STATE OF THE ART

ACT NEWS

No news this issue.

QUEENSLAND NEWS

Mill Point Archaeological Project

Planning is well underway for the 2005 field season of the Mill Point project. Mill Point was a sawmilling and timbergetting complex that operated on the shores of a lake at the northern end of Queensland’s Sunshine Coast in the later half of the nineteenth century. The project is a joint exercise of the University of Queensland, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, Environmental Protection Agency and Noosa Shire Council. This year two PhD candidates, Karen Murphy and Steve Nichols, have joined the team to undertake specific projects. Karen will be investigating the archaeology of the domestic and family realms and Steve will be examining the public outreach aspects of the project. The 2005 field season is scheduled for February (weather permitting) and the broad aims for the field season are to:

- continue the broad scale survey of the site, including the tramway, wharf and jetty complex and farm areas;
- commence the survey of the domestic areas of the site;
- undertake detailed recording of a further two 25x25m grid squares in the areas that have the highest visitor impact; and
- organise fieldwork open days for local community members to participate in the fieldwork.

Jon Prangnell
NEW SOUTH WALES NEWS

News from the Heritage Office

Dr Tracy Ireland has continued working on the Strategic Archaeology Review which was commissioned by the Director of the Heritage Office in August 2004. The project is being undertaken to review archaeological management in NSW by the Heritage Council and Heritage Office to ascertain its effectiveness and efficiency. The objectives of the Review include developing a vision for the future of archaeological heritage in NSW and to set out a clear and achievable plan for this vision. Her report on the Review is due for completion by the end of 2004. Recommendations provided by the Review will be considered in early 2005.

After the departure of Natalie Vinton in September, the archaeology resources in the office have been supplemented by Jennie Lindbergh who is on secondment from Godden Mackay Logan. She will be assisting with the assessment and issuing of Section 140 Applications. The archaeologists in the Heritage Office continue to work on the refinement of the Heritage Office database (HOD), which is used to compile information on all heritage items. HOD is also used to generate the assessment reports prepared for the archaeology permits issued under the Heritage Act. Investigations are continuing into the feasibility of making part of HOD 'live' on the internet in the future. Work is also continuing on the preparation of a more detailed checklist for excavation permits which is likely to be issued in 2005. The effectiveness and appropriateness of the Exemptions and Exceptions under the Act continues to be monitored. The Office would also welcome feedback from practitioners on the Excavation Director criteria which have been available on the website since mid-2004.

Siobhan Lavelle

Archaeological & Heritage Management Solutions Pty Ltd (AHMS)

Nearly the end of another year - everyone a bit older and a bit crankier! As with virtually all consultancies in NSW the archaeologists at and working with AHMS have been extremely busy in last half of 2004. Emma Thompson and Gina Scheer both joined us in the last few months. Gina is managing an analysis of an assemblage recovered from excavation of the former Newcastle Presbyterian Cemetery (c1841-81); Emma has been working on excavations at Brookvale brickworks and Parramatta Skatepark in addition to preparing her first assessment report on the Empire Hotel, one of the first Inns established on the old Maitland Road into Newcastle.

Fiona Leslie’s rapid development as an historical archaeologist continues. She worked as an assistant planner to Dan Tuck on the Newcastle Cemetery excavation and has been monitoring and planning excavation work at a military site including light machine gun emplacements established to defend Pittwater. Fiona’s not inconsiderable skills in historic research and GIS modeling is currently being tested by Graham Wilson during their work on Research Designs for proposed excavations in Gloucester St, The Rocks and at Pitt Town. The latter is a particularly exciting project as it looks likely to entail a resistivity survey (possibly using a meter built by Richard Wright), and test excavation, in an attempt to locate remains of Gov. Bligh’s Model Farm - established there in c1807.
Jim Wheeler continues to work with us - mostly on Aboriginal site assessment and excavation, but he’s also an invaluable member of the crew for his skills in planning and assessing the potential for historic sites to contain evidence of Contact and early historic Aboriginal occupation. Jim and Graham Wilson recently made some substantial amendments to the excavation and recording methods that we’ve devised, and have been tweaking, over the last few years for work on sites that contain both Aboriginal and historic remains. The field directors loved the experiment, however the staff in the trenches appeared to reserve judgement on the success of the “Wilson-Wheeler System (Version 6.2.3)” - at least until the pub was reached at the end of Day 1 when talk of a cruelty-to-animals claim was bandied about.

Peter Douglas is currently directing excavation at Brookvale brickworks and is scheduled to begin test excavation on the former Bonnyrigg Male Orphan School - a government funded “benevolent” institution established on Sydney’s fringe in the 1820s.

Finally, we anticipate having to move from ‘the office formerly known as Blokeworld’ in the New Year. It will be the end of an era for many of us, but maybe one that’s overdue as we attempt to accommodate the expanding number of people working here, one of whom includes Matt Kelly who’s to join us in February ‘05 after a lengthy spell at GML.

Peter Douglas

Godden Mackay Logan

Former Prince Henry Hospital
The former Prince Henry Hospital Site at Little Bay is being developed by Landcom and Godden Mackay Logan is providing a range of heritage services. Research excavations have been recently carried out by Catherine Tucker at the Female Lazaret site. The Lazaret includes the small fenced complex built to quarantine and treat female sufferers of leprosy from 1883. The site was then used for the treatment of infectious and tropical diseases from the early twentieth century. The Female Lazaret building was demolished in 1966. Excavations of the adjacent Original Services Area are still under way. In July 1881 an area of the Hospital Site was set aside for the first ambulance corps of New South Wales, which includes associated stables, stockyards, staff accommodation and carriage sheds as well as the Dairy and workshops. Excavations of the Female Lazaret site and the Original Services Area have yielded evidence of building footings, old road alignments and sections of sandstone kerbing.

Mountain Street Post-Excavation Work
Godden Mackay Logan is currently finalising the post excavation analysis for the Mountain St site. We had commenced excavation in June 2003 and expect completion of the Final report mid 2005. Mountain St provides us with an opportunity to provide a detailed comparison between the nearby Quadrant Site and occupation already documented at the Bullecourt Place site excavated by GML in 2002 for Australand.

Departures
Godden Mackay Logan sadly says good-bye to Matthew Kelly who will leave the firm in February 2005. Matthew has been with the firm for twelve years, throughout its various forms as Don Godden and Associates, Godden Mackay and for the past nine years, Godden
Mackay Logan. Matthew has contributed to high-profile archaeological excavation projects including ‘The Big Dig’ at Cumberland and Gloucester Streets, The Rocks, Bullecourt Place, Ultimo, and Paddy’s Markets. We wish Matthew the best of luck in his future work at Archaeological Heritage Management Solutions, and in the completion of his PhD thesis on late Iron Age and early Roman archaeology in Western Europe.

Arrivals
Dr Iain Stuart will be joining the team at Godden Mackay Logan, as Senior Consultant, commencing in January 2005. Most recently, Iain has held the position of ‘Principal’, Archaeology and Heritage Management at HLA Envirosciences, based in Sydney. Iain's skills extend across indigenous heritage, cultural landscapes, historical archaeology and industrial sites. He is a most welcome and valuable addition to the Godden Mackay Logan team.

Karina Waddell

Hermit’s Cave, Scenic Hill

The site of the Hermit’s Cave, Scenic Hill, on the outskirts of Griffith, NSW is the focus of my historical archaeological honours thesis due for submission in October 2005.

On this steep, rocky section of the McPherson Ranges, an Italian migrant lived as a recluse between roughly 1929 and 1942. Taking advantage of natural features in the landscape and moving hundreds of tons of stone and earth, Valeri Ricetti single handedly created a complex of dwellings, terraced gardens, water cisterns, dry stone walling and linking bridges, stairways and paths that stretch across more than a kilometre of the hill side. This site has not previously been properly recorded or documented.

Was there a visionary grand design underlying this large scale reshaping of the natural environment? Where scant oral histories and government records allude to a homophobic, mentally deficient eccentric, I believe the archaeological record can demonstrate a vastly contrasting insight to this man’s character and behaviour.

Bobby Caillard
Honours Student, University of Sydney

NEW ZEALAND NEWS

Archaeological Investigations at the Te Hoe whaling station, Mahia Peninsula

A programme of archaeological and historical research into the small mid-19th century communities engaged in shore whaling on the New Zealand coast is currently under way, organised by the Anthropology Department, University of Otago and Auckland War Memorial Museum, and funded by a grant from the Marsden Fund of the Royal Society of New Zealand.

Whaling was an important economic activity on the New Zealand coast in the 1830s and 1840s, continuing in some areas to the late 19th and early 20th centuries. In many districts shore whalers were the first – or only – European community before the influx of settlers after 1840. The main aim of the project is to construct a detailed
picture of two of these early whaling communities so that we can get a better understanding of how whalers adapted to life in New Zealand. The economic and technical aspects of shore whaling will be described using archaeology and historical sources.

A recent survey of all New Zealand whaling stations identified 13 with outstanding surviving archaeological remains, two of which will be excavated. Oaashore on Banks Peninsula was investigated in January-February 2004; Te Hoe, on Mahia Peninsula, Hawke’s Bay, is to be excavated 17 January – 12 February 2005. At Te Hoe fireplace mounds mark whalers’ huts. A stone tryworks foundation with flue underneath once supported two trypots. Other archaeological evidence is on the valley floor and steep adjacent hillsides.

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Unknown foreshore structure

I’m interested in any suggestions that anyone might have on the function of the foreshore structure in the attached pictures below. It is located at an early 19th Century spar/timber station site, although association with later activity is possible. The size of the structure and presence of the angled timbers visible to the right are suggestive of a cradle, perhaps to support a cutter-sized boat (the station had a flat-bottomed boat, possibly around 30 feet in length). However the function of the cuts in the timbers is not obvious. There are no spikes or other fixings that would indicate that the timbers have been reused. Please contact Robert Brassey robert.brassey@arc.govt.nz if you have any ideas.
NORTHERN TERRITORY NEWS

Sea Bathing in the Tropics…

The romantic idyll of bathing in tropical seas conjures images of sparkling azure waters lapping upon white coral sands, graceful palm trees etc. etc. While this can sometimes be realised, it often does not measure up to the advertising. Too frequently it involves struggling through a wilderness of mangroves and sand flies to join the presence of other swimmers such as sharks, crocodiles and box jellyfish in a greyish, lukewarm soup.

A further danger of tropical seas, this time to the archaeological record, was also noted a few years ago during an archaeological investigation of the abandoned Leprosarium on Channel Island in Darwin Harbour.

At the base of some low cliffs on the west side of the island, an area of purple-brown flakes, about coin size, was noticed by Julie Mastin and her party. On investigation it was evident that this area, which looked like some sort of fine shingle beach among the rocks stretching from about the high water mark to a little short of the low water mark, was composed of completely oxidised iron. Here and there occasional azure blue fragments were found to be pieces of copper or brass electrical circuitry; starter-motor windings, switches, terminal boxes and the like.

Iron oxide shingle - Truck rear axle upper right.

Some ‘lumps’ of corroded iron were found higher among the rocks and proved to be the front and rear axles of a light truck and the crankshaft of a motor with some fragments of crankcase.
and bearings attached. These allowed the source of the iron debris to be identified and tentatively dated. The crankshaft, still identifiable although almost all rust, had the distinctive configuration of an early Ford V8 motor; the front axle, with vestiges of both steering and drive gear remaining, indicated that this had been a four-wheel drive vehicle.

![Front & rear axles of light truck (scale 5 / 10 cm)](image)

This evidence showed that they had there the remnants of something dear to the hearts of many nostalgic Top Enders, a World War Two Ford ‘Blitz” truck.

Now, in simple, this provides a mildly interesting scale for archaeologists assessing materials from coastal environments. A Ford ‘Blitz’, being a WWII military vehicle, could not have been abandoned here before the 1940’s at the earliest. It was a notably sturdy vehicle, containing plenty of forged steel and durable cast iron in large lumps, but fifty years or so of fairly regular bathing in tropical tidal waters has reduced it to a just barely recognisable mass of iron oxide.

However, apart from a possibly useful indicator of what the salt environment can do to ferrous metal, there is an interesting historical connection. The ruggedness of the coastal rocks around the area indicate that the ‘Blitz’, four wheel drive notwithstanding, is most unlikely to have been driven to this position. While it is possible that it was driven, or pushed, over the cliff from above, the nature of Channel Island – inaccessible by land until the building of a power station there in the 1980’s – means that there is a fair picture of the equipment taken to the Leper Colony and there is no mention of a Ford ‘Blitz’ being provided.

This draws our attention to one of Darwin’s notable events, the first Japanese air raid of 19th February 1942. During the raid the captain of the US transport ship Port Mar, with his vessel sinking under him, steamed down the harbour and grounded her just off Channel Island. The Port Mar was carrying the equipment for the US 148th Field Artillery, eight 75mm guns, jeeps and thirty-two trucks (Rayner,1995). Only about a week after the attack, salvaging was under
way. (partly in the hands of diver J E Johnstone, notable for the recovery of millions of pound’s worth of gold from the sunken Niagara in 1940.)

It is tempting to speculate, but as yet unproven, that during the salvage operation the nearby shores of Channel Island were used for staging the recovered equipment and one of the thirty-two trucks, for whatever reason, was abandoned there. Should this be the case, our little wreck is one of the now rare visible casualties of the first battle of a modern mechanised war on Australian soil and we have a quite precise span from February 1942 when the Port Mar was bombed, to November 1999 when the photographs of the truck wreckage were taken, as the duration of the sea bathing exploit and the likely maximum survival time for a motor vehicle in a tidal environment.


Colin De La Rue

SOUTH AUSTRALIA NEWS

2004 NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGY STUDENTS’ CONFERENCE

On 28-30 September 2004, the Flinders University Archaeology Society was pleased to host the fourth National Archaeology Students’ Conference (NASC). By all accounts, the conference was a resounding success, with students attending from universities in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, the Australian Capital Territory, and South Australia, as well as from the University of Delhi in India.

The theme for this year’s event was Explorations, Investigations, New Directions. We heard presentations from twenty-seven students, all of excellent quality and content. This was an eclectic collection of papers, covering time periods ranging from Bronze Age Europe to the Australian Hippie movement of the 1970s. ASHA members will be pleased to note that out of the five sessions of the conference, the largest by far was Contributed Papers in Historical and Maritime Archaeology. In keeping with NASC tradition, the winners of the best undergraduate (David Collard, University of Melbourne), honours (Amy Prendergast, University of Melbourne), masters (Peta Knott, Flinders University) and PhD (Susan Briggs, Flinders University) papers each took home a cheque for one hundred dollars, plus a fifty dollar book voucher. Readers are advised to keep a lookout for the published proceedings of this year’s conference, to be issued next year.

Conference attendees also heard from three invited speakers: Emeritus Professor D.J. Mulvaney of the Australian National University delivered the keynote address on the first evening of the conference, with a well-attended lecture on the early days of archaeology in Australia, and the state of the discipline in the 1950s when he began his career. Jane Lydon of the Centre for Australian Indigenous Studies at Monash University discussed her work with historical photographs from Coranderrk Aboriginal Station in Victoria. Flinders alumnus Tim Owen spoke about his experiences as a fresh archaeology graduate leaving university to seek his fortune in the discipline as a consultant with ERM Australia. Each of these speakers displayed an eagerness to seek new directions to explore and investigate, whether in the past, present or future.
We the organising committee wish to extend our warmest thanks to all persons who helped make NASC 2004 such a success. It is our sincere hope that NASC will continue to grow, to offer future archaeology students such a valuable opportunity.

*K.W.M. Farman*

**Oyster Town Survey**

In June Mark Staniforth with a group of post-graduate students from Flinders University (Susan Briggs, Luke Benbow, James Beringer-Pooley, Julie Ford, Shane Lyons, Rick Bullers and Kylli Firth) were invited by the residents of Coffin Bay to examine a site suspected to be Oyster Town. The site is located on the outskirts of the town and has a great deal of significance to the current population. The main industry of Coffin Bay, on the Eyre Peninsular of South Australia, is farming Pacific oysters but from possibly as early as the 1840s Oyster Town was occupied by a nebulas group of people who exploited the natural beds of native oysters. The oysters were carted across land to Port Lincoln and then shipped to Port Adelaide. The remains of what is thought to be the bullock track to Port Lincoln were found during the survey. The town was never surveyed or made official in anyway and probably died a slow death, as the oysters were over-exploited, almost to the point of extinction in the late 19th century. A second point of identification for the community is the rosemary bush of which they are protective. It was probably planted in someone’s garden during the occupation of Oyster Town and has survived its demise and is now approximately 30 meters in diameter (yes 30 is right).

The survey covered the maritime and terrestrial aspects of the site, although due to the nature of the bay nothing was found in the water. On land small piles of the local sandstone may indicate hearth sites although excavation would be required to confirm this. Artefact scatters across the surface date from as early as the 1840s right through to the present. The 19th century material was standard with Rhine, Willow and Asiatic Pheasant ceramics, stoneware and dark olive glass.

On one of the last days of the survey the team meet with around 30 interested local residents to discuss the future of the project as well as site management and protection issues. These discussions are on going and may lead to further work at the site.

*Susan Briggs*

**TASMANIA NEWS**

**Forest Practices Board** (Denise Gaughwin)

Parry Kostoglou (Archaeological Services Tasmania) has completed a number of assessments on known timber sites that have not previously been fully recorded, prior to timber harvesting operations in order to assist with management decisions.

**Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority** (Greg Jackman)
2005 Summer Archaeology program.

Yes folks it’s that time again when heads are down and tails are up finalising the annual archaeological festive season here at Port Arthur. 2005 will see a move off-site, with the focus of the excavation being the 1840s Officers Quarters attached to the Cascades Probation Station. We are currently in the process of photogrammetrically recording the floors inside the building in preparation for their removal and excavation of the underfloors in January.

Members of the public are invited to get involved with historical archaeology back at Port Arthur, as Jody Steele heads up some digs at the first hospital site. An archaeology museum and activity centre will also be open, so bring the kids!

In addition, the PAHSMA will be hosting the 2005 Flinders University Maritime Archaeology Field School in February 2005. The field school will focus on recording the numerous convict era wharves and jetties fringing the south coast of Norfolk Bay that formerly linked the convict stations with Port Arthur and the outside world.

Anne McConnell Cultural Heritage and Quaternary Geoscience (Anne McConnell)

Since September 2003, the company responsible for building the natural gas distribution pipelines in Tasmania, Powerco Energy Services P/L has been carrying out environmental impact assessments and building the major arterial pipelines to supply Launceston, Hobart, Devonport and Burnie. Anne McConnell has carried out most of the historic heritage assessments and undertaken archaeological monitoring in Hobart. Austral Archaeology undertook the historic heritage Stage 1 assessments for Launceston and Longford and prepared a training manual for Powerco works crews to assist in the recognition of historic heritage that might be encountered in the trenching.

Monitoring of the gas pipeline in the Hobart Waterfront area allowed two historic road surfaces, complete with contemporary artefacts, to be identified and recorded. It is thought that both road surfaces date to the 1810s, and that one might be the extension of the Hunter Street causeway.

Anne McConnell, together with heritage architect Mary Knaggs and historian Ian Terry, is involved in preparing a Conservation Management plan for Mimosa, a 1960s rustic timber cabin built by the PWS for public accommodation at Lake St Clair. The CMP provides for long term management to protect its considerable historical and social values. Any information on Australian and New Zealand National Park accommodation would assist the comparative analysis of Tasmanian examples, and would be most welcome.

The PWS has been progressively developing CMPs for the historic huts on reserved land, with a CMP for 1940s huts at Mt Field National Park having been recently undertaking by Ian Terry.

Anne McConnell is also working with historian Lindy Scripps on a historic heritage audit of Wellington Park - the large area of reserved land on the doorstep of Hobart which encompasses Mt Wellington and its foothills and a large part of the Wellington Range to the west. Because of its proximity to Hobart, Mt Wellington has been a focus for local industry and recreation from early European settlement to present. The mountain abounds with
evidence of this interest, and the two most common site types are historic huts and hut remains and tracks. Many of the huts were built in the 1890s - 1910s and were strongly influenced by the Arts & Crafts Movement. Some of the huts were simply delightful - one and even two storey timber buildings with verandahs and porches decorated with ornate arrangements of bush poles and surrounded by tree ferns. Sadly few have survived the various major fires in the area. This project, which also addresses landscape and community values, is expected to be completed by June 2005.

Also in the same area is the Mountain Water Supply Complex, a system of intakes, sandstone troughing and channels (and later pipes), and reservoirs that was the first formally constructed water supply to Hobart and provided Hobart's domestic water supply from the 1860s to the present (although now augmented). The original system was entirely gravity fed and is intact and although not all parts are in operation the full system (1880s) is operable. The Complex has considerable cultural significance and a conservation plan for part of it (The Pipeline Track) was prepared by Tim Murray and Katherina Nieberler. Because of the multiple managers and interest in the Complex, a Heritage Working Group has been established for the Complex to help manage its heritage values. The group includes representatives from the Hobart City Council and Wellington Park Management Trust (who manage the complex); Hobart Water (who is responsible for the water supply); the Tasmanian Heritage Office, and Cultural Heritage Practitioners Tasmania. The role of the group is to look at the heritage management processes in place as well as upcoming new works and use proposals, and will also involve a review of the 1994 Conservation Management Plan.

Compiled by Greg Jackman

VICTORIA NEWS

No news this issue.
WESTERN AUSTRALIA NEWS

A query from Alistair Paterson

Anyone know what the metal items with the handles are? They appear to be wrought and all seem to have a similar bend and twist 1/3 the way down the shaft. The shaft is flattened. They were found in the tunnels in limestone under Fremantle Prison and may relate to quarrying.

If you have any suggestions, please email him at: paterson@arts.uwa.edu.au

Mundaring - Kalgoorlie Settlement Corridor Archaeological Project

The first stage of fieldwork for the Mundaring-Kalgoorlie Settlement Corridor Archaeological Project was undertaken in November 2004. Europeans have been in the area since 1830, and the discovery of gold near Coolgardie and Kalgoorlie in the 1890s resulted in a population boom, as people from all over Australia and the world travelled to Perth and then to the goldfields seeking their fortune.

For my PhD thesis, I am studying what life was like and the evidence for the different cultural groups living along the settlement corridor, focusing on the 1830 to 1913 period. It is part of a Linkage Grant awarded to the Centre for Archaeology, UWA and the National Trust (WA). During the first season a detailed survey of the surface material at five sites – Kurrawang Woodlines Headquarters, Bullabulling rock catchment and townsite, Woolgangie rock catchment and townsite, Woolgangie water condenser and No. 7 Pump Station, Gilgai – was done and the sites mapped using differential GPS.

I will be conducting further fieldwork during autumn and spring next year, and will be looking for volunteers to help. If you are interested, I can be contacted directly at bolto01@tartarus.uwa.edu.au or on (08) 6488 4298.

Sam Bolton.
2004 report -- 'The historical archaeology of the post-European period in the Pilbara, Western Australia'

The archaeology of the Pilbara includes a historical component which is both significant and under-researched. An ARC-funded research project conducted 2001-2004 titled the 'The historical archaeology of the post-European period in the Pilbara, Western Australia' was designed to provide the first regional synthesis of the historical archaeology of post-European life in this massive remote region in the northwest of Australia. This study has involved several phases of field investigations of archaeological evidence for historical coastal settlements, activities on the Indian Ocean (pearling and whaling; shipping; importation of manufactured goods; exportation of primary resources; and the migration of Asian, African and European workers and investors), and the establishment of pastoral and mining industries in this remote region. This paper reports on the results of this project, provides the first historical archaeological synthesis for the Pilbara, and provides a framework for future interpretation and further research of the historical archaeological evidence.

Since the project began, the pressure from residential, industrial and tourism development has increased significantly on the Burrup Peninsula and Dampier Islands, and at Cossack. In all, this project has involved recording archaeological sites at Cossack (15 new sites in total, all Aboriginal historical sites), in addition to archaeological sites in the Dampier Archipelago (6 sites on five islands), and 11 large site complexes at the remains of the earliest pastoral settlements in the Northwest.

We have had three graduate research students (so far) work on the material from Cossack Aboriginal sites and the market gardens:


WILSON, M. due to submit January 2005. The use of glass as a resource by Aboriginal people living at Cossack, Western Australia, Masters thesis, Archaeology, School of Social and Cultural Studies, University of Western Australia, Perth.

As with past years, in 2004 we were assisted during fieldwork. Surveying equipment was provided by the Archaeological Computing Laboratory (University of Sydney). Field equipment and logistical support was provided by Woodside Energy Ltd., Karratha SES, Roebourne Shire, Centurion Transport, and by Warren Richards (who conducted aerial photography and researched the site). Fieldwork was assisted by Andrew Wilson, Annie Carson and Sam Bolton (University of Western Australia). Pastoral records were provided by Garry Crow (Pastoral Lands Board, Department of Planning and Infrastructure).

Compiled by Shane Burke
ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE 2004 CONFERENCE AT WELLINGTON

Our working year invariably gets off to a good start with our annual conference. The 2003 conference was held in October at the Colonial of Norfolk Hotel on Norfolk Island. Under the banner “Islands and Coastlines”, this was our first joint conference with AAMH (the Australian Association of Maritime History). While the conference was organised by the ASHA (Neville Ritchie, Overall Convenor) and AAMH Presidents (Mark Staniforth, Papers Convenor) I would like to acknowledge the substantial contributions made by the then Director of the Norfolk Islands Museum, Nigel Erskine and his staff with regard to local arrangements. The conference was also generously supported and promoted by KAVHA (Kingston and Arthur’s Vale Historical Authority). Not only did they give conference participants free admission to their four museums at Kingston; a conference highlight, an island-style ‘fish bake’ was held in one of the historic houses (an officer’s quarters) they manage. I would also like to acknowledge ASHA Treasurer Paul Rheinberger’s major contribution to the success of the conference, particularly with regard to setting up systems to handle the conference funds and the pre-registration payments (which he also set up for this conference). Sixty three members of both Associations as well as 20 or more islanders attended the conference and judging from the very favourable feedback received from participants it all seemed to work fairly well. There was good interaction between the members of the two Associations and plenty of opportunities to discuss issues of mutual interest to both maritime historians and historical archaeologists. Combine this with great weather (except on the field trip afternoon!), the opportunity to see the superb historic sites and scenic attractions on Norfolk; as well as the restaurants, bars and shops in Burnt Pine, the Norfolk shopping centre, within easy walking distance, it really was a most memorable and worthwhile event. Many participants combined the conference with an extended family holiday on the island for which it is well suited.

At Norfolk I instituted substantial earlybird and membership discounts with regard to the conference fees and have done so again for this year’s conference. These procedures have been very effective and I urge future conference organisers to continue them. The Norfolk conference saw a net profit of $1797, from which $359 was paid to AAMH as a 20% share, as agreed.

In my report last year I listed some hassling problems including recovering our finances, mailbox problems, and keeping the website running smoothly. I also outlined several methods by which we were addressing these matters and can report it has been a year of consolidation. We have made good progress on dealing with the problems as will be revealed in the Treasurer’s report & the statement of receipts.

The electronic newsletter has now been operational for two years. Although we know most members would prefer to receive hard copies, the on-line Newsletter saves c$5000 per annum and has been a successful initiative. Through the good services of Rick McGovern-Wilson and the NZ Historic Places Trust hard copies are still sent to those who are not on-line. We are also able to send out other information such as AGM paperwork to our on-line membership. But the on-line Newsletter is not snag-free. e.g. some newsletters bounce back because members sometimes forget to advise the Membership Secretary of email address changes, their mailbox is overfull (particularly a problem with hotmail accounts & holiday periods), or other server problems.

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Because of ASHA’s tight financial situation, we again dispensed with committee tele-
conferences this year and dealt with Committee business by email. I really regret the need to
do this over the past two years because the teleconferences definitely help bring a committee
together and give everyone the opportunity to participate, but most importantly the taking of
minutes with action points helps keep things on track and provides a better record than
intermittent email communications. I believe we have now reached a position where we can
resume one or two teleconferences a year.

The ASHA website (http://www.ASHA.org.au), our shop window to the world, and the first
thing people check for conference and membership information has been running very well
this year past thanks to the efforts of VP/Treasurer/webmaster Paul Rheinberger assisted by
techno Andrew Goodwin. It is receiving a phenomenal number of hits. You will hear more
about its status in the Webmaster’s report.

Thanks to the good offices of Professor Tim Murray our back issue stocks are now stored and
distributed from La Trobe University in Melbourne. I would like to thank our voluntary
despatcher Zvonka Stanin for her contribution. One highlight; following an approach from
the Ross Bridge Interpretative Centre in Tasmania we arranged a bulk sale of 150 (out of 170)
copies of our ‘Ross Bridge’ booklet for $3.30 apiece plus GST and shipping. This was a very
good sale and clean-out of a booklet for which there was virtually no demand from our
members but it obviously has some marketability at Ross Bridge. We have about 18 left in
stock.

Our major financial commitment costing more than half our annual budget is the journal. In
2002-03 we investigated other printed formats but concluded there were no great savings to
be made without a significant decrease in quality, which we did not want. So for the next few
years at least the Journals will appear in the established format.

In August we were advised that our Journal has been added to the DEST (Dept of Education,
Science & Training) Register of Refereed Journals. This is good news for ASHA and means
that those publishing in the Journal will find it much easier to claim DEST points under the
University publications data scheme. A special thanks to Mary Casey for doing the work to
clear DEST registration.

The 2003 Journal, a Chinese thematic volume was co-edited by Mary Casey and Neville
Ritchie. From feedback I have received it is seen as a very useful update and contribution to
the archaeological literature on the overseas Chinese experience. Like other thematic
volumes of the Journal it promises to be one of the most sought after issues. Tracy Ireland
continues as Reviews Editor. Evidence of her industry will again be reflected in the reviews
in this year’s journal.

The 2004 Journal is being co-edited by Mary Casey and Sarah Colley. It is on schedule for
distribution in December. Martin Gibbs has agreed to edit AHA 23 in 2005. The theme will
be "Artefact analysis and comparative studies in Australasian HA'. To maintain the size and
quality of the journal it is imperative that many of the presenters at this and future
conferences offer their papers for publication in the Journal.

Ross Gam has continued to produce the four quarterly electronic issues of our Newsletter, but
the burden is now routinely shared with four members who act in the capacity of Guest
Editors for each issue. This past year Mary-Jean Sutton (March), Anne McConnell (June), Jon Prangnell (September) have done their bit and Rick McGovern-Wilson is putting together the December issue. Regional news items are compiled into reports in the Newsletter by our state contacts who in 2004 year were: Richard Morrison (ACT); Jennie Lindbergh (NSW); Rick McGovern-Wilson (NZ); Colin De La Rue (NT); Gordon Grimwade (QLD); Susan Briggs (SA); Greg Jackman (TAS); Fiona Weaver (VIC); and Shane Burke (WA). Thanks to all the state reps for your valuable contribution. Jennie, Gordon and Fiona have indicated they would like to step down after many years service to ASHA in this role. It is my pleasure to report that three members stepped forward with little prompting to fill their shoes- Darren Griffin (VIC), Jon Prangnell (QLD) and Tim Owens (NSW).

Again ASHA members were involved in National Archaeology Week (NAW) in May 2004. I have not been able to get a complete summary of ASHA’s involvement in NAW activities but can report that there were good programmes organised by ASHA members in SA and TAS. ASHA fully supports the NAW concept and we urge members to work with the State Committees to organise and be involved in NAW activities. Suggestions for new NAW activities are most welcome

The conference programme for the next two years is finalised: an ASHA only conference at Melbourne, Victoria in 2005 organised by Susan, followed by another joint conference with AIMA in Darwin in 2006. Beyond that nothing is definite at this juncture and the Committee is open to offers.

The close working relationship which was established between the Presidents of AAA, AIMA and ASHA particularly with regard to the joint conference in Townsville in 2002 seems to have dissolved over the past year. While we are in regular touch with AIMA, the current AAA President has not responded to email communications.

I would now like to acknowledge the contributions of various people who have helped the Association during the year. The three year tenure of the AHA Editorial Board was completed at the end of 2003 but by mutual agreement the nine members of the Board, Dr Susan Lawrence, Prof. Tim Murray, Prof. Graham Connah, Dr Clayton Fredericksen, Dr Sarah Colley, Prof. David Carment, Penny Crook and Dr Eleanor Casella agreed to stay on for the current year. The Editorial Board is regarded as a stand-alone unit and much of the discussion, largely by email, is of an advisory nature in response to queries raised by the General Editor. I would like to thank the members of the Editorial Board for their contributions. The new Committee will have to appoint a new Editorial Board, many of whom I suspect will be on the existing board.

I would like to extend my thanks to the outgoing Committee, all of whom, with the exception of myself, have re-nominated. I would particularly like to acknowledge the work during the year of Secretary Jody Steele, Membership Secretary Katrina Stankowski and Vice President/Treasurer/Webmaster Paul Rheinberger. By their nature Secretary positions are always onerous, and Paul somehow manages to do three jobs simultaneously as well as set up a pre-registration system for this one based on the successful model he implemented for the Norfolk conference. Zvonka Stanin volunteered to be our back issues despatcher from our La Trobe University storage room, courtesy of Tim Murray and the LTU Archaeology Dept.

As at 14th September 2004 membership stood at 277, one more than at the end of 2003. Membership Secretary Katrina Stankowski is optimistic that our numbers will get up to the
2002 total (305) by the end of the year. While the numbers are nothing to get too ecstatic about they are trending in the right direction—upward again, which is very encouraging. Renewals tend to dribble in at a fairly consistent rate throughout the year (& some people pay just before the Journal is ready). There is clearly no substitute for members receiving a hard copy subscription renewal form through the mail rather than on-line renewal forms. We have learned this lesson at a cost. Next year the Committee might consider possible incentives to encourage early membership renewal (by the end of March at the latest). Maintaining and building membership will have to be a priority focus of the new Committee, and I think the key is liaison with the Universities— they have traditionally been the main recruiting ground. In this regard it is good to learn recently that Martin Gibbs has been appointed to a Historical Archaeology lectureship at the University of Sydney, one time probably our main source of new members.

Although nothing to get excited about the Association’s financial situation continues to recover from the dire situation we were in in late 2002 and we have begun to build up a small cash reserve to implement new initiatives. The recovery of our finances is in no small part due to the industry of our membership Secretary Katrina Stankowski. She hung in there after a bit of a rocky road at the start and now has the membership roll in pretty good shape.

Earlier in the year Leah McKenzie advised us of the GEVHO grants program (Grants to Voluntary Environment and Heritage Organisations) that makes contributions towards the cost of operating non-profit Societies. Funds provided by this program can be used to cover salaries, administrative and other operating costs. ASHA appears to amply fulfil the criteria for a GEVHO grant, and it was certainly my intention to ensure the Association got an application in for a grant this year but I regret to say we have not done so at this stage. It must be a priority job for the incoming Committee. Fortunately the opportunity is not lost.

Now it is my pleasure to report some very good news; ASHA & the Archaeology Program of La Trobe University have just concluded an agreement which will see us jointly fund and publish Alisdair Brooks monograph “An Archaeological Guide to British Pottery in Australia, 1788-1901” within the next few months. We believe it will make a substantial contribution to the academic archaeological literature on a major aspect of material culture (ceramics analysis), and be of major benefit to our members and colleagues in Australasia and beyond. A year ago we could not have entertained the idea of going 50/50 on a publication such as this, so it is indicative that our funding situation is improving, and will improve further from sales of the volume.

Hopefully our Association’s lack of a logo will be redressed when we vote on the adoption of the Southern Cross/trowel design produced by Paul Rheinberger. It is already being used informally now on our correspondence. We need a logo and we need it now.

All the indications are that our fourth combined conference with AIMA here in New Zealand will continue the tradition of great combined conferences that started in Hobart in 1995. I’d like to thank everyone involved in the organisation and smooth running of the conference on behalf of ASHA, but especially Conference Convenor Mary O’Keeffe and Conference Treasurer Paul Rheinberger.

After five years in the chair, I’m about to hand over the reins to Dr Susan Lawrence. Susan is a leading academic historical archaeologist in Australia. For many years she has served the Association as one of our two Vice-Presidents. Susan been a tremendous support during my
time as President, a key person on several initiatives and knows the history of the issues. I know ASHA will be in good hands under her direction and I wish her well in the role. I am sure she will be ably supported by the 2005 Committee. I would like to thank and acknowledge the contribution of all the Committee members who have worked with me over the past five years. Things definitely went a bit awry in 2002 but we have resolved the main difficulties and I think ASHA is now in a position where we can all look forward to a period of growth and new initiatives.

Neville Ritchie, President (Out-going)
September 2004

Secretary’s Report to the 2004 Annual General Meeting

1. Membership for 2004
Subs for 2003 continued to come in up until around May this year, suggesting that people are somewhat confused as to which year they are registered within. It suggested that this year we send out the subs either in late December or immediately after Christmas in order to make it clear to members what year they are committing to.

Upon the AGM of 2002, then secretaries Mac North & Maddy Atkinson reported Two hundred and sixty six (266) members, at the same stage in 2003 nearly 11 months on from the Townsville conference meeting we reported the membership numbers to stand at Two hundred and sixty four (264), only 2 down from the 2002 AGM. This year 2004 sees a slight increase in member numbers on this time last year (282):
Membership fees for 2004:

- **$A35.00**: Full Time Student / Pensioner / Unwaged (include photocopy of ID)
- **$A50.00**: Individual membership (Australia & NZ only)
- **$A60.00**: Household membership
- **$A65.00**: Corporate membership (Australia & NZ only)
- **$A75.00**: Overseas membership (excluding Australia & NZ)
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3. Committee Elections for 2004-2005

**President:** Neville Ritchie ([nevalexy@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nevalexy@xtra.co.nz)) Standing down – Susan Lawrence has been **nominated**

**Vice President x 2:** Susan Lawrence ([S.Lawrence@Latrobe.edu.au](mailto:S.Lawrence@Latrobe.edu.au)) standing down - Paul Rheinberger, Susan Piddock & Ross Gam have been **nominated** (therefore vote needed for the two positions).

**Treasurer:** Paul Rheinberger ([prheinberger@umwelt.com.au](mailto:prheinberger@umwelt.com.au))

**Secretary:** Jody Steele ([jodys@senet.com.au](mailto:jodys@senet.com.au))

**Membership Secretary:** Katrina Stankowski ([katstankowski@yahoo.com.au](mailto:katstankowski@yahoo.com.au))

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**Journal Editor:** Mary Casey ([mary.casey@bigpond.com](mailto:mary.casey@bigpond.com))

**Journal Reviews Editor:** Tracy Ireland ([tireland@griffin-nrm.com.au](mailto:tireland@griffin-nrm.com.au))

**Webmaster:** Paul Rheinberger

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### 4. Mailbox

The mailbox has been a hot topic for debate over the last two years, however you will all be very happy to know that things seem to be running particularly smoothly at the moment. Thanks to the great teamwork of Cathy Tucker and Kat Stankowski, the mail is collected, sorted and the necessary items have been forwarded to Jody to deal with. Since this has been occurring, things seem to be back on track. Also since many of the email address glitches have been ironed out we are getting fewer rejected e-newsletters, however the secretaries wish to reinforce that hotmail and yahoo accounts are often too full to accept the newsletter (size in KB is often too large) and therefore would, when possible prefer addresses not based within these servers.
5. Newsletter and notices
As most of you would be aware we have now made the newsletter an electronic resource which is disseminated quarterly via email to all of our online members. In order to not lose those members who do not have email, a full list of addresses has been composed and is managed by Rick McGovern-Wilson who does a mail out of paper newsletters etc to those members.

6. Statement of duties for following Secretaries
Katrina and Myself have decided to develop a statement of duties, list of programs and membership folder for those who will replace us so that they will be able to follow on directly instead of having to develop new databases etc, this will simply clearly explain what is required of either position and contain a full record of our work making the handover a minor transition.

7. Thanks
We would like to welcome our new state reps on board and look forward to corresponding with you. Nev sad to see you leaving the Presidential seat however, it is great to see that Susan is brave enough to take the job on.

Thanks to our three guest newsletter editors so far this year.

Thanks to Ross for his continued efforts on the Newsletter and we wish Mary and the Gang all the best with this year’s journal.

Enjoy the conference everyone, sorry we couldn’t be there

Take care

Jody Steele & Kat Stankowski
Secretaries
September 2004


As far as newsletters are concerned I have nothing but praise for the guest editors during 2004 and the wonderful articles from all the contributors. I would like to acknowledge the fantastic job done by Mary-Ann Sutton for the March 2004 edition, Anne McConnell for the June 2004 edition and Jon Prangnell September 2004 edition and Rick Mc Govern-Wilson, a true stalwart, for the forthcoming December 2004 edition. With guest editors like these it is a pleasure to edit the newsletter and the copy has been on time also. I would especially like to thank Susan Piddock for one of the most useful articles we have had, Helpful Web Sites.

I was also surprised at the quality of some of the articles that I received after making the odd phone call when some of the newsletters required a little padding; the article by Pam Watson of UNE was produced within a week. It is great to have several articles from abroad; this is really making it an international concern.

I would like to welcome the new State Reps to the world of deadlines etc. and sincerely thank the outgoing reps for their sterling effort that they have unselfishly put in.

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The only down side has been my atrociously slow email, down to 16.8 kbps at times, this means that the newsletter takes up to 30 minutes to send and each rejection is sent back at 30 minutes per group. There were some 100 rejections after the December 2003 newsletter was sent and this tied up my computer for over a week. Some marvellous help from our secretaries and their helpers, for which I am extremely grateful, has alleviated this.

I may be biased, but I believe the newsletter has achieved a very professional look, which is in line with our calling. If re-elected to this position with my experience I have gained, I look forward to an even better.

Regards

Ross Gam
September 2004.

ASHA / AIMA CONFERENCE 2004

Just when you thought it was safe to go out … they produce a photograph taken at Conference:

And there’s even one from the post-conference trip south to Christchurch:
Position Vacancy

Book Reviews Editor needed for Australasian Historical Archaeology

As the current reviews editor, Tracey Ireland, will be stepping down at the end of this year, ASHA is looking for someone to take over this important and interesting role. Just think of all the lovely new books that will pass through your hands!

Please contact Mary Casey (mary.casey@bigpond.com) or Susan Lawrence (s.lawrence@latrobe.edu.au) for further details.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

ASHA Conference 2005
'The City and the Bush'
Melbourne, 29 Sept - 2 Oct 2005

The 2005 ASHA conference will be held at La Trobe University's city campus, adjacent the vibrant Queen Victoria Market precinct. The theme will be reflected in walking tours of public archaeology interpretive displays on some of Melbourne's recent archaeological excavations, a visit to the new Heritage Victoria Conservation Laboratory, and a post-conference field-trip to heritage sites and wineries on the Mornington Peninsula. A formal call for papers will be announced in March, but start planning now!
ANNOUNCEMENTS / NOTICES

New maritime archaeology courses at University of Western Australia (UWA) and the Western Australian Maritime Museum (WAMM)

We’d like to let you know about two new graduate degrees to be taught in Perth, Western Australia, from 2005 onwards. The aim of the programme is to provide the specialist practical skills and knowledge required to be employed or conduct higher degree research in maritime archaeology. Archaeologists from both the University of Western Australia (UWA) and the Western Australian Maritime Museum (WAMM) teach the courses.

The Diploma of Applied Maritime Archaeology is designed as a one-year full-time programme requiring two semesters of study with diving to take place in the summer months. The first semester is July-November and the second February-May. The course requires completion of eight 6-point units (48 points) comprising:

- Marine Science in Maritime Archaeology 401
- Maritime Archaeology in Context 402
- Maritime Archaeology Artefact Studies 403
- Maritime Archaeology Techniques 404

SUMMER BREAK
- Interpreting Maritime Archaeology 405
- Cultural Heritage in Maritime Archaeology 406
- Surveying Maritime Sites 407
- Shipwreck Inspection 408

In addition to the diploma units, Master of Applied Maritime Archaeology students complete a research dissertation valued at 24 points (72 points). This is completed July-November.

Applicants for either of the two courses should have a three-year bachelor degree in archaeology or related discipline. International students with suitable qualifications are eligible for admission into the programme. Several units include the opportunity to dive on wreck sites. While diving is not a compulsory part of the unit, students intending to dive will need a diving qualification and basic diving equipment. Applications are due before May 15th 2005 and there is a limit of 12 places.

Full details of the course and associated tuition fees are available on: http://www.archaeology.arts.uwa.edu.au/postgraduate/maritime_archaeology.

Some other useful websites are:

Prospective postgraduate students at UWA:
http://www.uwa.edu.au/prospective/postgrad
International students at UWA: http://www.international.uwa.edu.au/

If you require further information about these new courses then contact us.

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The guest editors are asked to finalise the newsletter in the third week of the month prior to circulation. Final copy must reach the General Editor, (Ross Gam), by the final week of the month prior to circulation. This is your newsletter and your contributions are vital. Please check deadlines diligently. Your efficiency will be greatly appreciated. I look forward to your forthcoming news of events.

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An Archaeological Guide to British Ceramics in Australia, 1788–1901

Alasdair Brooks

Coming soon from the Australasian Society for Historical Archaeology and the Archaeology Program, La Trobe University

This volume offers a readable and practical guide to the archaeological analysis of British ceramics found in Australia from the beginning of European settlement at Sydney through to Federation. Intended for students and experienced researchers alike, it presents the latest in international ceramics research in a manner relevant to Australasian archaeologists.

The core of the book is a glossary of terms and guide to the identification of ware, form, and decoration. Additional chapters present guidelines on field and laboratory methods pertaining to the processing and cataloguing of ceramics; a review of the history of ceramics analysis in Australia, North America, and the United Kingdom; a model for ceramics analysis; and thoughts on the interpretive analysis of ceramics assemblages based on economy, status, function and meaning.

The most common wares, decorations and forms found on Australian colonial sites are illustrated in text and on an accompanying CD. Appendices feature additional information of use in identifying British ceramics in Australia, including a list of known British manufacturers and their dates of operation whose materials have been recovered from Australian sites; a ceramics time line cross-referenced to significant dates from colonial Australian history; and a guide to the key texts in the field.

“This ambitious manuscript will serve as a useful guide for Australian researchers working on 19th-century sites. The author has done considerable background work and has provided a thoughtful approach to the description and analysis of ceramics.”

— Teresita Majewski
past president of the Society for Historical Archaeology and author of The Use and Mis-Use of 19th Century English and American Ceramics in Archaeology

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