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The Benefits of a Professional Representative Body For Archaeologists

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What is a Professional Organisation?

- Professional organisations are independent bodies that serve to further the interests of particular professions, advance that profession and serve the public good.
- Professional bodies:
 - Promote ethical, quality and professional standards
 - Facilitate innovation, communication and connection
 - Keep members connected with latest knowledge, practices
 - Keep on top of and react to current issues and opportunities
 - Help educate members and the public
 - Assist with professional development and advancement



What are the benefits of being a member?

Professional organisations offer:

- Peer support
- Networking
- Interact with more senior members
- Learn more about the career field
- Internship and job opportunities
- Learning and continuous education
- Codes of ethics
- Guidance policies
- Credibility
- Mentoring or sponsorship
- Increased visibility
- Access to resources
- Fresh news and perspectives
- Staves off isolation and silos
- Encourages development of individuals and profession as a whole
- Build skills, e.g. Leadership, public speaking, project management
- Journals and conferences

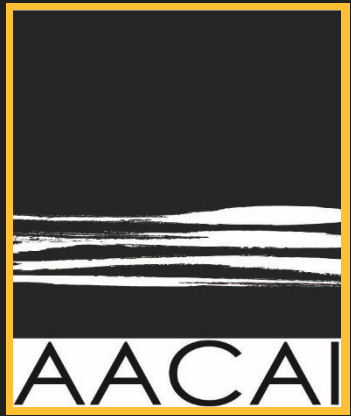


What is AACAI?



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- “Member-benefit” **volunteer** professional organisation
- Peak professional representative body for consulting archaeologists in Australia
- Develop and promote best practice in archaeology
- Promote training and communication
- Provide support for our members
- Liaise with Traditional Owner groups and other heritage orgs
- Influence policy and decision makers to protect and manage cultural and historical heritage in this country.



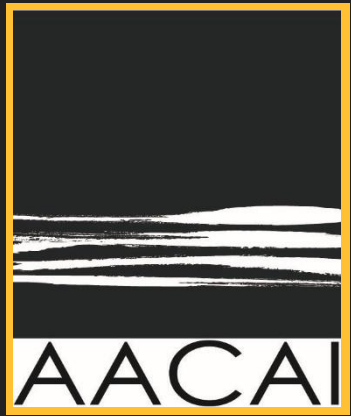
Overview of AACAI



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- National Executive Committee (elected every two years)
- Membership Committee (made up of seven full members)
- Three active State Chapters – NSW/ACT, VIC and WA
- Over 200 AACAI current members across Australia
- Constitution (governance of the organisation)
- Code of Ethics (members must adhere to)
- 10-year Strategic Plan
- Policies on consulting with Aboriginal communities and volunteering
- Recommended Minimum Fee Scale for consulting archaeologists and specialists
- Procedure for handling complaints against members





Overview of AACAI



- Journal of the Australian Association of Archaeologists (JAACA)
- Annual Student Support Fund
- Laila Haglund Prize for Excellency in Consulting (presented at AAA Conference annually)
- Life Members (recognition of member contributions)
- Membership Directory on website
- Quarterly Newsletters
- Website provides resources, standards in consulting archaeology, monographs, archived reports, public and submissions and media releases
- Chapters run professional development courses, training, workshops, seminars and social events
- Regular sponsorship provided to archaeological events and conferences

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How can I become a Member of AACAI?

Google 'Join AACAI'

<https://www.aacai.com.au/membership/become-a-member/>

...or scan here----->

Prepare Paperwork – Qualifications and References
\$50 Application Fee





Prospective Membership

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Associate Member

\$110 per year

- Graduate Archaeologist
- Honours/Post-Grad Degree in archaeology OR related field
- OR equivalent field experience
- References from 2 pro archaeologists
- Can work supervised or unsupervised as field OR research assistant in Special Skills Area



Full Member

\$200 per year

- 5 years Full-Time Experience
- Honours/Post-Grad Degree in archaeology OR related field
- OR equivalent field experience
- References from 2 pro archaeologists (1 AACAI Full Member)
- Demonstrated competence in General Consulting Archaeology



Affiliate Member

\$90 per year

- Professional Archaeologist
- OR Has Special Interest in Archaeology
- Honours/Post-Grad Degree in archaeology OR related field
- Recommendation from 1 AACAI Full Member



Current National Executive Committee

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Vice-President

Lynley Wallis

Secretary

JJ McDermott

Treasurer

Sarah de Koning

Returning/Public Officer

Matt Barber

Membership Secretary

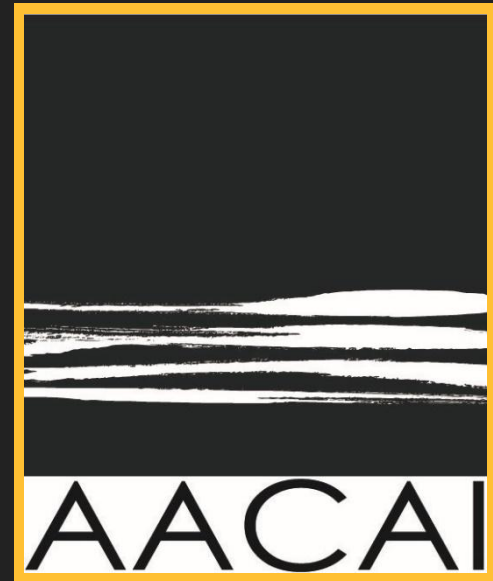
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