



Detail shot of the subfloor structure, showing the interaction of the floor joists with the southern sole plate and stone foundation piles.

Wesley Maguire, Heritage Survey Consultants

NORTHERN TERRITORY NEWS

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OLD OWEN SPRINGS HOMESTEAD COMPLEX

The Northern Territory Heritage Branch (Department of Lands Planning and the Environment) and Parks and Wildlife Commission excavated the Old Owen Springs Homestead cellar in July 2013. The cellar was part of the first pastoralist homestead constructed in the area in the late 1800s. The cellar was totally abandoned prior to 1937 and filled with local soil and waste materials. The excavation team completed the first stage of the excavations on 26 July 2013 removing approximately 10 cubic metres of soil and large numbers of pre-1930s artefacts (Fig. 1). The archaeological investigations aimed to describe its construction and use in more detail and in particular, who constructed the cellar and when, and will it tell us more about life in Central Australia between the 1880s and the early 1900s. The Northern Territory Government would like to thank Kerrie Grant for helping us coordinate the excavations, and thanks to all the volunteers, especially archaeologists, Delyna Baxter, and Dr Robin Gregory.



Malcolm Connolly

SOUTH AUSTRALIA NEWS

Compiled by Adam Paterson

[Adam reports that there's nothing for this issue. He has also indicated that he will be stepping down at the AGM as SA State Rep, due to the pressing need to get his PhD finished (I know that feeling). I'd like to acknowledge the sterling job that he has done, and thank him on behalf of the ASHA Committee. If any of our members in SA want to take up the role, please get in touch and I'll talk you through the requirements – Ed.]

VICTORIA NEWS

[Andrea reports that nobody has sent her anything to report on – Ed.]



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