

Finalised projects in 2011 and 2010 include a recently completed conservation plan for The Manning Estate which includes an 1920s farmhouse, now a museum, an 1850s fourteen room stone ruin with outbuildings, and archaeological sites of previous homesteads and field systems. An interpretation plan for the Shire of Collie and a maritime heritage strategy for the Great Southern Region were completed in 2010.

The consultancy also hired forensic archaeologist Ambika Flavel to recover human remains encountered by contractors during the digging of a service trench along a pavement in Balladong Street in York. The site is located near the pioneer cemetery of York which dates to 1857-1888, for which only incomplete plans for the location of burials exist. It was determined that the remains, which were of a mature adult, probably male, originally buried in a supine position within a coffin, pertain to this cemetery. The remains were given back to the York Historical Society for reburial at the cemetery.

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ARCHAEOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Research

We have seen several theses in historical archaeology completed this year, including four PhDs. Congratulations on doctoral graduates:

- Dr Jennifer Rodrigues (*Finders Keepers: an examination of the impact of diver interaction with shipwrecks as revealed by the 1993 amnesty collections*)
- Dr Samantha Bolton (*Just Passing Through: The archaeology of late nineteenth and early twentieth century settlements between Mundaring and Kalgoorlie, Western Australia*)
- Dr Kelly Fleming (*Global patterns & local contexts : an archaeological investigation of late nineteenth-to early twentieth-century gold mining settlements in the Upper Murchison, Western Australia*)
- Dr Jade Pervan (nee Stingemore) (*Surviving the Cure: Life on Bernier and Dorre Island under the Lock Hospital Regime*)

Honours theses on historical topics included:

- Sebastian Curry-Bowran (*Towards a contact archaeology of Perth*)

Sean Winter, a doctoral student, continues excavations at York and Toodyay convict depots. Student volunteers continue to assist Sean process the excavated materials in the laboratory.

Ross Anderson, MA student, continues his research into whaling and sealing in the Recherche Archipelago. His work at the Museum has seen the excavation of several sites of American whaling vessels in Bunbury.

Publications and conferences

In November, Emeritus Professor Jeffrey Bolton kindly launched a new book by Alistair Paterson titled *A Millennium of Cultural Contact* (Left Coast Press, Walnut Creek, 2011).

There have been recent publications of relevance to Australasian historical archaeology from UWA staff and postgraduates including:

- Winter, Sean. 2011. A Preliminary Report on Archaeological Investigations at two Western Australian Regional Convict Depots. *Australian Archaeology* 73: 65-68.
- Local Expressions of a Global System: The Archaeology of British Convict Transportation in Western Australia. Paper presented to the Contemporary and Historical Archaeology in Theory Conference, Boston University, USA, November 2011
- Paterson, Alistair G. 2011 'Considering colonialism and capitalism in Australian historical archaeology: Two case studies of culture contact from the pastoral domain'. In *The Archaeology of Capitalism in Colonial Contexts*. S. Croucher and L. Weiss, eds. Pp. 243-267. Global Contributions to Historical Archaeology: Springer.

Future conferences in WA (other than ASHA/AIMA 2012)

- Computer Applications in Archaeology (2013)
- IKUWA (2016)

Alistair Paterson and Sean Winter (Postgraduate representative)

NEW DOCTORAL THESIS AT UWA

My book, *The Archaeology of Market Capitalism: A Western Australian Perspective*, which was published by Springer in May this year in their series *Global Contributions to Historical Archaeology* has been accepted by UWA as my doctoral thesis.

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OLD PERTH BOYS' SCHOOL, PERTH

Constructed in 1854, the Perth Boys' School was the first purpose-built public school in Perth. Designed by Richard Roach Jewell in the Gothic Revival style, it was extended in the 1860s and remained in use as an education facility for over 130 years. The property is vested in the National Trust of Australia (WA) and is a significant listed heritage building.

The City Square development adjoins the rear of Old Perth Boys' School and, as a result of the major construction works, the floorboards at Old Perth Boys' School had to be removed in order to install underpinning to stabilise the building. Due to potential damage to archaeology that would have resulted from the underpinning, the underfloor deposit was excavated in the northern transept in March and October/November 2011 by AHMS. There was a surface layer of artefacts that related to the historical use of the building, both as a school and, more recently, as a café. Artefacts included seeds (mainly peach), pencils, ink nibs, inkwells, pieces of chalk, pieces of paper, wood, paper clips and small fragments of glass. Full analysis of the artefacts has yet to be undertaken, but these excavations have provided a rare opportunity to examine the underfloor deposits of one Perth's significant historical buildings.

Sam Bolton, AHMS (Perth)

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