

Newsletter

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Journal of the Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists

AACAI launched a new online journal – the Journal of the Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists (JAACA) – in mid- 2013. Two papers were published in volume 1. So far one paper has appeared in volume 2 and a second is in press. In accordance with JAACA's editorial policy, volume 1 is now freely available for public download.

JAACA's editorial policy aims to encourage and facilitate publication by consultants and provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and the conduct of debate and discussion about all aspects of archaeological practice. Authors can expect their contributions to be published promptly provided they meet an acceptable minimum standard or require only minor editing.

JAACA also provides a way to address the problem of 'grey literature' and the lack of publication by consulting archaeologists. We are attempting to create a 'user friendly' and supportive space for busy consultants to publish their work. We are therefore mainly targeting short reports (up to 4000 words), although longer articles on any archaeological topic likely to interest members, will be considered, providing they meet a minimum standard. We are also happy to entertain proposals for special issues on important topics.

In consultation with the Interim Editorial Committee we have been working on setting up a network of peer reviewers who can also act as mentors. We intend the peer review process to ensure a high professional standard in reporting and communicating archaeology and to provide constructive and supportive feedback. Over the long term we plan to offer formal mentoring for junior members of the profession. Short courses in writing for JAACA and developing transferable skills in writing are also planned.

JAACA will occasionally include a section called Editorial Comments and Advice. This will provide short commentaries and guidance on various matters relating primarily to communicating archaeology to fellow professionals and the wider public. The aim is to underpin professional mentoring and assist with the maintenance of high professional standards.

The Editors of JAACA encourage contributors to submit interesting articles in an accessible style. Since AACAI is making the journal available to the public in the year following publication, this also provides an opportunity to engage with the wider community.

Anyone interested in publishing in JAACA can contact the Editors directly for advice. Alternatively, guidelines can be found on the Publications section of the AACAI website (<http://www.aacai.com.au/publications/Journal/>).

Anyone can submit an article to JAACA but members of AACAI are especially encouraged to do so. The long term success of the journal depends on the active support of the profession. We look forward to hearing from you!

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News From the State Chapters

VIC State Chapter – submitted by Andrea Murphy

The Victorian Chapter is committed to having an annual workshop to increase or maintain skills in various aspects related to archaeological consulting. These workshops also provide an opportunity to meet colleagues and create connections on a national level.

This year's one day workshop was on the Identification of Human Remains in the Field and was held at the historic Abbotsford Convent Ironing Room, Abbotsford over three days (June 5 - 7, 2014). Whilst encountering human remains is generally a rare find in Victoria, it is potentially such a culturally significant issue that basic identification skills in a field context is a must. The presenters were Dr Marc Oxenham, assisted by PhD candidate Anna Willis from the ANU. Attendees were provided with highly informative supporting material, including a large reference collection - and wonderful catering throughout the day.

The jam packed schedule for each day comprised a mixture of information and lab sessions on the following:

- Overview of the Human Adult Skeleton and Dentition
- Lab on Human Adult Skeleton and Dentition
- Overview of the Human Subadult Skeleton and Dentition
- Lab on Human Subadult Skeleton and Dentition
- Overview of Australian Mortuary Archaeology
- Overview of Animal vs Human Bone Identification
- Lab on Animal vs Human Bone Identification
- Overview of Dealing with Fragmentary Remains
- Lab on Dealing with Fragmentary Remains

And finally a test of knowledge!

The workshop was attended by approximately 25 people each day, with many coming from interstate to attend. As with previous workshops, nearly 20% of attendees were not practicing archaeological consultants, but heritage managers from user industries such as VicRoads, Melbourne Water, Aboriginal Affairs Victoria staff and Council staff. The workshop was originally planned for two days, but due to high demand was extended to three days. The feedback from attendees has been highly encouraging and the Chapter sincerely thanks the organising sub-committee and the presenters for their wonderful effort in making the workshop both extremely interesting and a success.

NSW State Chapter – submitted by Jenna Weston

The NSW Chapter of AACAI presented a talk by Dr Scott Mitchell on 20 June 2014.- A State of Belonging: Museums, Archaeology Collections and Heritage Legislation

Archaeological News from around the World

We are what we eat? In two studies, one in Spain, the other in the Turkana Basin in Africa, scientists are suggesting that early humans had a more diverse diet than traditionally thought.

The data suggests that the Neanderthals from El Salt consumed both meat and vegetables and the fecal biomarker approach will help clarify the nature, role and proportion of the plant component in the Neanderthal diet.

Can Archaeology save Art. A widely believed self-portrait of Leonardo da Vinci's dating from the early 1500's, is in extremely poor condition. Centuries of exposure has reduced the contrast between the colors of chalk and paper diminishing the visibility of the drawing.

A group of researchers from Italy and Poland has created a nondestructive approach that centers on identifying and quantifying the concentration of chromophores (the culprit behind the "yellowing" of the cellulose)within paper. By comparing the results of ancient papers with those of artificially aged samples, significant insights have been gained into the environmental conditions in which Leonardo da Vinci's self-portrait was stored during its lifetime.

The first smorgasbord was at Nero's.

Archaeologists have uncovered what they believe to be the Roman emperor Nero's fabled rotating dining room, the 'coenatio rotunda' thought to be the one described by the Roman historian Suetonius in Lives of the Caesars.

He wrote: 'The chief banqueting room was circular, and revolved perpetually night and day in imitation of the motion of the celestial bodies.'

All the dining rooms had ceilings of fretted ivory, the panels of which could slide back and let a rain of flowers, or of perfume from hidden sprinklers, fall on his guests.'

Experts believe the dining room could be up to 60m long, but have so far uncovered several supporting pillars, one 4m in diameter, as well as a perimeter wall.

The find was made during excavation of the Domus Aurea or 'Golden House' on the Palatine Hill - one of Ancient Rome's fabled Seven Hills.

A Slice of AACAI History

Poems by members of the Yankalilla Writers' Group.

Unearthly? by Joan Arnold

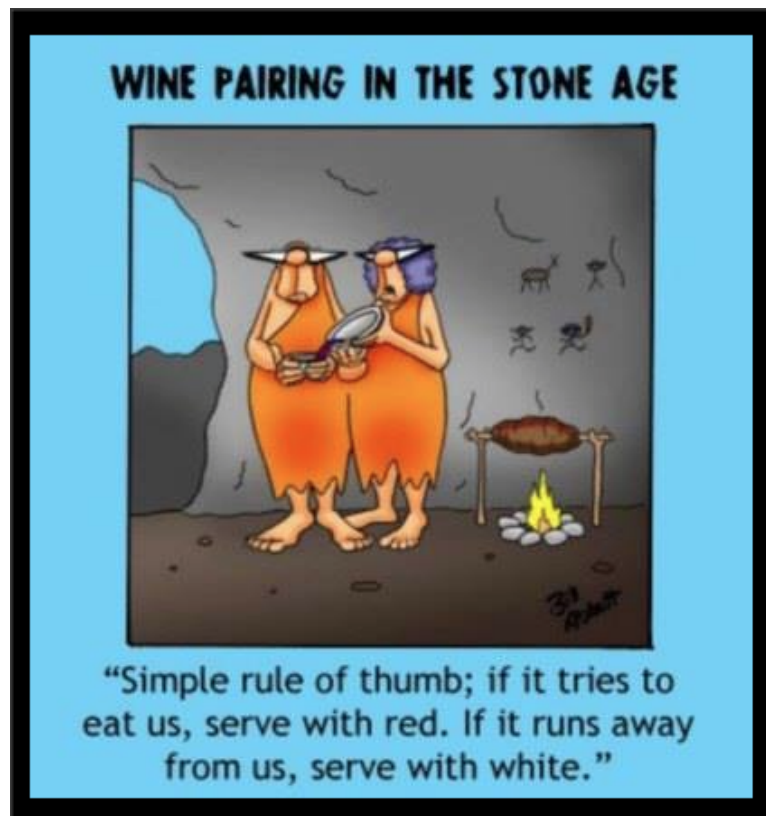
What on earth will they dig up in the next millennium
To show our life here and now, the daily tedium?

Marble columns? Gold artefacts? Carvings of our gods?
No, just endless plastic everything among the odds and sods

Nylon carpet, polystyrene foam
Remnants of 1900's house and home

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Archaeologiggle



Call for Papers

International conference on energy efficiency in historic buildings: experiences & solutions

The due date is not specified.

The conference takes place from 29-30 September 2014 in Madrid, Spain.

More information is available on the conference website at <http://www.buildup.eu/events/41141>

Trans-Atlantic Dialogues on Cultural Heritage: Heritage, Tourism and Traditions

Due 15 December 2014

The conference will take place from 13-16 July 2015, in Liverpool, UK. More information is available on the conference website at <https://transatlanticdialogues.wordpress.com>

Events

For a full list of events, please visit the Events page on the AACAI website

July 2014

IPPHA course on Leading practice in museum and heritage place education

A five day advanced professional development study tour critically reviewing the educational approaches used in Australian museums and national cultural institutions.

Date:	7-11 July 2014
Time:	9.00 to 17:00 each day
Venue:	The Australian National University and various national cultural institutions, Canberra
Website:	http://ippha.anu.edu.au/events/leading-practice-museum-and-heritage-place-education-0

IPPHA course on Working with Indigenous Collections,

The Australian National University's Institute for Professional Practice in Heritage and the Arts (IPPHA) is offering the following course this July.

Places are filling fast in this 5 day advanced professional development short course, convened by Howard Morphy and involving curators, exhibition developers and collections staff of the national cultural institutions.

Date:	14-18 July 2014
Venue:	ANU and Canberra's national cultural institutions
Website:	http://ippha.anu.edu.au/events/working-indigenous-collections-canberras-national-insitutions-behind-scenes-look-their-value-

ACT and Region Annual Australian Heritage Partnership Symposium 2014 – The Future of Heritage

Hosted by the Canberra Archaeological Society, National Trust of Australia (ACT), Canberra and District Historical Society, Institute of Professional Practice in Heritage and the Arts & Significance International.

- Date:** Saturday, 19 July, 2014
- Time:** 8.30am to 5pm
- Venue:** Sir Roland Wilson Building Theatre, Bldg 120, ANU campus
- Website:** <http://www.nationaltrust.org.au/act/ACTandRegionAnnualAustralianHeritagePartnershipSymposium2014>

August 2014**Best Practice in managing heritage places**

This course is delivered by leading industry trainers Professor Sharon Sullivan and Dr Michael Pearson. It has won the ANU Vice Chancellor's award for excellence in education. The course focuses on best practice in managing heritage places.

- Date:** 2-9 August, 2014
- Time:** 9:00 to 17:00 each day
- Venue:** Port Arthur, Tasmania
- Website:** <http://ippha.anu.edu.au/events/best-practice-managing-heritage-places-2>

The 3rd International Conference NAZARETH – Archaeology, History and Cultural Heritage

The Municipality of Nazareth The University of Haifa-Department of Middle Eastern History

- Date:** 6-8 August 2014
- Venue:** Nazareth, Israel
- Contact:** Dr. Sharif Sharif-Safadi
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Quarantine: History, Heritage, Place

Sponsored by University of Sydney

Date: 14-16 August 2014

**University of Sydney
Organizing Committee** Alison Bashford, Annie Clarke, Ursula Frederick, Peter Hobbins.

Venue: Quarantine Station North Head Australia

Keynote Speakers:

- Nadav Davidovitch, Ben Gurion University of the Negev
- Gareth Hoskins, Aberystwyth University
- Harold Mytum, University of Liverpool
- Nayan Shah, University of Southern California
- Alexandra Minna Stern, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

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September 2014

Annual Meeting – European Association of Archaeologists, Istanbul, Turkey

Date: 10-14 September 2014

Venue: Istanbul Technical University

Website: <https://www.eaa2014istanbul.org/sayfa/26>

The Aerial Archaeology Research Group (AARG) 2014 International Conference

Date: 24-26 September 2014

Venue: Wood Quay Venue in Dublin, Ireland

Website: <http://www.aarg2014.org>

October 2014

The Right to [World] Heritage, International Association of World Heritage Professionals e.V., Germany

Date: 23-25 October 2014
Venue: BTU Cottbus-Senftenberg, Germany
Website: http://www.iawhp.com/?page_id=1597

November 2014

18th ICOMOS General Assembly and Scientific Symposium (Heritage and Landscape as Human Values)

Date: 9-14 November 2014
Venue: Florence, Italy
Website: <http://florence2014.icomos.org>

December 2014

AAA/ASHA 2014 Joint Conference ('Culture, Climate, Change: Archaeology in the Tropics')

Date: 1-3 December 2014
Venue: Pullman International Cairns, Queensland
Website: <http://australianarchaeology.com/conferences/aaa2014-conference/>

April 2015

5th Symposium on the Preservation of Archaeological Remains In Situ: (PARIS 5)

Date: 12-18 April 2015
Venue: Kreuzlingen, Switzerland
Website: http://www.paris5.tg.ch/xml_141/internet/d/e/application/f15356.cfm

July 2015

**Trans-Atlantic Dialogues on Cultural Heritage conference:
(Theme: Heritage, Tourism and Traditions)**

Date: 13-16 July 2015

Venue: Adelphi Hotel, Ranelagh Place, Liverpool city centre,
Merseyside, England

Website: <https://transatlanticdialogues.wordpress.com>

Membership Renewals now due

Invoices for Membership Renewals were sent out in June. Payments are now due. If you have not received a copy of your invoice, please contact me at aacai_sec@yahoo.com.au

Welcoming New Members to AACAI

We would like to welcome the following new member to AACAI:

Dr David Collard Full Member

Where are you and what are you up to?

Let us know where you are and what you are doing for the next Newsletter out in August 2014

We would like to invite you as members to submit items of interest to this Newsletter, which will be published every second month. Also consider sending us a project you are involved with which will be highlighted on our website.

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