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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

**22 May 2024**

AACAI: The Benefits of a Professional Representative Body for Archaeologists, [ArchSoc UWA Seminar Night](#)

**25 May 2024**

Discover Archaeology Week event, [Inner West Council Libraries, Sydney](#)

**25 May 2024**

Backyard Archaeology Symposium, [Canberra Museum & Gallery](#)

**19-25 May 2024**

National Archaeology Week - see full calendar of events [here](#)

**25-27 Sept 2024**

Australasian Society for Historical Archaeology (ASHA) Conference, [University of Canberra](#)

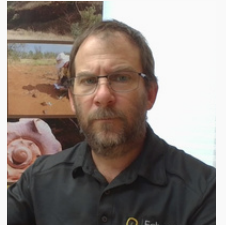
**25-26 October 2024**

Australia ICOMOS 2024 National Symposium in Perth, WA

## WELCOME FROM THE NEW NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (NEC)

### Dr Ian Ryan, President

Ian has been a full member of AACAI since 2017. He has been a full-time cultural heritage professional for over twenty years and is currently the CEO of Echoes Cultural Heritage Management, formerly Gavin Jackson Cultural Resource Management. Although beginning his career as a stone artefact specialist, having done a doctoral project on retouched flake variation in eastern Tasmanian assemblages, Ian's experience working as a consultant in cultural heritage management in Western Australia has led to a more holistic understanding of, and approach to, archaeology and cultural heritage management (CHM). Ian's career in CHM has exemplified his belief in the importance of mentoring within the profession and in ensuring the practice of CHM maintains a connection with the world of archaeological research.



### Dr Lynley Wallis, Vice-President

Lynley has been a member of AACAI since 2006, having served on the NEC in a variety of roles (President: 2014 and 2015; Vice President: 2016 and 2017; and Membership Secretary 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023) before stepping up again as the Vice President in 2024.

Working as a cultural heritage professional trading as Wallis Heritage Consulting (operating since 2011), Lynley also works as the cultural heritage advisor to Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation and also the Gudanji Yanyuwa Garrawa Marra Corporation (both in the NT). Lynley is also currently employed as a Professor in the Griffith Centre for Social and Cultural Research at Griffith University in Brisbane, where she is leading a large ARC Linkage project partnering with six Aboriginal corporations in southeast Cape York Peninsula.

She is looking forward to providing support to the new members of the NEC as they step into their roles, and to assisting AACAI develop a greater visibility in Queensland, where there has not been an active AACAI chapter for many years



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## REMINDERS FOR AACAI MEMBERS

Membership renewals for 2024-25 financial year will be sent out in June.

Ensure you provide a current, working email address and update your profile on the website.

Login to your member profile [here](#).

If you have any queries about logging in, contact our Secretariat, Angela Brannigan [here](#).

If you have been an Associate Member for 5 years, you are encouraged to apply for Full Membership.

If you are retiring/retired or not working in archaeology anymore but still want to be connected with AACAI, you could be considered for Honorary Membership.

For all membership queries, please contact Kane Ditchfield, our Membership Secretary [here](#).

Important references for members:

[AACAI Constitution](#)

[AACAI Code of Ethics](#)

[AACAI Policies](#)

[Strategic Plan 2015-2025](#)

## JJ McDermott, Secretary

JJ has been a member of AACAI since 2013, becoming a full member in 2018. He has been a pro-active advocate of the Association since stepping up as the WA Chapter Secretary in 2017. He has passionately promoted AACAI as a professional body for archaeologists in Australia and has helped invigorate its presence and voice in matters pertaining to cultural heritage legislation and standards. On behalf of AACAI, he has organised several social events and professional development workshops, drafted public and media statements, and was the chief organiser for the Western Australian Future Forum in 2020.



JJ is originally from Ireland, having graduated with a Masters in Landscape Archaeology from the National University of Ireland, Galway. He immigrated to Perth, Western Australia in 2011, and currently works as a project manager and principal archaeologist at Echoes Cultural Heritage Management.

## Sarah de Koning, Treasurer

Sarah de Koning has been an AACAI member since 2020. She was part of the organising committee for the Western Australian Future Forum 2020, which was co-hosted by AACAI.

Sarah's background is in rock art research, and she undertook her Honours examining species in turtle engravings on Murujuga. Sarah is currently the Database Manager for the Centre for Rock Art Research + Management (CRAR+M) at the University of Western Australia and the acting Project Manager on the Desert to the Sea ARC Linkage Project. She is also a consultant with Environmental System Solutions.



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## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS IN 2023 & 2024

### Full Members

Dr Garry Marriner (NSW)  
Anthea Vella (NSW)  
Jocelyn Strickland (Vic)  
Chris Clark (Vic)  
Kirsta Whitewood (Vic)  
Denis Coutant (WA)

### Associate Members

Hamish MacGregor (WA)  
Dr Ariane Maggio (WA)  
Marcel Teschendorff (WA)  
Dr Irina Ponomareva (Qld)  
Magdalena Bunbury (Qld)

### Upgraded to Full Members

Dr Kane Ditchfield (WA)  
Dr Wendy Reynen (WA)  
Dr Caroline Bird (WA)

### Dr Kane Ditchfield, Membership Secretary

Kane became a member of AACAI in 2018, becoming a full member in 2023. He has over 10 years of experience working in heritage consulting and research throughout Western Australia.

Kane completed his PhD at the University of Western Australia in 2018 and is a specialist in stone artefact analysis, field methods, and chronological analyses as well as coastal and Pilbara archaeology. He has extensive consulting experience across north-western Australia, working with a variety of different groups on survey, excavation, and salvage projects with communities. Kane is currently a part-time research fellow at UWA and is a principal archaeologist and director at Big Island Research.



### Matthew Barber, Returning Officer

Matthew has been a full member of AACAI since 2016, and has fulfilled roles as the Returning Officer and NSW/ACT State Delegate over a number of years.

Matthew is a highly experienced consultant with over 30 years in the heritage consulting industry. Although primarily working in NSW, he has worked across a number of other states in Australia and has a broad range of skills and experience. Currently Matthew is the Technical Director – Heritage at NGH Pty Ltd, a large multidisciplinary environmental, social and planning consultancy. He looks forward to working with the new NEC to build AACAI as a strong advocate for the heritage consulting industry



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## TELL OTHERS TO JOIN AACAI

Google 'Join AACAI'  
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Choose the most suitable  
membership option

Pay \$50 application fee  
Prepare your paperwork

### **Full Membership**

\$200 per year  
5 years experience  
Hons/Post-grad or field  
experience  
2 references (incl AACAI full  
member)  
CV and reports

### **Associate Membership**

\$110 per year  
Hons/Post-grad or field  
experience  
2 references  
CV

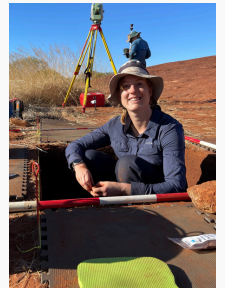
### **Affiliate Membership**

\$90 per year  
Professional archaeologists  
or special interest  
Hons/Post-grad  
2 references (incl. AACAI full  
member)

## THE STATE DELEGATES AND SECRETARIAT

### **Dr Wendy Reynen, WA State Delegate**

Wendy became an AACAI member in 2019, and has been the WA State Delegate since 2023. With a specialisation in stone artefact analysis, Wendy has worked as an archaeologist in heritage consulting and research across Western Australia for over 15 years. Since completing her PhD at UWA in 2019, she continues her involvement in academic research (with a part time research position at UWA) whilst leading field and research teams in cultural heritage management with Big Island Research.



### **Josh Madden, NSW/ACT State Delegate**

Josh became a member of AACAI in 2022 and has been part of the NSW/ACT state committee since joining. Josh has worked as an archaeologist in the heritage and planning industry for 15 years and is Principal Heritage Consultant for Sustainable Heritage. Josh has a keen interest and focus on cumulative impact to cultural heritage and has recently been involved in the NSW legislation reform.



### **Angela Brannigan, Secretariat Officer**

Angela became AACAI's Secretariat Officer in mid-2023. Her role as Secretariat requires her to implement the general administration of the Association as well as being the main public point of contact for AACAI. She also closely liaises with the membership and the National Executive Committee (NEC). The role is part-time and is the only paid position within AACAI.

Angela is looking forward to working closely with AACAI members and the NEC, and encourages people to reach out if they need any help.

