

RESEARCH NOTES

La Trobe University Honours Theses

Spatial Analysis of the Kelly and Lucas Whaling Station, Bruny Island, Tasmania.

The focus of this honours thesis is the investigation of the different activity areas at the Kelly and Lucas Whaling Station, especially with the use of spatial analysis of the recovered artefacts. The cultural and non-cultural formation processes that were operating on the site were defined. The non-cultural processes have not affected the spatial integrity of artefacts from the whaling period, and hence, any observed patterns in them are a reflection of the whalers' behaviour at the station. Refuse distinctions were made to link spatial analysis of the artefacts with occupied activity. The intrasite spatial analysis method used was simple artefact distributional pattern analysis, using a GIS program. The artefacts' relationship to architectural features, the artefacts themselves, and historical information, were used to determine activity areas at the site. The spatial analysis shows where on the site these activities were taking place, and which areas were for multifunctional and monofunctional activities. The site was divided into five distinct activity areas.

Andrea Clark

Trypots And Teacups: Representations Of The Van Dieman's Land Whalemens.

This thesis examines the lives of the Van Diemen's Land Whalemens, particularly the shore-based whalers. Central to the issues discussed is the notion of respectability: the whalers were outsiders to Hobart Town society and outside the bounds of respectability. The concepts of centre and periphery, as discussed by Edward Shils, provides a framework for this examination of the lives of the whalemens. They were on the periphery, while at the centre was a network of institutions and values espoused by the elite members of the society, who determined the standards by which the behaviour and the values of all those within their sphere of influence were and are judged. The discussion is 'anchored' by a consideration of those who operated James Kelly and Thomas Lucas' station at Adventure Bay on Bruny Island. Here we can see the authority of the centre as it sought to impose prevailing concepts of respectability and order on the whalemens and to reshape the world of the whalemens into the image of the centre.

and we can also see the complex responses of the whalemens themselves.

John Buttress

University of Otago Honours Theses

Amorphous Lumps: The Metal Assemblage from Facile Harbour, Dusky Sound, New Zealand.

Metal artefacts are invariably ignored during the analysis of historical assemblages in both New Zealand and abroad. It was not possible to simply forget about the metal objects recovered from the late eighteenth-century settlement in Facile Harbour: they were the only class of remains recovered in significant quantities. A detailed analysis of these remains was undertaken, examining as many variables as possible for each category of artefact and drawing on historical information to aid interpretation. This successfully demonstrated the quantities of information that can be obtained from a metal assemblage. When subjected to a spatial analysis, these metal artefacts revealed the differential use of distinct areas of the site and thereby provided new information about the eighteenth century occupation of Facile Harbour.

Katharine Watson

ASHA NEWS

President's Report

ASHA is a remarkable society, with members around the world, although most, of course, are concentrated in Australia and New Zealand. It is run by a changing body of volunteers who together make up the Committee. Keeping in touch with the membership is the principal task of the Secretary, for whom it is almost a full-time job, as the magnificent Rowan Ward knows all too well. The members communicate among themselves through the *Newsletter*, state representatives and its editors. The Journal is run by the Editor, with assistance from the Editorial Committee. The Editors edit, the Committee commits, the Treasurer treasures. As this doesn't leave much for the President to do (other than carrying slide projectors and stuffing envelopes), I thought I should follow the lead given by previous presidents, particularly Judy Birmingham and Graham Connah, in making sure that government authorities acknowledge the importance of ASHA as a professional group with specialised interests and expertise.