

# Newsletter

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**Notice of AACAI Annual General Meeting 2014**

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of members of the Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists Incorporated (AACAI).

The 2014 AGM will be held on to be held on **Monday 1st December 2014** at 6.00 pm at the Pullman Cairns International, Cairns, QLD

The AGM will be held during the annual AAA Conference:

<http://australianarchaeology.com/conferences/>

If this link is not active for you, cut and paste it to your browser to open.

Details of the room venue will be provided at the venue on the official conference programme.

AACAI Full Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members are invited to attend. If you are unable to attend you may appoint a proxy to vote on motions and resolutions on your behalf.

Click on the link at the end of this notice to download the proxy form or contact Diana Neuweger for a copy. **Proxy forms must be received back by 5pm on 17 November 2014.**

You are reminded that to vote at the AGM you must be a financial member of the AACAI. To confirm whether you are a financial member please contact the Secretariat, Cindy Shadiack [aacai\\_sec@yahoo.com.au](mailto:aacai_sec@yahoo.com.au)

**Call for Motions and Agenda Items:** AACAI Full Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members are asked to submit any notices or special resolutions for consideration at the AGM in writing (email will suffice) to our Secretary, Diana Neuweger: [diana@archaeo-logical.com.au](mailto:diana@archaeo-logical.com.au). Please make sure you indicate your name and contact details as proposer of the motion. Please ensure any motions are submitted by **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014.**

**State Chapters:** State Chapters are asked to submit Annual Reports to the Secretary, Diana Neuweger: [diana@archaeo-logical.com.au](mailto:diana@archaeo-logical.com.au) by **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> of November 2012**. State Chapters are also reminded that they need to hold their AGMs prior to this National AGM.

**Diana Neuweger**

Secretary, Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists Incorporated

**PROXY FORM**

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/rcb00wyjqay1bze/AGM%20Proxy%20Form\\_2014.doc?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/rcb00wyjqay1bze/AGM%20Proxy%20Form_2014.doc?dl=0)

If this link is not active for you, cut and paste it to your browser to open.

*This invitation was sent out via e-mail on 17 October 2014*

## **News From the State Chapters**

### **NSW State Chapter**

#### **Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists Inc, NSW State Chapter Notice of the 2014 Annual General Meeting**

The annual general meeting of the NSW State Chapter of AACAI will be held on Friday 21 November 2014, at the Pitt Street Diner, 96 Pitt Street, Redfern, at 5:30 for a 6pm start. AACAI will be sponsoring Christmas drinks afterwards at the Diner from 6:30pm, where AACAI members will be entitled to receive one free drink.

Please contact Jenna Weston, at [honestly\\_java@yahoo.com](mailto:honestly_java@yahoo.com) to indicate your attendance, or if you have any agenda items or motions to be put to the meeting.

#### **Agenda:**

- Present/apologies
- Minutes of the previous AGM
- Matters arising from the minutes of the previous AGM
- Reports from the State Chapter Executive
- Chairperson
- Treasurer
- NEC State Delegate report
- Any other business
- Close of meeting

### **WA State Chapter**

The WA State Chapter AGM 2014 will be held on to be held on Thursday 6th November 2014 at 6.30 pm at the Melville Bowling and Recreation Club, 592 Canning Highway Alfred Cove WA 6154

## **JAACA FAQs**

### **What is JAACA?**

JAACA is AACAI's professional journal. It mainly publishes short reports on topics of interest to members of AACAI and the editors will also consider longer articles.

### **What sort of topics are AACAI members interested in?**

Potentially anything relevant to the practice of archaeology in Australia!

So far JAACA has published papers on aspects of site significance in NSW, the distribution of a particular stone tool type in Queensland, radiocarbon dating of rockshelters in the Pilbara, and the results of sieving experiments.

### **Why should I consider publishing in JAACA?**

- Publishing in JAACA is intended to be very quick
- The journal is published online and then made available to the general public after a brief period when only AACAI members have access.
- The journal offers a means to reduce grey literature.
- It is a good way to communicate results and engage with a wider public. One article in JAACA has already been picked up by an online news service and received considerable publicity as a result (<http://www.sciencewa.net.au/topics/technology-a-innovation/item/2806-wet-sieving-uncovers-additional-human-relics>). This maybe a great selling point to your clients and Traditional Owner groups.
- Editorial policy at JAACA focuses on mentoring, to provide plenty of support for authors. This helps you to get your paper published..

### **I'm not an AACAI member. Can I submit a paper to JAACA?**

Yes. Anyone can publish in JAACA.

### **What happens when I send a paper to JAACA?**

One of three things:

The editors will decide whether your paper meets an acceptable minimum standard for publication or needs only minor revision. If the answer is yes, your paper will be published immediately.

If the editors think your paper needs some more work, they will provide specific advice about what revisions need to be made and how best to make them. The editors may consult other members of the editorial panel or others with relevant expertise or knowledge for advice.

The editors may refer you to a mentor who can advise you about bringing your paper up to standard.

### **What are the deadlines for submitting papers to JAACA?**

There are no deadlines. You can submit a paper at any time and it will be published as soon as practical, once it meets an acceptable minimum standard.

**I have an idea for a paper but I am not sure if it is suitable for JAACA. What do I do?**

Contact the editors! The editors of JAACA are very happy to give feedback on your ideas for papers and will also comment on preliminary drafts.

The turnaround time for a response will be quicker than you think!

**I'm giving a paper or a poster at AAA/ASHA in Cairns. Can I submit the paper to JAACA?**

The editors would love to hear from you! If you have a written presentation or a poster you are well on the way to a paper for JAACA. The editors will suggest ways you can turn your conference presentation or poster into a paper.

**We just finished a really interesting study but the report was very long. Will it be a lot of work to turn it into a paper?**

Did you write an executive summary? Perhaps you could use that as the basis for a short paper covering the key findings. Lots of people will hear about your results, who wouldn't have done otherwise. Anyone interested in the full details could get them by chasing up your report.

**We just found a really unusual artefact or archaeological feature. How can we tell people about it?**

You can write up a very short description and submit it to JAACA. This is a really quick and easy way to get a publication out and to let others know what you have found.

**How do I find out more?**

You can find the JAACA publication guidelines and previous articles on the AACAI website (<http://www.aacai.com.au/publications/Journal/>). If you want to know more, get in touch with the editors ([editor.jaaca@aacai.com.au](mailto:editor.jaaca@aacai.com.au)).

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## Archaeological News from around the World

### What lies beneath?

Researchers have reached the end of the 103m tunnel sealed almost 2000 years ago at the ancient city of Teotihuacan, Mexico. It has yielded thousands of relics, seeds, pottery and animal bones and the discovery of three chambers that could hold more important finds. The tunnel was sealed off around A.D. 250 initial studies by the National Institute of Anthropology and History show.

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/researchers-reach-the-end-of-teotihuacan-tunnel/story-e6frg6n6-1227107928978>

### Easter Island genome research surprise

An international team of researchers led by Anna-Sapfo Malaspinas and Eske Willerslev of the Natural History Museum of Denmark's Centre for GeoGenetics claims Rapa Nui islanders had already made contact with South Americans hundreds of years before Dutch commander Jakob Roggeveen arrived at Easter Island in the Pacific in 1722. While analyzing genome-wide data for 27 Rapa Nui individuals, they detected mostly Polynesian ancestry but they also found "genome-wide patterns consistent with Native American and European admixture", and that the "Native American admixture occurred before the European admixture."

The results are consistent with other archaeological evidence that suggests this contact, such as the finding that crops that were native to the Americas existed in Polynesia, including the Andean sweet potato, long before European contact.

<http://www.foxnews.com/science/2014/10/26/easter-islanders-werent-as-isolated-as-thought/>

### Climate change and water views

Early modern humans who occupied caves in the Témara region near the coast of Northern Morocco came and went, at least in terms of the intensity of their occupation, in correlation with major shifts in the climate of the region a paper by Emilie Campmas of the Université de Bordeaux and colleagues suggests. . "The 'intensive' human occupations date to OIS 5 and could have taken place during wet periods in connection with high sea levels, which allowed the exploitation of shellfish in this area," write the study authors. "'Non-intensive' human occupations generally correspond to arid periods and lower sea levels, during which the Témara area was further inland and may have been less attractive to humans".

The study may have some implications for understanding or reinforcing the influence of climate change or fluctuations in the scientific modeling of ancient coastal human settlements or migrations/movements in other parts of the world.

<http://popular-archaeology.com/issue/12012013/article/climate-change-influenced-early-modern-human-occupation-of-moroccan-caves-say-scientists>

**Ancient paintings found in caves on Sulawesi may be the oldest artworks found outside Europe.**

A team led by Dr Maxime Aubert at Griffith University in Queensland, revealed in the journal *Nature*, a network of seven caves on the Indonesian island of Sulawesi where researchers have dated a series of paintings to nearly 40,000 years old. This is the oldest confirmed cave art anywhere outside Europe.

Maxime says that the rock art from Sulawesi shows that at around the same time, 40,000 ago, as Europeans were showing an explosion in human creativity, especially cave art - on the other side of the world people were making pictures of animals as remarkable as those in the Ice Age caves of France and Spain.”

Professor Peter Veth, an expert on rock art at the University of Western Australia in Perth, says Australia hosts a rich ensemble of Aboriginal art, of which some may be as old as the art found in Sulawesi. “Early Australian Aboriginal art should be of a similar order of antiquity if the appropriate geology and preservations conditions occur,” he says.

Professor Veth and his team recently obtained a major grant to tackle this question at an important archaeological site in the Kimberley region of Western Australia.

[http://www.australiangeographic.com.au/news/2014/10/indonesian-cave-art-sets-new-record-sulawesi?utm\\_source=Kimberley+Foundation+Mailing+List&utm\\_campaign=66cb07a836-February\\_campaign2\\_11\\_2014&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_c3a88fe165-66cb07a836-52725713](http://www.australiangeographic.com.au/news/2014/10/indonesian-cave-art-sets-new-record-sulawesi?utm_source=Kimberley+Foundation+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=66cb07a836-February_campaign2_11_2014&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c3a88fe165-66cb07a836-52725713)

## A Slice of AACAI History

The entire Newsletter of October 1979 was exactly one page long. The opening paragraph was:

*"We have decided to make this Newsletter short and sweet."*

Read the whole thing (if you have the time) on the AACAI website here:

<http://aacai.com.au/publications/Newsletter/>

## Archaeologiggle





## Call for Papers

### Cultural Landscapes and Heritage Values

Embracing Change in the Management of Place

**May 13 - 15, 2015 at the Amherst Campus University of Massachusetts**

### Submission of Abstracts

This conference will be open to the public and will explore the theme of “Cultural Landscapes and Heritage Values” as described above. Papers selected will be the basis of twenty-minute presentations followed by discussion. No more than one abstract will be accepted per author (you may submit a second if you are not the principal author). To propose a symposium, paper, or poster for one of the four sub-themes listed above, please submit an abstract (maximum 200 words) **HERE** or cut and paste this link to your browser

([http://scholarworks.umass.edu/cgi/login.cgi?return\\_to=http%3A%2F%2Fscholarworks.umass.edu%2Fcgi%2Fsubmit.cgi%3Fcontext%3Dchs\\_conference&context=chs\\_conference](http://scholarworks.umass.edu/cgi/login.cgi?return_to=http%3A%2F%2Fscholarworks.umass.edu%2Fcgi%2Fsubmit.cgi%3Fcontext%3Dchs_conference&context=chs_conference))

Due 15 January 2015.

Proposals will be selected through a blind peer review by the conference committee. Authors will be notified of the Program Committee’s decision by February 15, 2015.

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*

### **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>

#### **AACAI NSW State Chapter Annual General Meeting 2014**

Date: Friday, 21 November 2014 5.30 for 6pm  
Venue: Pitt Street Diner, 96 Pitt Street, Redfern  
Contact: Jenna Weston on [honestly\\_java@yahoo.com](mailto:honestly_java@yahoo.com)

### **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/>

#### **AACAI Annual General Meeting 2014**

Date: Monday 1 December 2014  
Venue: Pullman Cairns International, Cairns, QLD  
Contact: Diana Neuweger: [diana@archaeo-logical.com.au](mailto:diana@archaeo-logical.com.au)

### **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](http://www.paris5.tg.ch/xml_141/internet/d<br/>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>

## Welcoming New Members to AACAI

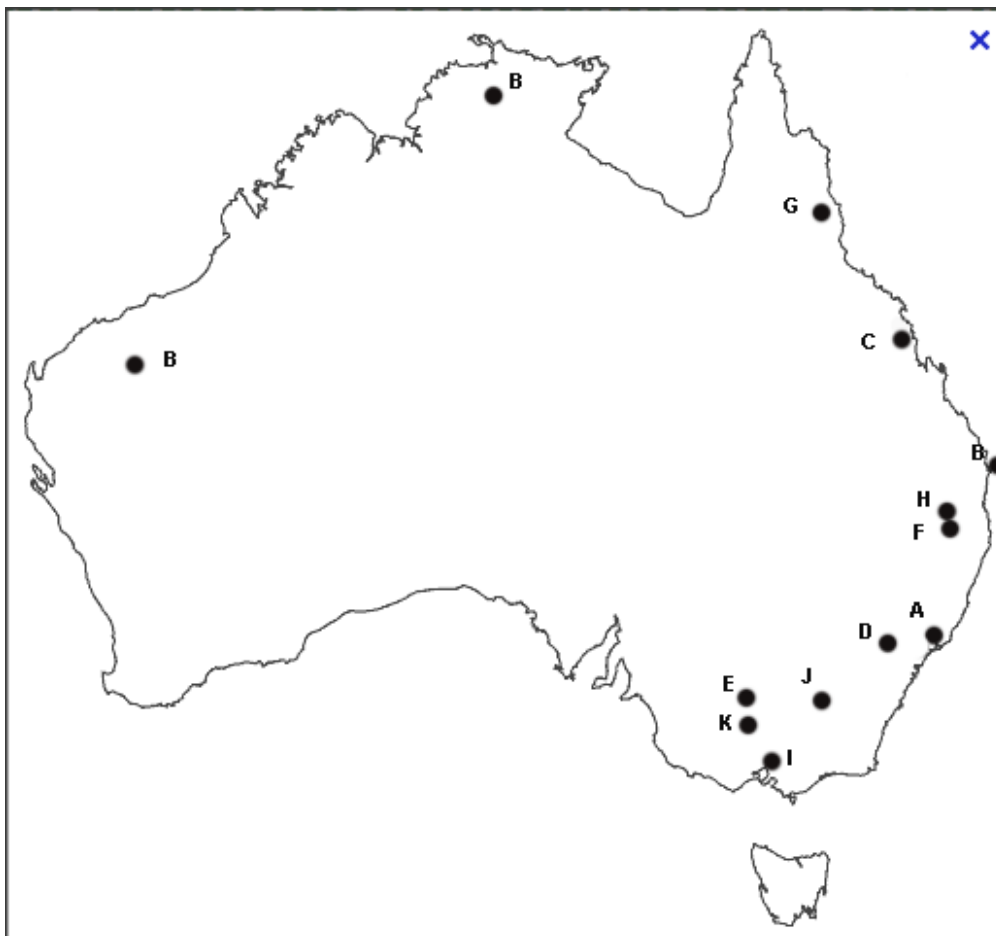
We would like to welcome the following new members to AACAI:

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| Rick Bullers        | Associate Member |
| Emma Clare Beckett  | Associate Member |
| Paul Howard         | Associate Member |
| Jacqueline Matthews | Associate Member |
| Jordan Ralph        | Associate Member |

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| Dr. Jodie Benton | Full Member |
| Tessa Boer-Mah   | Full Member |

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### Where are you and what are you up to?



- A Oliver Brown Oliver Brown is in Tweed Heads, on the NSW Qld border and Rooty Hill, in the heart of western Sydney.  
 “Having just started out with my own business again, the two current jobs probably summarise my consulting career: A hard-won job on an interesting midden site; and the 'bread-and-butter' of yet another a disturbed lithic concentration coming up against a sports field in Sydney's west.”
- B Richard Fullagar Richard is looking at function of axes, grinding stones and backed artefacts in various places including Pilbara WA, Kakadu NT and Fraser Island QLD.  
 He is currently based in Sweden for another month or so, where he is writing up reports and publications; and visiting a colleague in Belgium to learn more about hafting traces on some specific stone artefacts from project areas.
- C Dr. Paul Gorecki Paul is in the Bowen Basin, Queensland undertaking Cultural heritage surveys with various traditional owners, having a lovely time in the bush, and finding interesting things.
- D Fiona Leslie Fiona is working on Eskbank House Archaeological Management Plan (AMP) in Lithgow, NSW.  
**Summary**  
 Lithgow City Council has commissioned Niche to prepare an Archaeological Management Plan (AMP) for Eskbank House, a Victorian Georgian style house and outbuilding group constructed in 1842 for Thomas Brown, one of the founders of the coal industries in Lithgow. Eskbank House is currently listed as a heritage item on Council's Local Environmental Plan (LEP) and is one of Lithgow's earliest surviving houses.
- E Jodie Mitchell Jodie is with Alpha Archaeology working on the Former Sandhurst Cemetery in Bendigo, Victoria.  
**Summary**  
 Historical research, survey and report to provide a comprehensive history of Bendigo's first cemetery during the gold rush.
- F Jill Reid Jill Reid is currently working on the Toowoomba Regional Council Heritage Guide Review in Toowoomba, Queensland.  
**Summary**  
 Niche has been assisting the Toowoomba Regional Council reviewing processes for Council to meet its obligations under the Queensland Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003. The review process has been a successful collaboration between Niche and Toowoomba Regional Council. We found that having an open and transparent working relationship has meant that we were able to provide advice in a timely manner, ahead of schedule and on budget. The collaborative nature of the project has also resulted in a stronger understanding by Council of the requirements of the Act, with new insights shared on both sides.

- G Matt Schlitz Matt is currently working on the Transport Network Reconstruction Project (TNRP) in Far North Queensland  
**Summary**  
 Currently undertaking heritage site assessments and cultural heritage inductions for road contracts in Far North Queensland.
- H Michael Strong Michael is working on the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing From the Lockyer Valley to Toowoomba, S E Queensland  
**Summary**  
 A major infrastructure project to build a safer highway up the Toowoomba Range.
- I John Tunn John is working as a Senior Heritage Consultant with AHMS based in Melbourne and work mainly in Victoria but also have some projects in WA  
**Summary**  
 Working on development driven Aboriginal cultural heritage management planning. Project management involves project design, TO and client consultation, fieldwork and managing teams, report writing and editing.
- J Sarah Ward Sarah is with ArchLink Archaeologists  
**Project Name**  
 Mate's Building Redevelopment  
**Project Area**  
 Albury, New South Wales, Australia  
**Summary**  
 Redevelopments in Albury's CBD include the site of the car park of the historic Mate's Arcade Building. The team journeyed over to New South Wales to assess the site before a weeklong excavation was undertaken in mid October 2014. The footings of an extant commercial building (Butcher) were revealed and monitoring continues today.
- K Dr. Ben Watson Ben is currently working on a cultural heritage management plan in collaboration with Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation for the proposed Calder Highway interchange upgrade at Ravenswood, central Victoria. More than 20 new Aboriginal sites have been recorded in the area surveyed, including several scarred trees and a number of quite extensive lithic artefact scatters.  
  
 He is also working on the analysis of artefacts and spatial data from sites near Wallpolla Creek in the Murray River Corridor, far north-western Victoria, following recommendations made in a management plan prepared in 2013. Results of the fieldwork for that plan will be published soon in *Excavations, Surveys and Heritage Management in Victoria Vol. 3 (2014)*. Results of experimental archaeomagnetic analysis on excavated hearth material by Andy Herries and Agathe Lisé-Pronovost of La Trobe University will be presented at the AAA conference in December.

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



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