Cultural Research
Details: www.anu.edu.au/culture/seminars/2005/technocultures.htm

Date: 17 March 2005
State: SA - Adelaide
Title: *Analysing a Stone Artefact Assemblage from Site MP102 Inland North-West Queensland*
Who: Justin Lewis
Time & Place: 3pm, Humanities Room 133, Flinders University
Series: Department of Archaeology
Details: [Mark Staniforth](#)

Date: 17 March 2005
State: VIC - Melbourne
Title: *Anthropological and Aboriginal Perspectives on the Donald Thomson Collection: Material Culture, Collecting and Identity*
Who: Louise Hamby & Lindy Allen
Time & Place: 6:30pm, Age Theatre, Lower Ground Floor, Melbourne Museum, Nicholson Street, Carlton (Entrance is opposite the Royal Exhibition Building)
Series: Archaeological and Anthropological Society of Victoria
Details: home.vicnet.net.au/%7Eaasv/activities.htm

Date: 18 March 2005
State: ACT - Canberra
Title: *A Ceramics Chronology for Angkor: From 'Kulen' to 'Bayon' Styles*
Who: Aedeon Cremin and Wayne Johnson
Time & Place: 3pm, BPBW121 (Baldessin Precinct Building), Australian National University
Series: Centre for Archaeological Research
Details: car.anu.edu.au/seminars05.html

Date: 18 March 2005
State: NSW - Sydney
Title: *Behavioural Patterns in Building Evolution: Micro-Climatic Selection as Mechanism and Material Flexibility as Consequence*
Who: Helen Wilkins
Time & Place: 3:15pm, Latin 2, Ground Floor, southeast corner of Main Quad, University of Sydney
Series: Prehistoric and Historical Seminars
Details: www.arts.usyd.edu.au/departs/archaeology/events.html

Date: 18 March 2005
State: QLD - Brisbane
Title: *Writing the Indigenous Past: Representational Practices in Australian Archaeology*
Who: Deborah Brian
Time & Place: 3-4pm, Room 207, 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: 24 March 2005
State: SA - Adelaide
Title: *Medieval Monastic Coastal Exploitation*
Who: Joe Flatman
Time & Place: 3pm, Humanities Room 133, Flinders University
Series: Department of Archaeology
Details: [Mark Staniforth](#)

Date: 24 March 2005
State: ACT - Canberra
Title: *Natural Enemies: Aboriginal Knowledge Traditions and the Archive*
Who: Michael Christie
Time & Place: 4:30pm, Conference Room, Old Canberra House, Australian National University

Series: Centre for Cross-Cultural Research

Details: www.anu.edu.au/culture/seminars/2005/technocultures.htm

Date: 24 March 2005

State: NSW - Armidale

Title: *Words and Music: Heritage Outside of the Library or Museum*

Who: Andrea Ho

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: 31 March 2005

State: SA - Adelaide

Title: *The Continuing Search for the Iron Age Library: 2005 Excavations in Pella, Jordan*

Who: Bob Stone

Time & Place: 3pm, Humanities Room 133, Flinders University

Series: Department of Archaeology

Details: [Mark Staniforth](#)

Date: 1 April 2005

State: NSW - Sydney

Title: *'Hobbit' Discovery*

Who: Mike Morwood

Time & Place: 6:30pm for 7pm, Australian Museum Theatre (Enter via William Street), Sydney

Series: The Australian Museum Society

Details: www.amonline.net.au/tams/events.cfm

Date: 1 April 2005

State: ACT - Canberra

Title: *An Interdisciplinary Approach to State Formation in Early China*

Who: Li Liu

Time & Place: 3pm, BPBW121 (Baldessin Precinct Building), Australian National University

Series: Centre for Archaeological Research

Details: car.anu.edu.au/seminars05.html

Date: 5 April 2005

State: QLD - Brisbane

Title: *The Burra Charter and Queensland Heritage: Often Invoked, Seldom Understood*

Who: Meredith Walker & Peter Marquis-Kyle

Time & Place: 1:15-5:00pm, Customs House, 399 Queen Street, Brisbane
Series: The Brisbane Institute
Details: www.brisinst.org.au

Date: 7 April 2005
State: NSW - Armidale
Title: *Is There a Community Future for Heritage?*
Who: John Ryan

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: 7 April 2005
State: SA - Adelaide
Title: *Stable Nitrogen Isotope Values in Arid-Land Kangaroos: Potential as a Palaeoclimatic Indicator*
Who: Donald Pate
Time & Place: 3pm, Humanities Room 133, Flinders University
Series: Department of Archaeology
Details: [Mark Staniforth](#)

Date: 8 April 2005
State: ACT - Canberra
Title: *TBA*
Who: Wolfgang Müller
Time & Place: 3pm, BPBW121 (Baldessin Precinct Building), Australian National University
Series: Centre for Archaeological Research
Details: car.anu.edu.au/seminars05.html

Date: 8 April 2005
State: NSW - Sydney
Title: *Refining the Archaeology of Aborigiculture: Macrobotanical Investigations in PNG and Timor*
Who: Andy Fairbairn
Time & Place: 3:15pm, Latin 2, Ground Floor, southeast corner of Main Quad, University of Sydney
Series: Prehistoric and Historical Seminars
Details: www.arts.usyd.edu.au/departs/archaeology/events.html

Date: 8 April 2005
State: QLD - Brisbane
Title: *Out of the Box: Popular Notions of Archaeology on Australian Television*

Who: Steve Nichols
Time & Place: 3-4pm, Room 207, 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: 15 April 2005
State: NSW - Sydney
Title: *Archaeologists in the Mining Industry – Rio Tinto*
Who: Elizabeth Bradshaw
Time & Place: 3:15pm, Latin 2, Ground Floor, southeast corner of Main Quad, University of Sydney
Series: Prehistoric and Historical Seminars
Details: www.arts.usyd.edu.au/departs/archaeology/events.html

Date: 15 April 2005
State: QLD - Brisbane
Title: *Chinese in Cooktown*
Who: Kev Rains
Time & Place: 3-4pm, Room 207, 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 April 2005
State: VIC - Melbourne
Title: *Egypt's Western Desert in the Late Period*
Who: Caroline Hubschmann
AND
Title: *Ancient Egyptian Frog Amulets*
Who: Joylene Kremler
Time & Place: 6:30pm, Age Theatre, Lower Ground Floor, Melbourne Museum, Nicholson Street, Carlton (Entrance is opposite the Royal Exhibition Building)
Series: Archaeological and Anthropological Society of Victoria
Details: home.vicnet.net.au/%7Eaasv/activities.htm

Date: 22 April 2005
State: NSW - Sydney
Title: *Research Issues in Central Asian Archaeology*
Who: Alison Betts

Time & Place: 3:15pm, Latin 2, Ground Floor, southeast corner of Main Quad, University of Sydney

Series: Prehistoric and Historical Seminars

Details: www.arts.usyd.edu.au/departs/archaeology/events.html

Date: 22 April 2005

State: QLD - Brisbane

Title: *Repossessing the Wilderness*

Who: Annie Ross

Time & Place: 3-4pm, Room 207, 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: 29 April 2005

State: ACT - Canberra

Title: *TBA*

Who: Penelope Allison

Time & Place: 3pm, BPBW121 (Baldessin Precinct Building), Australian National University

Series: Centre for Archaeological Research

Details: car.anu.edu.au/seminars05.html

Date: 29 April 2005

State: NSW - Sydney

Title: *Apologies to Polybius: Archaeological Evidence for the Chronology and Use of the Qanat (aka falaj, larez, foggara) Irrigation System in the Old World*

Who: Peter Magee

Time & Place: 3:15pm, Latin 2, Ground Floor, southeast corner of Main Quad, University of Sydney

Series: Prehistoric and Historical Seminars

Details: www.arts.usyd.edu.au/departs/archaeology/events.html

Date: 29 April 2005

State: QLD - Brisbane

Title: *At the Edge of Town on the Fringes of Society: The Archaeology of a Depression Era Itinerant's Camp on the Toowomba Range Escarpment*

Who: Bryce Barker

Time & Place: 3-4pm, Room 207, 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 May 2005
State: ACT - Canberra
Title: *The Challenge of Ancient DNA Analysis*
Who: Ken Dusza
Time & Place: 3pm, BPBW121 (Baldessin Precinct Building), Australian National University
Series: Centre for Archaeological Research
Details: car.anu.edu.au/seminars05.html

Date: 6 May 2005
State: NSW - Sydney
Title: *Prehistories of the Australian Aboriginal Art-Culture Market?: Kimberley Points and the Technologies of Enchantment*
Who: Rodney Harrison
Time & Place: 3:15pm, Latin 2, Ground Floor, southeast corner of Main Quad, University of Sydney
Series: Prehistoric and Historical Seminars
Details: www.arts.usyd.edu.au/departs/archaeology/events.html

Date: 6 May 2005
State: QLD - Brisbane
Title: *A Poor Relation to Gympie: Gold Mining in the Upper Burnett in the 19th Century*
Who: Geraldine Mate
Time & Place: 3-4pm, Room 207, 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: 10 May 2005
State: QLD - Brisbane
Title: *Of Boats and Brains: The First Colonisation of Australia and its Relation to other Aspects of Human Evolution*
Who: Iain Davidson
Time & Place: 6:00pm (Doors open 5.30pm), Customs House, 399 Queen Street, Brisbane
Series: The Brisbane Institute
Details: www.brisinst.org.au/calendar/20050510_3.html

Date: 13 May 2005
State: ACT - Canberra
Title: *Breaking New Ground in the Archaeology of Food Production in PNG (or "just another load of old nuts")*

Who: Andrew S. Fairbairn
Time & Place: 3pm, BPBW121 (Baldessin Precinct Building), Australian National University
Series: Centre for Archaeological Research
Details: car.anu.edu.au/seminars05.html

Date: 13 May 2005

State: QLD - Brisbane

Title: *TBA*

Who: Lara Lamb

Time & Place: 3-4pm, Room 207, 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 May 2005

State: QLD - Brisbane

Title: *The Hobbit from the Isle of Flowers*

Who: Colin Groves

Time & Place: 12:30-1:30pm, Room 816, Michie Building (#9), St Lucia Campus ([map](#)), University of Queensland

Series: School of Social Science

Details: www.ansoc.uq.edu.au/index.html?page=13582

Date: 17 May 2005

State: QLD - Brisbane

Title: *e-Archaeology: Case Studies in Data Visualisation*

Who: Nicole Bordes

Time & Place: 12:30-1:30pm, TBA

Series: Working Papers in Archaeology

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

Date: 18 May 2005

State: QLD - Brisbane

Title: *Evolutionary Anthropology and the Cultural Landscape Together at Last!: Human Interactions with Landscape Over the Last 40,000 years at Boodjamulla, Northwest Queensland*

Who: Michael Slack

Time & Place: 12:30-1:30pm, TBA

Series: Working Papers in Archaeology

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

Date: 19 May 2005
State: NSW - Armidale
Title: *Historic Archaeology in New England*
Who: Pam Watson
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: 19 May 2005
State: VIC - Melbourne
Title: *Gold-Rich Colchis: Myth and Reality*
Who: Gocha Tsetsekhladze
Time & Place: 6:30pm, Age Theatre, Lower Ground Floor, Melbourne Museum, Nicholson Street, Carlton (Entrance is opposite the Royal Exhibition Building)
Series: Archaeological and Anthropological Society of Victoria
Details: home.vicnet.net.au/%7Eaasv/activities.htm

Date: 19 May 2005
State: QLD - Brisbane
Title: *Inter-Tidal Rock-Wall Fish-Traps in the Southern Gulf of Carpentaria*
Who: Errol Stock, Richard Robins & Paul Memmott
Time & Place: 12:30-1:30pm, TBA
Series: Working Papers in Archaeology
Details: www.atsis.uq.edu.au/workingpapers.html

Date: 20 May 2005
State: ACT - Canberra
Title: *Preliminary Excavations at Tambokancha, a New Inka Site Near Cusco*
Who: Ian Farrington
Time & Place: 3pm, BPBW121 (Baldessin Precinct Building), Australian National University
Series: Centre for Archaeological Research
Details: car.anu.edu.au/seminars05.html

Date: 20 May 2005
State: QLD - Brisbane
Title: *Making Maya Stones Speak: Technological Change from 1,000 BC to Classic Maya Times at Copan, Honduras*
Who: Jay Hall

Time & Place: 3-4pm, Room 207, 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: 27 May 2005

State: ACT - Canberra

Title: *TBA*

Who: Graeme Barker

Time & Place: 3pm, BPBW121 (Baldessin Precinct Building), Australian National University

Series: Centre for Archaeological Research

Details: car.anu.edu.au/seminars05.html

Date: 27 May 2005

State: QLD - Brisbane

Title: *Mill Point Archaeological Project: 2005 Field Season*

Who: Sean Ulm, Jon Prangnell, Judith Powell, Karen Murphy & Stephen Nichols

Time & Place: 3-4pm, Room 207, 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: 30 May 2005

State: QLD - Brisbane

Title: *Nature, Culture and Belonging in Australia*

Who: David Trigger

Time & Place: 12:30-1:30pm, Room 816, Michie Building (#9), St Lucia Campus ([map](#)), University of Queensland

Series: School of Social Science

Details: www.ansoc.uq.edu.au/index.html?page=13582

Date: 1 June 2005

State: QLD - Brisbane

Title: *Under the Boards: The Historical Archaeology of the Commissariat Store*

Who: Karen Murphy

Time & Place: 12:30-1:30pm, Theatre, Queensland Museum, Brisbane

Series: Queensland Connections

Details: NA

Date: 3 June 2005

State: ACT - Canberra
Title: *GLITTER: Every Picture Tells a Story*
Who: Gaye Chapman
Time & Place: 3pm, BPBW121 (Baldessin Precinct Building), Australian National University
Series: Centre for Archaeological Research
Details: car.anu.edu.au/seminars05.html

Date: 3 June 2005
State: NSW - Sydney
Title: *Landscapes of Redemption: Archaeological Traces of a Cornish Convict Miner in Midwest Western Australia*
Who: Martin Gibbs
Time & Place: 3:15pm, Latin 2, Ground Floor, southeast corner of Main Quad, University of Sydney
Series: Prehistoric and Historical Seminars
Details: www.arts.usyd.edu.au/departs/archaeology/events.html

Date: 3 June 2005
State: QLD - Brisbane
Title: *Tracing Human Dispersals: Developing New Techniques for Characterising Early Modern Human Core Technologies*
Who: Chris Clarkson
Time & Place: 3-4pm, Room 207, 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 June 2005
State: NSW - Armidale
Title: *Interdisciplinary Research in Indigenous Heritage*
Who: Wendy Beck
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 July 2005
State: NSW - Armidale
Title: *Spreading the Net: Regional Archives in New England*
Who: Bill Oates

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: 25 August 2005

State: NSW - Armidale

Title: *Who is Looking After Our Past?*

Who: Nicole McLennan

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: 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: 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](#)



Conferences

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: 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: 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: 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: 20-26 March 2006

Place: Manila, Philippines

Title: *18th Congress of the Indo-Pacific Prehistory Association*

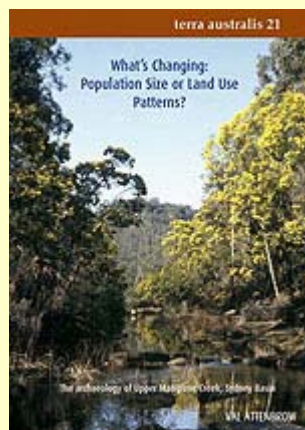
Convenor/s: University of the Philippines, National Museum of the Philippines & W.G. Solheim II Foundation

Venue: University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City, MetroManila

Details: arts.anu.edu.au/arcworld/ippa/ippa.htm

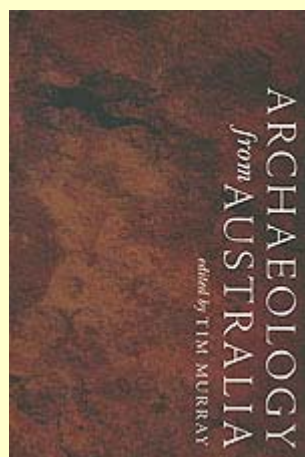


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***What's Changing: Population Size or Land-Use Patterns?: The Archaeology of Upper Mangrove Creek, Sydney Basin* by Val Attenbrow**

"The Upper Mangrove Creek catchment was an ideal locality in which to undertake field investigation into Aboriginal use of the coastal hinterland. The area, 101 square kilometres in size, is rich in sites that provided significant archaeological evidence of Aboriginal use of the coastal hinterland. The catchment became the focus of major archaeological salvage work in the late 1970s, prior to the construction of the Mangrove Creek Dam. Further research, undertaken by Val Attenbrow, on the total catchment expanded upon the results of earlier work. This monograph describes the later research project and summarises the salvage program results. This evidence is used by the author to explore current research issues relating to the interpretation of the mid- to late-Holocene archaeological record in Australia, particularly quantitative changes relating to population numbers and aspects of human behaviour, such as risk management, subsistence, mobility and land-use patterns."



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"*Archaeology from Australia* extensively surveys archaeological research in Australia or by Australians working in Oceania, Asia, Africa and the Mediterranean. Twenty-three essays are offered by practitioners who are keen to communicate the interest and importance of their work and present a comprehensive review of archaeological practice, method and theory. This book demonstrates how Australian archaeologists provide valuable understandings of Indigenous Australia, the history of settler Australia and the human story outside our continent ... *Archaeology from Australia* will serve as a source book for practitioners, a reader for university students and an eye-opening work for the interested general reader."



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