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Proposed amendments to the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 (WA) - call for comments

The WA Government has released a discussion paper on proposed amendments to the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*, the State's principal legislation enabling the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage.

The *Aboriginal Heritage Act* amendments are intended to improve protection, certainty and compliance.

The discussion paper, titled 'Seven proposals to regulate and amend the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* for improved clarity, compliance, effectiveness, efficiency and certainty', is available from the [Department of Indigenous Affairs](#) website.

Feedback on the proposals is due by **5pm, 5 June 2012**.

National Archaeology Week: 20-26 May 2012 – NSW events

Archaeology week is almost upon us. Several interesting events are planned in NSW.

The NSW program of events follows. Hope to see you at some of the NSW events!

NSW NAW Committee

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NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY WEEK

20-26 May 2012

www.archaeologyweek.com

BACKGROUND

National Archaeology Week aims to increase public awareness of Australian archaeology and the work of Australian archaeologists at home and abroad. It also promotes the importance of protecting Australia's unique archaeological heritage.

A nationwide program of events and exhibitions is held in May each year, including public talks, walking tours and displays. Numerous activities have been organised for NSW and a selection are listed below.

For further information about NAW activities in NSW contact the State Coordinator, Deborah Lindsay: dindsay@urbis.com.au

Australian Museum Event: Sun 20 May 2012, 10am – 2pm

Join the archaeologists from Australian Museum Business Services (AMBS) and explore aspects of archaeological practice today with talks, demonstrations and displays. Watch a stone knapping demonstration and discover what archaeologists do with talks and demonstrations on archaeological practice that include recent excavations of Aboriginal sites in south west Sydney, and the historical archaeological excavation in Ultimo.

Venue: Australian Museum, 6 College St, Sydney, Search & Discover Gallery, Level 2

Cost: Free with museum entry

A Surprising Find: Thomas Ball's Pottery: Mon 21 May 2012, 5:30 for 6pm

This talk investigates the pottery from waster pits associated with Thomas Ball's pottery (c1801-1823) in the Haymarket. This is the earliest Pottery site investigated so far in Australia. Thomas Ball was a Staffordshire-trained potter operating a Pottery in the Brickfields (now the Haymarket) and produced a range of locally-made wares, a mixture of utilitarian items and decorated tablewares, as well as smoking pipes and marbles. The tablewares imitated Staffordshire ceramics while others were decorated with unusual green and brown floral hand painted patterns. Aspects of the kiln and manufacturing process are discussed. Thomas Ball's ceramics are also discussed within the context of other pottery imported into the colony at that time.

Venue: Reception Rooms, History House, 133 Macquarie St, Sydney

Cost: \$10 RAHS members, \$12 non-members

For bookings, please contact (02) 9247 8001 or admin@rahs.org.au

The Archaeology of Ancient Greece: Tue 22 May 2012, 7pm

Let archaeologist Craig Barker introduce you to the role of theatrical performance in ancient Greek culture in this illustrated talk for National Archaeology Week.

Using the architectural remains of ancient theatres, such as the Theatre of Dionysos in Athens and the theatres at Epidauros and Ephesos, as well as the Australian excavations of a theatre at Paphos in Cyprus, he will examine the spaces used for performance. Then, using theatrical iconography in vase-painting and terracotta, he will describe the impact of theatrical performance on Greek life, particularly through its relationship with the god Dionysos.

Doors open at 6.30pm for cheese and wine. The lecture will begin promptly at 7.00pm.

Venue: Australian Museum, entry via William Street, Sydney

Cost: Australian Members \$20; Non-members \$30

For more information visit: <http://www.australianmuseum.net.au>

Diving into Archaeology: Wed 23 May 2012, 5:30pm for 6pm start – 8:30pm

Diving into Archaeology will be an entertaining evening designed to help you 'dive into archaeology' and explore the remarkable world of shipwreck history. Director Heritage Branch Petula Samios will welcome you to an evening hosted by the Office of Environment & Heritage, featuring talks by:

- ~ **Joanne Edney**, avid diver and social researcher will talk about her research into why divers visit shipwrecks and the type of experiences wreck divers are seeking.
- ~ **Brad Duncan**, Heritage Branch Maritime Archaeologist will talk about the history, discovery and photographic survey of the ex HMAS *Australia*, our country's only battlecruiser and grandmother of the Australian Fleet.
- ~ **Kieran Hosty**, a Maritime Archaeologist and about his recent fieldwork in the Coral Sea and the discovery of the *Royal Charlotte* shipwreck.
- ~ **Tim Smith**, Heritage Branch Maritime Archaeologist will discuss recent fieldwork in the Wingecarribee River, searching for the remains of canoes made in the WWI Berrima Prisoner of War Internment Camp.

Venue: Office of Environment and Planning, 2 Marist Place, Parramatta

Cost: FREE; Drinks, nibbles and a shipwreck poster included; Bookings are essential. Please contact Stephen Pinnington on 02 9873 8550 or stephen.pinnington@heritage.nsw.gov.au

Big Dig Archaeology Weekend: Fri 25 - Sun 27 May 2012

Following the success of The Big Dig Archaeology Weekend in 2011, Sydney Harbour YHA in collaboration with Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority is again running this exciting hands-on program in 2012.

The Big Dig Archaeology Weekend is a residential weekend experience, giving you the chance to learn more about archaeology through immersing yourself in a hands-on excavation of a section of The Big Dig, and cleaning and sorting the many artefacts you unearth.

The program costs \$300 per person in a multi-share room to \$520 per person in a private room with a harbour view. This includes:

- Accommodation at Sydney Harbour YHA, The Rocks, for two nights
- All meals
- Welcome dinner, orientation session and movie night
- Two days of on-site excavation work (over 12 hours)
- Visits to The Rocks Discovery Museum, Sydney Observatory and Susannah Place Museum.

This program is suitable for anyone 17 years and older and is a general interest course designed to appeal to anyone who is curious about archaeology, particularly Australian Historical Archaeology.

For more information visit: <http://www.thebigdig.com.au/visit/>

Bidjigal Reserve Walking Tour: Sat 26 May 2012, 2:00-4:00pm

Celebrate National Archaeology week with a walk to explore the Aboriginal heritage of Bidjigal Reserve. This two hour walk sponsored by the Bidjigal Reserve Trust commences in Carlingford and will be led by archaeologist Tessa Corkill and Jennifer Farrer of Boronia Tours. We will visit two Aboriginal sites: a rockshelter excavated in the 1990s and found to contain many thousands of stone artefacts in deposits dating back at least 10,000 years (which makes it one of the oldest known occupation sites in Sydney); and an overhang with rock art on the wall. Along the way we will be able to see many plants used by Aboriginal people in their daily life and perhaps some yabbies in the creek. It isn't a long walk but there are some short rough and steep sections, so a certain level of fitness is required - note that there are no toilet facilities in the Reserve. Wear closed shoes and a hat and bring water, camera and snacks.

Cost: \$8 adults; \$4 children; \$20 family of 4. Bookings essential. Phone Jennifer at 9634 3163 or 0407 456 577 or email jennifer@boroniatours.com to book and for meeting details.

For more information visit: <http://www.bidjigal.org.au/>

Some archaeologists specialise in studying DNA and blood and food remains found on tools, others study the bones of those who have died to find out about diet and diseases in the past. Archaeology provides great variety.

The archaeologist's equipment varies from a simple trowel to a complex electron scanning microscope, from a pencil to the latest satellite positioning system, from a delicate paint brush to a bulky backhoe.

Australian-trained archaeologists work mainly in Australia, but not always. Some of them work on projects in Honduras, New Mexico, Torres Strait and New Guinea, Jordan and Vietnam, just to name a few.

For some examples on where Australian archaeologists are working today, check out our 'Meet the Archaeologists' webpage on the NAW website.

Q. How do I find out more about archaeology?

A. You can start with your local library or your school library which will have heaps of books on archaeology. Ask at your local museum about their archaeological collections. If you are more serious, there are loads of resources on the internet. Check out the [Links webpage](#) on the NAW website to get started.



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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is archaeology?

A. Archaeology is the study of the physical remains of people from the past. It is the piecing together of people's lives from the evidence they have left behind. It is not the study of dinosaurs (that's palaeontology)! Archaeology is about people.

Q. What do archaeologists do?

A. Australian archaeologists study places of Indigenous occupation, such as Lake Mungo; the historical remains of European and Asian settlement, such as Port Arthur; and maritime history, such as the shipwreck of Pandora.

Archaeologists use many techniques to collect as much information as possible. They survey and record sites or excavate them. They study historical records if they are available and talk to the local community. They spend many hours in the laboratory analysing the remains that they found.

ACT and Region Annual Australian Heritage Partnership Symposium 2012

ACT and Region Annual Australian Heritage Partnership Symposium 2012 *Valuing Heritage: Advocating for community attachment in planning*

Hosted by Australia ICOMOS, Canberra and District Historical Society, Canberra Archaeological Society, Donald Horne Institute for Cultural Heritage University of Canberra, Institute of Professional Practice in Heritage and the Arts ANU, and National Trust of Australia (ACT)

Date: Saturday 28 July 2012

Time: 8.30am to 5pm

Venue: Sir Roland Wilson Building Theatre, Bldg 120, ANU campus

Cost: \$80 full, \$60 members of the host organizations, \$35 concession & full-time students

Themes

- Social attachment to places – community values and memories
- Archaeology, it's not just buried in the ground – layers of time in landscapes and buildings
- 21st Century Heritage Values: are they different?

Call for Session Ideas, Leaders and Papers

Presentations are invited from heritage professionals, planners, Local Government, descendants of families with historical places under threat and anyone with an interest in the celebration of heritage places in the ACT and region. The anticipated time for each presentation is 20 minutes.

Due date for summaries: Thursday 17 May 2012

Please send your ideas to [Sally Brockwell via email](#) or phone on (02) 6125-2217 for further information.

Climate change and cultural heritage survey

Climate change poses threats to many cultural assets through impacts such as increased floods, increasing extreme weather events, and the decay of cultural landscapes. Additionally, as Sydney's population grows, increased stresses will be placed on the environment and cultural resources, with rising demand for water, energy and land, as well as increased waste production.

As part of the Sydney Adaptation Strategy 'Review and Synthesis' Project, the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage has commissioned a review of relevant work relating to the impact of climate change on cultural heritage assets. This project includes:

- a review and synthesis of existing and emerging research and reports

- a gap analysis
- identification of research projects that focus on 'Cultural Assets' in the Sydney Metropolitan Area
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The Cairns Institute is preparing a 'Cultural Assets Literature Review and Research Synthesis Paper'. While this work will target the Sydney Metropolitan Area, it is important to also capture relevant work being conducted in other parts of Australia and overseas. As part of this project we have prepared a short 10 question survey aimed at consultants, academics, policy makers and property managers that will assist us in identifying important initiatives that may not have resulted in publications – the so called 'grey literature'.

Please take the time to participate in this survey by [clicking here](#) and answering the 10 short questions.

Further information can be obtained by [emailing Dr Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy](#).

Two Assistant Professorial positions for archaeologists at the University of Western Australia

Advertised in: The Australian (HES) Wednesday, 9 May 2012

Position descriptions and application details:

<https://www.his.admin.uwa.edu.au/jobvacs/external/academic/ads.htm>

In an exciting development for Archaeology and Heritage at The University of Western Australia, applications are invited from two researchers keen to join a dynamic, growing and diverse community of archaeologists.

- 3 year appointments
- Salary range: Level B \$81,400 - \$96,663 p.a.
- Plus 17% superannuation
- Closing date: Friday, 8 June 2012

1. ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY) (REF: 3988) **SCHOOL OF SOCIAL AND CULTURAL STUDIES (ARCHAEOLOGY) and** **CENTRE FOR ROCK ART RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT**

We are seeking a scholar to implement and oversee the development of the new Master of Professional Archaeology program. This course is designed to respond to the shortage of professional archaeologists, in particular in relation to the growth of the industrial and mining sectors of Australia and is designed to provide advanced archaeological training in the skills, values and knowledge of a professional archaeologist. Applicants with teaching experience are requested to submit a [teaching portfolio](#) as part of their application. Some assistance with relocation expenses (if applicable) may be negotiated.

For further information regarding the position please contact Professor Alistair Paterson, Chair, Discipline of Archaeology on (08) 6488 2867 or email alistair.paterson@uwa.edu.au.

2. ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (ROCK ART STUDIES) (REF: 3989)
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL AND CULTURAL STUDIES (ARCHAEOLOGY) and
CENTRE FOR ROCK ART RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT

The Centre for Rock Art Research and Management wishes to recruit an archaeologist with rock art research skills to develop teaching and research in Pilbara rock art. The principal duties are to develop research projects in collaboration with other members of staff on rock art projects in the Pilbara (with a focus on the Dampier Archipelago) and to teach and supervise rock art research projects. Applicants with teaching experience are requested to submit a [teaching portfolio](#) as part of their application. Some assistance with relocation expenses (if applicable) may be negotiated.

For further information regarding the position please contact Winthrop Professor Jo McDonald, Director, Centre for Rock Art Research on (08) 6335 4306 or jo.mcdonald@uwa.edu.au.

Calendar of seminars and events

MAY 2012

Flinders University Archaeology Seminar Series:

The past in flames: Australia's bushfire history and cultural burning practices

Speaker(s): Dr Danielle Clode, Flinders University

Date: Thursday 17 May

Time: 3.00 – 5.00pm

Venue: Social Sciences South 149, Flinders University

Weblink: <http://www.flinders.edu.au/ehl/archaeology/news-and-events/seminars.cfm>

University of Sydney's Near Eastern Seminar Series (NESS):

The dissemination of Achaemenid architectural style: the divergent cases of Anatolia, Syria and the Caucasus

Speaker(s): Amanda Dusting, (The University of Sydney)

Date: 21 May 2012

Time: 3.15pm

Venue: CCANESA Conference room, Level 4, Madson Building, University of Sydney

National Archaeology Week

Date: 20-26 May 2012

Further information: <http://www.archaeologyweek.com/index.php>

National Archaeology Week is a nationwide program of events and exhibitions held in May each year. It aims to increase public awareness of Australian archaeology and the work of Australian archaeologists at home and abroad, and it promotes the importance of protecting Australia's unique archaeological heritage.

Numerous activities are organised in each state and territory, including public talks, walking tours and displays.

State based events will be advertised shortly on emails lists, such as OzArch, ASHA and AIMA. If you are not on these lists or just want to find out more information about what is happening, please email your state co-ordinator.

- National Coordinator – [Helen Nicolson](#)
 - NSW – [Deborah Lindsay](#)
 - ACT – [Helen Cooke](#)
 - VIC – TBA
 - SA – [Emily Jateff](#)
 - WA – [Gaye Nayton](#)
 - NT – [Ilka Schacht](#)
 - QLD – [Paddy Waterson](#)
 - TAS – [Emily Smith](#)
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Conference:

The ICOMOS Hellenic and ICAHM Regional Conference

“From past experience to new approaches and synergies: The Future of Protection Heritage Management for Archaeological Heritage in Times of Economic Crisis”

Date: 23-25 May 2012

Place: Athens, Greece

Further information: <http://australia.icomos.org/wp-content/uploads/ICOMOS-Hellenic-and-ICAHM-Regional-Conference.pdf>

Flinders University Archaeology Seminar Series:

Keynote of National Archaeology Week Film Festival: Indiana Jones in film

Speaker(s): Dr Nick Prescott, Flinders University

Date: Thursday 24 May

Time: 3.00 – 5.00pm

Venue: Social Sciences South 149, Flinders University

Weblink: <http://www.flinders.edu.au/ehl/archaeology/news-and-events/seminars.cfm>

University of Sydney's Near Eastern Seminar Series (NESS):

Stone tools from the Pyramid Age - a case study from Elephantine Island

Speaker(s): Dr. Thomas Hikade, (University of British Columbia)

Date: 28 May 2012

Time: 3.15pm

Venue: CCANESA Conference room, Level 4, Madson Building, University of Sydney

Conference:

Nawi - Exploring Australia's indigenous watercraft

Date: 31 May-1 June 2012

Place: Sydney, Australia

Further information: <http://www.anmm.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=1921>

The Australian National Maritime Museum will host a two-day national conference on Australian indigenous watercraft, entitled "Nawi - Exploring Australia's indigenous watercraft".

Flinders University Archaeology Seminar Series:

Today ArchSoc - tomorrow the world!

Speaker(s): Jordan Ralph, Flinders University

Date: Thursday 31 May

Time: 3.00 – 5.00pm

Venue: Social Sciences South 149, Flinders University

Website: <http://www.flinders.edu.au/ehl/archaeology/news-and-events/seminars.cfm>

JUNE 2012

**Canberra Archaeological Society/Centre for Archaeological Research
Lecture**

TOPIC: Japan's industrial revolution - 1850-1910: Archaeology, history and cultural meaning

Speaker(s): Dr Mike Pearson, Heritage Management Consultants

Date: Friday 1 June

Time: 3.30 pm

Venue: Hedley Bull Lecture Theatre 1, ANU campus

Website: <http://www.cas.asn.au/>

University of Sydney's Near Eastern Seminar Series (NESS):

**The Architects of Darius the Great: New Insights into Persian Monumental
Architecture and Decorative Practices**

Speaker(s): Dr. Javier Alvarez-Mon, (The University of Sydney)

Date: 4 June 2012

Time: 3.15pm

Venue: CCANESA Conference room, Level 4, Madson Building, University of Sydney

Flinders University Archaeology Seminar Series:

Mining sites in Australia and their associated settlements

Speaker(s): Dr Peter Bell, historian and heritage consultant

Date: Thursday 7 June

Time: 3.00 – 5.00pm

Venue: Social Sciences South 149, Flinders University

Website: <http://www.flinders.edu.au/ehl/archaeology/news-and-events/seminars.cfm>

Canberra Archaeological Society/Centre for Archaeological Research Event

Guided tour of ANU Classics Museum and option of dinner together after the event at Fellows Bar, University House, ANU

Presenter: Friends of the Classics Museum

Date: Friday 8 June

Time: 5.00-6.30pm

Venue: First floor, AD Hope Building, Ellery Circ, ANU

Website: <http://www.cas.asn.au/>

Flinders University Archaeology Seminar Series:
Archaeological research at Olympic Dam - an update

Speaker(s): Dr Philip Hughes and Dr Marjorie Sullivan, HEH Pty Ltd

Date: Thursday 14 June

Time: 3.00 – 5.00pm

Venue: Social Sciences South 149, Flinders University

Website: <http://www.flinders.edu.au/ehl/archaeology/news-and-events/seminars.cfm>

JULY 2012

Canberra Archaeological Society/Centre for Archaeological Research Event

ACT and Region Annual Australian Heritage Partnership Symposium 2012:
“Valuing Heritage: Advocating for community attachment in planning”

Date: Saturday 28 July

Time: 8.30am-4.30pm

Venue: Sir Roland Wilson Building Theatre, Bldg 120, ANU

Website: <http://www.cas.asn.au/>

AUGUST 2012

2012 ST Lee Annual Lecture in Asian Art and Archaeology

TOPIC: *Palaces, Temples, Markets, People: Lives in Medieval Southeast Asian Cities*

Speaker(s): Associate Professor John N. Miksic

John N. Miksic is Associate Professor in the Southeast Asian Studies Department, National University of Singapore and head of the Archaeological Unit in the Nalanda-Sriwijaya Centre at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies.

Date: Wednesday 8 August

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: The Refectory, Quadrangle, The University of Sydney

More information:

http://sydney.edu.au/arts/asian_art_archaeology/downloads/st_lee_lecture_2012.pdf

**Canberra Archaeological Society/Centre for Archaeological Research
Lecture**

TOPIC: Why study of the archaeology of the sacred is more important than study of the archaeology of the economy

Speaker(s): Dr Phil Boot

Date: Wednesday 15 August

Time: 6.30pm for refreshments, lecture starts at 7.00pm

Venue: Manning Clark Theatre 6, ANU

Website: <http://www.cas.asn.au/>

SEPTEMBER 2012

**Canberra Archaeological Society/Centre for Archaeological Research
Lecture**

TOPIC: The topography of male initiation in southern NSW

Speaker(s): Tom Knight

Date: Wednesday 19 September

Time: 6.30pm for refreshments, lecture starts at 7.00pm

Venue: Manning Clark Theatre 6, ANU

Website: <http://www.cas.asn.au/>

OCTOBER 2012

**Canberra Archaeological Society/Centre for Archaeological Research
Lecture**

TOPIC: The Maldives in an Indian Ocean network

Speaker(s): Rani Litster

Date: Wednesday 17 October

Time: 6.30pm for refreshments, lecture starts at 7.00pm

Venue: Manning Clark Theatre 6, ANU

Website: <http://www.cas.asn.au/>

NOVEMBER 2012

Conference:

17th International Conference on Cultural Heritage and New Technologies

Theme: "Urban Archaeology and Excavations"

Date: 5-7 November 2012

Place: City Hall of Vienna, Austria

Further information: <http://www.stadtarchaeologie.at/>

**Canberra Archaeological Society/Centre for Archaeological Research
Lecture**

TOPIC: The intriguing James Ainslie

Speaker(s): Dr Rowan Henderson

Date: Wednesday 21 November

Time: 6.30pm for refreshments, lecture starts at 7.00pm (National Archaeology Week)

Venue: Manning Clark Theatre 6, ANU

Website: <http://www.cas.asn.au/>

Conference:

ICAHM'S Next Annual Meeting

Date: 27-30 November 2012

Place: Cuzco, Peru

Further information: http://www.icomos.org/ica hm/cuzco_home.html

DECEMBER 2012

Conference:

Australian Archaeological Association Conference: 'Science and Archaeology'

Date: 10-13 December 2012

Place: Centre for Archaeological Science, University of Wollongong

Further information: <http://conference.australianarchaeology.com.au/>

JANUARY 2013

Conference:

The Seventh World Archaeological Congress

Date: 14-18 January 2013

Place: King Hussein Bin Talal Convention Center, The Dead Sea - Jordan

Further information: <http://wac7.worldarchaeologicalcongress.org/>

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