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ACT NEWS

Heritage Division, Department of the Environment and Heritage (DEH)

Restructuring of the Division is still underway with National Heritage List nomination assessments relevant to historical archaeologists proceeding. These assessments include Recherche Bay Area, Port Arthur Historic Site, Fremantle Prison, and the First Government House Site.

National Heritage Investment Initiative

The Australian Government recently announced this new grant scheme to be administered by the Heritage Division. Over 2005-06 to 2008-09, \$10.5 million will be provided for financial incentives to restore and conserve Australia's most important historic heritage. Priority will be given to places included in the National Heritage List. Programme guidelines and grant application details are currently being developed.

ACT Heritage Unit

The implementation of the new *ACT Heritage Act 2004* (www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2004-57/default.asp) commenced in March 2005. A series of information sheets are now on the ACT Government website (www.environment.act.gov.au and go to **Heritage** to find the 12 sheets). The ACT Heritage Register is also now on-line from the same web site. This has more than 100 historic places in it with about another 100 under assessment and almost ready for ACT Heritage Council decisions.

ACT Heritage Sites

Colverwell Graves, Kowen Forest – ACT Forests have recently allocated funds for the conservation of early settler graves on their land.

Tharwa Bridge – This mid 1890s timber bridge, the oldest surviving bridge in the ACT and is the first Allan truss bridge in Australia, has been closed for safety reasons. Discussions are under way with ACT Roads to assist in the determination of the bridge's future.

Cotter Pumping Station – The Cotter Pumping Station, designed by J S Murdoch, was built between 1912-25. The two buildings of the Cotter Pumping Station were among the first permanent buildings in the Australian Capital Territory constructed for engineering purposes

to ensure an adequate water supply to the future city of Canberra. The station was built to pump water from the Cotter Dam to a reservoir on Mount Stromlo. Given the current ACT water shortage, discussions are under way with ACTEW concerning the recommissioning of some pumps here.

National Archaeology Week in the ACT

NAW ran from 15 to 22 May and was low key this year with activities focusing on the National Museum of Australia. The 'Bone Detective: forensic anthropology workshop', an activity designed for children 12 years and older, proved as popular this year as in the past. Here participants learnt how to investigate skeletal remains for forensic or archaeological purposes and participation also allowed free entry to the 'Extremes: Survival in the Great Deserts of the Southern Hemisphere' exhibition.

Richard Morrison

QUEENSLAND NEWS

National Archaeology Week in Queensland

Brisbane's contribution to National Archaeology Week appears to have once again been quite successful. For the last three years the fieldwork component has been an historical archaeological exercise. In 2003 Bryce Barker excavated a historic well in Toowoomba. Last year Jon Prangnell and Tam Smith led an excavation at the Brisbane Naval Stores and this year Jon Prangnell and Michael Haslam ran a survey exercise for Year 3 and 4 students of Toowong State School within the grounds of the Toowong Cemetery. The project was a collaboration between the University of Queensland, the Friends of Toowong Cemetery and the Toowong State School. The school students were taught the basics of site surveying and historical research by a team of nine archaeologists including Tam Smith, Adrian Murphy, Anthony McKeough, Alison Crowther, Karen Murphy, Catherine Westcott and Steven Nichols.

The exercise revolved around the story of the death of Elizabeth Dale. Elizabeth drowned in the cemetery's water hole exactly one hundred years ago while walking between her husband's and brother's graves. The water hole was formed by a dam in a creek that ran through the cemetery and it was drained by the police to find evidence related to the death and filled in within a fortnight. Its location was then 'lost in the mists of time'. The students' job was to relocate the site of the dam wall using old cemetery maps, sexton's records and triangulating from identifiable grave locations. The students also recorded the inscriptions on the graves of Elizabeth's relatives.

Jon Prangnell

NEW SOUTH WALES NEWS

AMAC Group

Martin Carney reports that Baulkham Hills Shire Council put on an open day at Bella Vista on April 17th, and between 6-8000 people inspected the site. The AMAC group hosted a stall providing information on both the ongoing archaeological programme (2002-2005 to date) and the finds recovered. Some artefacts from the excavation of were processed on the day for the benefit of the public, and Q & A sessions continued throughout the day.

It was a particularly informative day for both the public and the archaeologists as many individuals came forward with offers of information about the site, many having visited or worked there while the site was still in the hands of the original owners (pre 1950).

Godden Mackay Logan

Sydney Heritage Archaeology Practitioners Workshop III

We are pleased to announce that Godden Mackay Logan will be hosting the next Sydney Historical Archaeology Practitioners Workshop. The date for the seminar will be announced probably some time after the finalisation and public release of Tracy Ireland's Historical Archaeological Report for the Heritage Office of NSW, so that there can be a discussion regarding the new processes and implications.

If you have any suggestions for themes or topics, keeping in mind that a fair amount of the day is likely to be spent discussing the Heritage Office report, or would like to lead a discussion or short session please email either Lisa Newell (LisaN@gml.com.au) or Karina Waddell (KarinaW@gml.com.au).

Lidcombe Hospital

Godden Mackay Logan is currently assessing the archaeological potential of the Heritage Precinct at the former Lidcombe Hospital site as part of their ongoing commission by Australand for heritage advice and works at the site.

The Heritage Precinct comprises building erected to the design of James Barnet for a proposed Boys Reformatory in 1885-1892. Although never used as such, these buildings formed the core of the Rookwood Asylum for the Aged and Infirm. The Barnet buildings were supplemented by eight pavilion ward buildings designed by Walter Liberty Vernon, and additions to some of the Barnet buildings and the Gatehouse, and perhaps the boilerhouse. These buildings now encircle a central grassed area like a village green, creating a tranquil environment away from the construction currently underway on the rest of the site.

Of particular archaeological interest, will be any information further research and field work may provide on the septic and water system that served the site until the 1960s.

Tim Owen

NEW ZEALAND NEWS

Geometria

Oropuriri, 19th century Maori kainga and pa, Bell Block, Taranaki

Excavations at Oropuriri - a Maori fortified settlement at Bell Block in Taranaki - were undertaken by a multidisciplinary team consisting of the Department of Anthropology University of Auckland, Geometria and Archaeology North under the leadership of Simon Holdaway over 10 weeks between 2002 and 2004. Three thousand features and about 40,000 finds were recorded and recovered during this time. The location of all finds and feature outlines were recorded with Leica total stations and all surfaces were recorded using a Cyrax laser scanner. Digital top-down photos were geo-corrected onto the three dimensional models of all the excavation surfaces.

Three main phases of the settlement can be distinguished: a fortified village at the beginning of the 19th century is followed by a gun fighter paa (fortification) with complex rifle trenches and fighting platforms, probably dating to the 1850's. The most significant building on the site is a Maori wharenuī (meeting house) from the 1860's, displaying a mixture of traditional Maori and European house construction.

Geometria is currently undertaking digital 3 dimensional re-constructions of several phases of the settlement using the digital field data.

Historic Cement works, Warkworth, Rodney District

During December 2004/January 2005 Geometria undertook a laser scanner survey of the historic Wilson Cement Works at Warkworth, Rodney District, north of Auckland. The Cement Works are a large and complex historic site with a variety of structures in various states of disrepair. The Cyrax laser scanner provided an excellent surveying tool to accurately record the existing structures. Information from this survey will be used for a conservation plan and incorporated into future developments at the site.



Point cloud showing of the main buildings at the Wilson Cement Works.

St. George Redoubt, Taranaki

In January 2005 Geometria helped Nigel Prickett of the Auckland Museum to locate the ditch and bank surrounding St. George Redoubt, a European fortification dating from the Second Taranaki Land War in 1863. The recorded area will become an extension of an existing historical reserve that. No surface signs of the bank and ditch surrounding the redoubt remain so these were identified using magnetic survey with a fluxgate gradiometer. The survey also indicated the existence of a second ditch on one side of the redoubt. It is possible that this ditch belongs to an earlier, smaller redoubt, called Fort Strange.

Lower Kaitake Blockhouse, Oakura, Taranaki

Another fluxgate gradiometer survey conducted during March 2005 on the site of a European Blockhouse from the Second Taranaki Land War (1863/4). No surface remains were visible but the location was interpreted from historical information. An area of several thousand square metres was surveyed using an irregular 'spaghetti' search pattern. Again subsurface remains of the ditch and bank surrounding the Blockhouse were identified. Discussions are currently under way to secure the area as a historic reserve.

Katere, Commercial Subdivision, New Plymouth, Taranaki

Geometria and Archaeology North monitored large-scale earthworks for a commercial subdivision on the outskirts of New Plymouth during February 2005. A known historic Maori kainga (settlement) on the area of the development led to the establishment of a reserve. Immediately outside the reserve two Maori houses of the late 19th century were located during the earthworks. Both houses show a mix of traditional Maori house construction and the use of European materials and house plans.

Hans-Dieter Bader



Maori house at Katere

NORTHERN TERRITORY NEWS

Darwin Archaeology

After a considerable period of gestation the book “Darwin Archaeology: Aboriginal, Asian and European Heritage of Australia’s Top End” was launched in Darwin on April 29th. Edited and introduced by Patricia Bourke, Sally Brockwell and Clayton Fredericksen, and published by Charles Darwin University Press, the book reflects the scope of recent activities and interests in archaeology in the Darwin region.

The papers included have all been written by former or current staff and postgraduate students of Charles Darwin (formerly Northern Territory) University. The subjects range from prehistoric to the recent historic. Shell middens and local Aboriginal settlement patterns are treated by Trish. Bourke, Peter Hiscock, and Sally Brockwell, a Chinese mining site of the turn of the 19th - 20th century by Scott Mitchell, an archaeology of the all-male society of Fannie Bay Gaol by Clayton Fredericksen, the wreck of the steamer *Brisbane* by David Steinberg, while Silvano Jung and Colin De La Rue explore WWII themes dealing respectively with flying boat wrecks in Darwin Harbour and defence fighter airfields.

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“Darwin Archaeology” is available from the Charles Darwin University Bookshop for \$34.95 plus postage and can be ordered through the website: <www.cdu.edu.au/bookshop> or via:

Charles Darwin University Bookshop, - (08) 8946 6497
PO Box U476,
Charles Darwin University,
NT 0815

In autumn an Archaeologists’ Fancy Turns...

As our southern colleagues greet the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness by packing away their little Marshalltown trowels (well greased for protection, I hope) and retreating to their libraries for their winter hibernation, in the Top End the bush knives are buffed up, boxes of matches secured and expeditions planned. With the retreat of the monsoon and the advent of the Dry, with no danger of drowning ignominiously in water or perspiration in the bottom of one’s excavation, the fieldwork season begins.

At this time the only project known to be definitely shaped up for this season is Julie Mastin’s return bout with “Knights Folly”, the intriguing 19th century site on the edge of Darwin’s CBD (See Newsletters of June and Sept. ’04). In July excavations will be resumed to distinguish the foundations of the two houses known to have been built on the site and to disentangle the original site layout from its World War Two additions.

Anyone seeking more information on the project can contact Julie at: <juliemastin@inet.net.au>

A Tell-Tale Heart to Heart

The weary, thankless trials of the Newsletter correspondent give rise to the occasional *cri de Cœur*, even driving one to florid excesses inspired by American poets (locals take note!).

[Your guest editor admits to ‘editing’ Colin’s cri de Coeur – with his kind permission – through the addition of both a couple of lines to the end of each verse and an entirely new verse. Your guest editor stresses, however, that neither Colin nor he have a pallid bust of Pallas right above our office doors – or so we’ll claim for evermore.]

The fall of the Scribe of ASHA

Colin DeLaRue & Alasdair Brooks
(with apologies to Edgar Allen Poe)

Once upon a midnight dreary, as I pondered, weak and weary,
O’er the June ASHA Newsletter as I often had before,
Suddenly there came a rhyming, burst of electronic chiming -
My computer giving notice that an email lay in store.
“Tis some correspondence gathered in my email inbox store –
Only this, and nothing more.’

As I laboured t’ward the day on that first weekend in May
All bereft of inspiration, that sound brightly cheered my chore.
‘Why’ said I, ‘tis sure some friend, having pity at the end,

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With Newsletter contributions to now cheer my heart so sore.
With some rare and radiant word file that will cheer my heart so sore.
And, perhaps, with something more!’

‘It will be a colleague noble, with compassion on my trouble,
Sending lively news and photos. I could ask for nothing more.’
But alas, ‘tis only spam, and now weakened as I am,
I read of the offer of riches never known by me before.
If only I will help Nigerians, I will be wealthier than before –
‘But help us now, or - nevermore!’

And the e-mail, not deleting, still is sitting, still is sitting
in the news-abandoned inbox just inside my office door;
And the file has all the seeming of a virus that is dreaming
Of the moment that my hard drive will go crashing to the floor.
So frustrating; and my soul from out the wine stains on the floor
Shall arise; Ah! Nevermore.

Colin DeLaRue

SOUTH AUSTRALIA NEWS

No news was reported from South Australia for this newsletter

TASMANIA NEWS

No news was reported from Tasmania for this newsletter

VICTORIA NEWS

Heritage Victoria

At the moment, Heritage Victoria is considering a number of interesting places for addition to the Victorian Heritage Register.

We have received a nomination for the Buckland Valley, near Porepunkah, which was the scene of the infamous Buckland Riots. In 1857, a large group of European and American miners drove more than 2,000 Chinese miners out of the valley. Three Chinese died in the aftermath of the riots, and there are many stories of others who had been killed, and their bodies disposed of before the authorities arrived. The valley also contains some of Victoria's most extensive and well preserved ground sluicing works.

Heritage Victoria is continuing to prepare a proposed registration for the Convincing Ground site, near Portland, where Edward Henty operated whaling station in the 1830s. Heritage Victoria is working with AAV and the local Aboriginal community, to prepare a proposed registration that also recognises the significance of the site's association with an Aboriginal massacre at the hands of the whalers in the early 1830s.

Heritage Victoria is also planning to complete the Registration assessments for the Government Camp at Bendigo, and for the Walkerville limekilns in the next few weeks.

Consultants should also be aware that new Permit and Consent fees recently came into operation as per the Heritage (General) Regulations 2005. Please contact Jeremy Smith for a copy of the new fee schedule.

Jeremy Smith
Senior Archaeologist
Heritage Victoria
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Biosis Research Pty. Ltd.

Biosis Research Pty. Ltd. has been involved in a number of small historical archaeological surveys and excavations in the past three months. Gary Vines is undertaking an assessment of the Old Bulli colliery for erosion and pollution control works, as well as continuing his work on the assessment of historic industrial sites as part of the City of Hume Heritage Review, which is now at Panel Stage. Gary has also recently completed archaeological input into the proposed Glenrowan revitalisation Project, which includes assessing the potential for archaeological evidence related to the Kelly Siege to remain on site. Gary is about to commence the archaeological monitoring and recording works in connection with the widening of Shepherd Bridge Footscray, where the foundations of the former Footscray Swing Bridge will be demolished. He will also be monitoring and recording the conversion of Warrnambool Woollen Mill in to housing and a commercial development.

Darren Griffin recently completed an excavation of Foley's Historical Farm Complex (H7822-0752) in Deer Park in Melbourne's western suburbs. The majority of the archaeological remains reflected a typical late nineteenth century vernacular farmhouse, except for the substantial bluestone basalt chimney base. This chimney base was almost identical to the three bluestone chimney bases of the former Craigieburn Railway Station Building, excavated by Darren last year. This structure was a standard government building constructed in 1872. The archaeological remains of this building showed that the proposed plans were followed exactly. The presence of a similar bluestone basalt chimney base at the Foley's Road farmhouse indicates that workers on the near-by Melbourne to Ballarat railway line, which was constructed through the Foley's Road property in 1880, were perhaps responsible for the construction of the chimney base.

Penny Karamanlis recently joined Biosis Research Pty. Ltd. as the Cultural Heritage Research Assistant. She has been helping Lydia Matthews with cataloguing the large number of artefacts recovered from the excavation of Harvest Home Hotel in Epping, which was carried out by Darren and Gary late last year. The assemblage catalogued so far includes a large amount of Codd soda water bottles. The majority of these were manufactured by G H Billson, who produced soda water in St Kilda, Melbourne from 1892 to 1904. A large number of ginger beer bottles were also found, the ginger beer once again being manufactured by G H Billson, from 1888 to 1914. A smaller, but significant, assemblage of schnapps bottles was also excavated. All the schnapps found on site was manufactured by 'Wolfe's Aromatic Schnapps', which operated from the 1860s to the 1930s and is located in Schiedam, Holland. The site also contained a large amount of ceramics and glass. The majority of these artefacts were highly decorative and included vases, bowls, glass tumblers and wine glasses.

Darren Griffin

National Archaeology Week in Victoria

Three National Archaeology Week events with relevance to historical archaeology took place in Victoria in May. On the 17th, La Trobe University's Alasdair Brooks teamed up with the Heritage Victoria archaeology laboratory in Abbotsford to present a talk on 'The Archaeology of British Ceramics in Victoria'. Using the new Heritage Victoria Ceramics Reference Collection (put together by Alasdair for HV last year) to provide specific examples, Alasdair provided a wide-ranging talk on issues of both identification and analysis to a mixed audience consisting of both museum and archaeology professionals and members of the general public. On the 19th, Geoff Hewitt gave a presentation at La Trobe on his on-going PhD research on the German Christian millenarian utopian community of Herrnhut. The latter was founded by Johann Friedrich Krumnow in 1853 on land subdivided from the former Western District Aboriginal Protectorate. Geoff's talk was based on his fieldwork at Herrnhut in January and February of this past year, but also offered an extensive (and entertaining!) discussion of the background and history of the Utopian community. Moving away from historical archaeology specifically (but still relevant generally), on the 15th a half-day seminar on the ethics of archaeology was co-hosted by AIMA, the Monash Asia Institute and Monash University's School of Geography and Environmental Sciences. Lyndel Prott (expert on the UNESCO Convention on Underwater Cultural Heritage) spoke on the UNESCO Convention; Cosmos Coroneos (President of AIMA) discussed the ethics of archaeology and maritime archaeology; Andrea Di Castro (Monash Asia Institute) spoke on issues relating to heritage conservation and development in China and Nepal; Colin Hope discussed the dilemmas of archaeology, tourism and development in Egypt; Bill Jeffery (James Cook University) spoke on the underwater heritage of Chuuk Lagoon, Federated States of Micronesia & Galle Harbour, Sri Lanka; and Ian McNiven (School of Geography & Environmental Science, programme for Australian Indigenous Archaeology, Monash University) discussed the ethics of indigenous archaeology and seascapes in Torres Strait.

Alasdair Brooks

WESTERN AUSTRALIA NEWS

Bilgoman Well Assessment

The Shire of Mundaring, assisted by the National Trust of Western Australia's Archaeology Advocacy Committee, have commissioned private consultants to assess the heritage significance of Bilgoman Well, located in the Darling Range foothills about 26 km east of Perth. The assessment, which includes archaeological survey, will bolster the local government authority's push to improve the community's local history interest.

In 1846, the well was dug and accommodation established for travellers using the Perth to York road, while later site uses included a base for road gangs working on the road. The archaeological component of the heritage assessment will record the location of artefact scatters and structural remains near the well. In addition, surveys will also take place for evidence of the first Perth to York track.

Shane Burke

GALLIPOLI NEWS

A Preliminary Survey of the ANZAC Gallipoli Battlefields of 1915

David W. Cameron, Visiting Fellow, Anatomy & Histology, University of Sydney

During January 2003 a preliminary archaeological survey of the Anzac Gallipoli Battlefields of 1915 was conducted. This preliminary survey was part of preparations for a much more detailed study currently being planned. We focused on three areas: 'Russell's Top'; sites around "Turkish Quinn's" and "German Officers Trench"; and the landward side of 400 Plateau (Lone Pine). We were able to establish that much of the trench systems still exist, though major subsidence and infilling (intentional and non-intentional) has occurred. Even so, trench lines can still clearly be identified. While some 'small' artifacts were located, the area within the 'Anzac Area' (most frequently visited by tourists) has been seriously affected by 'souvenir hunting' over the last decade or so and much of the surface areas within the Second Ridge appear to have been 'pick clean'. We did not survey beyond the Second Ridge, however, and given that few tourists visit this area (as well as areas to the north of the Nek) we suspect that substantial surface finds will be documented. This will be the focus of our next survey.

While not part of this preliminary survey, we also visited Anzac Cove and found at the main tourist 'bus stop' a complete human femur apparently just having been washed out from the heights above (First Ridge). During early 2005, at the apparent request of the Australian government, road works along Anzac cove were extended, resulting in the removal of large sections of First Ridge, with much of the debris being bulldozed into Anzac Cove. At the same time media reports indicated that human remains had been unearthed and found by bystanders. This is of no surprise, as stated above, we found and reported human remains from this area in 2003. While it was reported by the Australian government that some archaeological work was conducted, it now appears that no such work was carried out prior to the construction of road works. The road works went ahead with no cultural heritage managers being present. Clearly the current works requested by the Australian government have destroyed the archaeological, historic and cultural integrity and fabric of the landing place of the Anzac's on the 25th April 1915. This further demonstrates the need for urgent heritage protection and ongoing research of this region.



While not part of the original survey area, we found the femur (above) at Anzac Cove, which had obviously washed out from First Ridge. This part of the Ridge apparently no-longer exists and is now part of a Car Park close to the 'Beach Cemetery.'



First Ridge, just above ANZAC Cove during the road extension works 2005. The area in which the digger is in operation (southern end - right hand side of photograph) is the approximate area where the femur originated in 2003. (Photograph kindly supplied by Hamish Clark of New Zealand Television)

ANNOUNCEMENTS / NOTICES

Australian Archaeology in Profile: A Survey of Working Archaeologists 2005

Hard copies of a questionnaire to survey archaeologists working in, or based in, Australia were recently mailed to members of the Australian Archaeological Association, Australasian Society for Historical Archaeology, Australasian Institute for Maritime Archaeology and Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists Inc. Relevant archaeologists who are not members of these associations are encouraged to complete the survey by downloading it from:

<http://www.atsis.uq.edu.au/survey/>

What is the purpose of this survey?

This survey aims to build a basic profile of professional archaeology in Australia and to define key archaeology learning and training issues. The survey targets demographic, employment and professional activities data. Unlike the United Kingdom and the United States, there has been no comprehensive information of this type collected for the archaeological profession in Australia.

Who should complete this survey?

This survey is designed to be as inclusive as possible and recognises the use of archaeological skills in a broad range of fields. Participation in this survey is voluntary. It should be completed by anyone who:

- used archaeological skills in **paid** employment during 2004; and
- works in Australia, or is based in Australia and works overseas.

How do I get more information about the survey project?

If you would like to find out more about the "Australian Archaeology in Profile" project, please contact the Project Coordinator, Dr Sean Ulm (email: s.ulm@uq.edu.au). Surveys must be returned before 1 July 2005.



Australasian Society for Historical Archaeology

2005 Conference: The City and the Bush

**Melbourne, Australia
29 Sept – 2 Oct 2005**

Theme

This year's theme, **The City and the Bush**, invites participants to investigate the archaeology of rural and urban settings, and the relationships between them, including trade, migration, industry and religion. Melbourne provides an ideal venue for such a conference, not only being an important cultural and economic centre since the nineteenth century, but also in the light of its ongoing urban renewal program which has sought to balance the modern demands of city life with the protection of historical sites and heritage. Many of these sites, such as Casselden Place, will be on show in featured conference sessions and tours.

Location and Conference Venue

The conference will be held in Melbourne, Australia at the City Campus of La Trobe University at 215 Franklin Street (see <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/city/campusmaps.html> for location maps).

Timing

The conference runs from **Thursday 29 September to Sunday 2 October, 2005**.

There will be a pre-conference welcoming reception and registration at the Old Melbourne Gaol on the evening of Wednesday 28 September and a post-conference field trip to sites and wineries along the Mornington Peninsula on Monday 3 October 2005.

Accommodation

Delegates will arrange their own accommodation in Melbourne. A range of options from motels/hotels, B&Bs to backpackers are available, check: <http://melbourne.citysearch.com.au/section/visitor-guide>

Fieldtrips

Conference Field Trips

The conference field trips include a walking tour around sites of heritage significance in Melbourne, showcasing recent projects undertaken in the city. There will also be a tour of the new Heritage Victoria Conservation Laboratory in Abbotsford. For further information on Heritage Victoria, visit www.heritage.vic.gov.au.

Post-Conference Field Trip

The post-conference field trip will include an intoxicating tour of lime kilns and wineries on the Mornington Peninsula, including lunch at La Baracca Trattoria at the T'Gallant winery. For more information on the Mornington Peninsula, see <http://www.visitmorningtonpeninsula.org>.

Prizes

This year we are pleased to announce that prizes will be offered to the Best Paper, Best Student Paper and Best Poster presented at the conference. Further, a travel prize will be awarded to the student travelling the furthest to attend the conference.

Program

Wednesday 28 September

Pre-Conference Reception and Registration at Melbourne's historic Old Melbourne Gaol between 6.00 and 8.00 PM. The reception will feature the **Marching in Time** exhibition, showcasing the results of excavations at the site of the Government Camp in Ballarat's historic precinct. For further information on the Old Melbourne Gaol, visit <http://www.nattrust.com.au>.

Thursday 29 September

Papers at La Trobe University, City Campus.

Friday 30 September

Tours of archaeological interpretations in the City of Melbourne and the Heritage Victoria Conservation Laboratory at Abbotsford, meet at La Trobe University, City Campus. Bring \$5.90 (Full) or \$3.10 (Concession) for rail fare to Abbotsford. Lunch will be held at La Trobe University, City Campus.

Saturday 1 October

Papers at La Trobe University, City Campus, with poster presentation session during lunch at La Trobe University, City Campus.

Annual General Meeting in the late afternoon at La Trobe University, City Campus.

7.00 PM: Conference Banquet at Post Deng Cafe, a Szechuan styled Chinese restaurant in Melbourne's Chinatown at 214 Little Bourke Street.

Note Space *IS* limited; please register early if you want to attend the banquet!

Sunday 2 October

Papers at La Trobe University, City Campus.

Prizes will be awarded for Best Paper, Best Student Paper, Best Poster, and Student Travel Prize.

Monday 3 October

Post-Conference Field Trip, wineries and lime kilns on the Mornington Peninsula

Conference Costs

Note, all prices are given in Australian dollars, and are not subject to GST. The Registration Fee includes opening reception/registration evening on 28/9/05, morning and afternoon teas (29/9, 1/10, 2/10) and lunches (29/1 to 2/10) at the conference venue, and the conference fieldtrips on 30/9/05.

Conference Items	Before 1/8/05	After 1/8/05
ASHA Member Fee	220.00	260.00
ASHA Student Member Fee †	180.00	220.00
Non-Member	260.00	300.00
Non-Member Student/Unwaged †	220.00	260.00
Single Day Fee ‡	70.00	70.00
Conference Banquet * +	55.00	55.00
Conference Fieldtrips # +	Free	Free
Post-Conference Fieldtrip * +	55.00	55.00

† Students must send a photocopy of valid ID

‡ Valid for a maximum of two days only

* Not included in registration fee

No charge for tours, but please bring appropriate rail fare for the tour to the Heritage Victoria Conservation Laboratory at Abbotsford: \$5.90 (Full) or \$3.10 (Concession)

+ Space limited, book early!

Disclaimer

The conference hosting body and organising committee reserves the right to make changes to the conference program if necessary. Information is accurate at time of posting.

Conference 2005 Registration Form

For Early-Bird discount, registration and fees must arrive before 1 August 2005

*Conference participants should wear their **Conference Name Badges** at all times as evidence of registration.*

NAME: _____
(as you wish it to appear on your name badge)

AFFILIATION: _____
(as you wish it to appear on your name badge)

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ (H) _____ (W) _____ (M)

FAX: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Do you intend to attend the Pre-Conference Reception and Registration (YES/NO)?

AV REQUIREMENTS FOR PRESENTERS: Please tick appropriate box
 overhead projector slide projector PowerPoint*

*Please bring your presentation on a CD, do not bring your lap-top to the session

ASHA Conference Fees and Items	No.	Before 1/8/05 AUD	After 1/8/05 AUD	Notes
ASHA Members	x	220	260	The Conference Registration Fee includes: - Opening reception/registration evening 28/9/05 - Morning/Afternoon teas and Lunches at the conference venue - Conference fieldtrips 30/9/05 ----- † Students must send p/copy of valid ID * Not included in Registration Fee # No Charge, but we will need to know numbers, please ✓ or X + Space limited, book early
ASHA Student Members/Unwaged†	x	180	220	
Non-Member	x	260	300	
Non-Member Student/Unwaged†	x	220	260	
Single Day Rate (1 or 2 days only)	x	70	70	
Conference Banquet*+	x	55	55	
Conference Fieldtrips#+	x	Free	Free	
Post Conference Field Trip*+	x	55	55	
Your Total				

NOTE: Payment not subject to GST. Must be in Australian dollars, cheques/money orders can be made out to La Trobe University.

I enclose: Cheque Draft/Money Order Credit Card (details below)

Visa MasterCard Bankcard

Card Number:

Expires: _____(m)/_____(y) *Please ensure that your card is NOT in its last valid month*

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Please Print Clearly

**Return to: Sam Spiers, Archaeology Program, La Trobe University, Melbourne
 VIC 3086**

**The Dry Stone Walls Association¹ of Australia's
Second Annual General Meeting and
Seminar: "The Diversity of Dry Stone Walls"
will be held at Scienceworks²,
2 Booker Street, Spotswood
on Saturday June 18th 2005**

PROGRAM

11.00 AM – 12.30PM: **Annual General Meeting: (Conference Room)** Members of the public are most welcome to attend. No charge.

LUNCH BREAK

2.00PM – 4.15PM: **Seminar: (Auditorium) "The Diversity of Dry Stone Walls"**

Guest Speaker: Sandy Roberts



Like many people in sports, Sandy Roberts has taken a pretty circuitous road to the top of his profession. He spent his childhood on a sheep farm in South Australia, before working in Adelaide, Perth, Bendigo and overseas as he learned the media trade. He finally settled in Melbourne, joining Seven News as a presenter, sports analyst, host and commentator.

Today, Sandy has an enviable reputation as one of Australia's most knowledgeable and respected industry professionals. When he isn't at the world's largest sporting events, he escapes back to his farm just outside Melbourne.³

Sandy's interest in dry stone walls stems from his ownership of a property with walls as a feature of its landscape.

Jim Holdsworth: (President DSWAA) "Travelling Europe: A Cross-section of Walls"

Jim is an architect with a professional career that includes urban design, town planning and heritage recognition. He has worked in private practice and in local government and strongly promotes the links between the cultural and built heritage of our urban and rural areas with the connection to place and community that this can engender.

While most of his professional work is in urban areas, he is currently part of a consultant team, which includes Association members Raelene Marshall and David Moloney, engaged by the Victorian government to develop a methodology to identify, record, classify and ultimately protect dry stone walls in the Shire of Melton and later, elsewhere.

Living in inner Melbourne, Jim can't claim any direct contact with dry stone walls!

Video: "The Millennium Wall"

The world's first permanent exhibition of distinctive walling styles from all over Britain. (Dry Stone Walling Association of Great Britain)

Raelene Marshall: (Secretary DSWAA) "Dry Stone Walls- Public Art in the Landscape": Paper presented at the 9th International Dry Stone Walling Congress: Mytilini, Greece, October 2004

Raelene's background as an arts practitioner, curator and administrator in local government has led to her interest in the interrelationships between heritage, art and environment.

The development of the Overnewton Gatehouse site in Keilor, originally part of the Scottish Baronial Estate of early pastoralist William Taylor was the spring board for her long-time fascination with the craft of dry stone walling. An Australia Council professional development period spent in the Grizedale Forest Sculpture Park in England's Lakes District, followed several years later by the development and Touring of the Exhibition *A Stone Upon A Stone* further reinforced her desire to acknowledge and protect this universal craft for future generations.

Raelene's only direct contact with dry stone walls is spending many research days traipsing farming properties in Victoria and New South Wales and 'dabbling in' a couple of dry stone walling workshops.

Film: "Finding Heritage - The Dry Stone Walls in the Northern Rivers of New South Wales"

A short film produced by Karyn Rendall and Denise Burch.

Question time and discussion

Seminar Cost: \$5 DSWAA Members, \$10 Visitors, Payable to the DSWAA on the day.

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

Alasdair Brooks

**Coming soon from the Australasian Society for Historical
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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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Alasdair Brooks has more than 15 years experience in archaeological material culture and ceramics studies on three continents. On completing his PhD at the University of York, he was awarded a post-doctoral fellowship at La Trobe University in Melbourne. Alasdair has been the archaeology lab supervisor at prominent historic sites in the United States and the United Kingdom and has also worked as an artefact consultant for the Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority and Heritage Victoria. He has previously published on the symbolic content of nineteenth-century transfer prints, nineteenth-century ceramics assemblages from Wales, and the value of international comparisons in ceramics analysis.

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