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STATE OF THE ART

ACT NEWS

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

Restructuring of the Division is now complete with three Branches – Heritage Strategy, Heritage Assessment and Heritage Management – although selection processes are still in hand to fill vacant positions.

Recent National Heritage Listings (NHL) of relevance to historical archaeologists include Recherche Bay (north-east peninsula) Area, Port Arthur Historic Site, Fremantle Prison, First Government House Site, Glenrowan Heritage Precinct and Richmond Bridge (Tas). Sixteen of the twenty places in the NHL so far are historic environment places. Assessments in hand include the following of relevance - Recherche Bay and surrounds, Macquarie House (Hobart), Bendigo Pottery, various Norfolk Island places, Fremantle Inner Harbour, City of Broken Hill, Bonnegilla Migrant Camp – Block 19, Swing Bridge Longford, Portable Iron Houses (Melbourne), Luna Park (Sydney), City of Adelaide Historic Layout and Parklands, Pitt Town District Cultural Precinct (NSW), Yooroonah Tank Barrier (NSW), Hermannsburg Historic Precinct, HMVS Cerberus, Point Nepean Area, Point Cook Air Base, Dundullimal (NSW), Rippon Lea House and Garden, North Head, and Melbourne Cricket Ground.

If you would like to check on what has been nominated to the NHL (or the Commonwealth Heritage List), what has been listed, or the status of a nomination you can do this through the Department of the Environment and Heritage's website under Heritage Notices at http://www.deh.gov.au/cgi-bin/epbc/heritage_ap.pl

National Cultural Heritage Forum - This met in Canberra on 28-29 November 2005 with ASHA represented by Dr Tracy Ireland. The Forum advises the two Australian Government Ministers who have cultural heritage responsibilities - the Minister for the Environment and Heritage, Hon Senator Ian Campbell MP, and the Minister for the Arts and Sport, Senator the Hon Rod Kemp. Unfortunately, the latter was unable to attend, although senior staff from Senator Kemp's Department did.

The Forum discussed a number of high order matters of interest to historical archaeologists including the NCHF Visions Document (one of its key elements being a 'Heritage Care' proposal similar to Landcare/Bushcare), Gallipoli, World Heritage nominations, the Productivity Commission Inquiry (general update and on the National Heritage Strategy), the

implementation of the new national heritage system (including progress/current priorities/problems, possible EPBC Act amendments, resources for implementation, public engagement, NHL thresholds, the thematic approach, NGO involvement, the Minister's Coastal theme, grants programmes), the Collections Council (update), underwater heritage (including updates on the proposed UNESCO Convention, the National Maritime Heritage Strategy and commercial exploitation of shipwrecks/relics in galleries). Tracy and Sharon Sullivan raised the issue for a forthcoming NCHF meeting, of the need for some systematic approach at a national level for the storage and curation of archaeological artefact collections. Tracy also expressed concern over the short application period for the Sharing Australian Stories grants program posing particular problems for community groups.

ACT Heritage Unit

ACT Heritage Council – The Council has a new Chair, heritage consultant and historical archaeologist Dr Michael Pearson.

Blundell's Flat – Mark Butz, heritage consultant, has conducted a survey and is preparing a conservation management plan of this area which contained an old homestead. He has located evidence of a former road and school.

Colverwell Graves, Kowen Forest – The project to conserve these early settler graves on ACT Forests land has now concluded. The headstones were conserved and re-erected, a post a rail fence restored, a new stock-proof fence erected around the area and ACT Forests have put up an interpretative sign.

Tharwa Bridge – Temporary works have enabled this important, mid 1890s timber bridge (the oldest surviving bridge in the ACT and the first Allan truss bridge in Australia) to open again. A round of public consultation is under way concerning the bridge's future.

Compiled by Richard Morrison

QUEENSLAND NEWS

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS - MILL POINT ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECT Great Sandy National Park, Lake Cootharaba

Mill Point is the site of one of the earliest timber settlements in Queensland. From the 1860s to the 1880s, timber from the Cooloola area was logged, and milled at the sawmill on Lake Cootharaba. An extensive tramway complex was built to move logs and timber throughout the area, and flat-bottomed paddle-wheel boats towed punts of sawn timber through Lakes Cootharaba and Cooroibah to Tewantin, where the timber was loaded onto the company's steamer and taken to Brisbane. The mill workers and their families lived at the site and there was a school, hotel and stores, as well as a cemetery.

July 2005 saw the third session of archaeological fieldwork at Mill Point and excavation was undertaken at the likely location of the workers' housing. In order to further explore the domestic areas of the settlement, fieldwork will be undertaken in February 2006.

WHEN: Week 1 - 5-10 February 2006
Week 2 - 12-17 February 2006

WHERE: Mill Point, Great Sandy National Park, Lake Cootharaba (30 minutes north of Noosa).

WHAT: Survey and excavation of domestic area of the settlement, sieving excavated material, sorting and bagging of artefacts in the field, photography and recording.

COST: Participants will be required to cover their own food and accommodation costs. Accommodation will be at the Apollonian Hotel, Boreen Point at around \$15 per person per night for shared rooms. All participants will contribute \$30 for the week towards breakfast and lunch. Participants will be responsible for their own dinner. Kitchen facilities are available at the Apollonian accommodation and meals can be purchased at the Apollonian Hotel or local shops.

APPLYING: Please forward a copy of your CV either via email to Karen Murphy k.murphy2@uq.edu.au or to Mill Point Archaeological Project, PO Box 6565, St Lucia QLD 4067. Please indicate your availability Week 1 or Week 2 or both weeks.

Demand for places is generally high, therefore successful applicants will be notified by email in early January.

POSSIBLE SOUTH SEA ISLAND GRAVES, WEST OF MARYBOROUGH

In November 2005 a team of University of Queensland and Environmental Protection Agency archaeologists excavated one of a series of eight mounds located above the western bank of the Mary River, a few kilometres west of Maryborough. Local oral tradition identified these mounds as mass graves of South Sea Islanders blackbirded to work on the sugar plantations that covered the area in the mid to late 19th century.

The local South Sea Islander community nominated the area containing the mounds to the Queensland Heritage Council for inclusion on the Queensland Heritage Register. The QHC felt that the oral tradition did not provide enough certainty for the nomination to proceed. Therefore an archaeological investigation was undertaken with the patronage of the local South Sea Islander Community and the support of the Native Title claimants, the landowner and Queensland Police.

A 1m x 10m trench was dug through the centre of the largest mound on the east/west axis. The mound was domed measuring 13m in diameter and up to 70cm high. A shallow trench surrounded the mound. All the mounds were similar except for their size. The largest mound was targeted so as to do the least amount of damage to any particular mound. The trench extended from two metres east of the mound to 1.5 metres beyond the centre point of the mound and was excavated 30-40cm below the surrounding ground surface.



A complex stratigraphy of 12 layers was identified within the mound though this mostly appears to have been caused by the growth large trees on the mound sometime in the past. No artefacts were found during the excavation. Although, no evidence of burials or occupation was obtained during the excavation, the stratigraphy clearly indicates that the mounds are not a natural phenomenon. Unfortunately this leaves the QHR nomination in limbo.

Jon Prangnell

NEW SOUTH WALES NEWS

Events – forthcoming

Christmas Drinks

The NSW Chapters of AACAI, and ASHA would like to invite all our members (and indeed any interstate members who might be in town), to Christmas drinks and get together. The venue is the Court House Hotel, 202 Australia St (corner of Lennox St) Newtown. Date 9th December from 4.30pm. There will be hot nibbles provided and the first drink is ‘on the house’.

We are hoping that this will be a meet and greet session not only between existing members but with other colleagues who may be thinking of joining and who want to take the opportunity to get to know members and find out about the two organisations in a relaxed atmosphere. The invitation is therefore extended to interested non-members and graduating students of archaeology. So pass this invite on to anyone you think might be interested. Come along and toast the past work year with all its successes and irritations and herald in the festive season in good company. RSVP’s are **ESSENTIAL** to assist with catering and reserve your free drink. Email your acceptance to stamwoy@bigpond.net.au

Events – Past

The Third Sydney Historical Archaeology Professional Workshop, November 2005

The third Sydney Historical Archaeology Professional Workshop was held on the 25th November at the Newtown Neighbourhood Centre to an audience of c.50. (the evening event

then moved to the Court House Hotel, where the usual hospitalities were forthcoming). Attendance numbers were down from previous events, largely due to conflicting meetings (e.g. AAA/AIMA in Perth and ICOMOS in Melbourne) but reports were positive. The meeting was sponsored and hosted by Godden Mackay Logan.

In the morning general papers were presented by Sophie Puller (Banksia Heritage) on the excavations at Camperdown Cemetery; Andrew Sneddon (GML) on the excavations at Mountain Street; Lisa Newell (GML) on the Fitzroy/Mittagong Iron works and Claire Everett (formally RTA) on procedures within a government department. Papers on excavations at Parramatta were presented by Ted Higginbotham, Mary Casey, Rickard Mackay and Wendy Thorp.

Following lunch was a stimulating panel discussion featuring a discourse on archaeology in Parramatta; organised and chaired by Denis Gojak and Martin Gibbs. Panel members also included Mary Casey, Wendy Thorp and Richard Mackay.

Further presentations were provided by Siobhan Lavelle (NSW Heritage Office), updating news from the Heritage Office and Tracy Ireland on her independent review of the NSW Heritage Office.

The last session of the day was facilitated by Richard Mackay who, with pen and butchers paper, put together comments from the floor on various issues. This session has provided direction for the next workshop, which is to be hosted within 6 months by Peter Douglas Inc (AHMS). The primary facets derived from the final discussion were:

- Basic information needed on what we do: particularly with regard to artefacts;
- Need information on standards of practice;
- Taking responsibility as a professional group for our futures and actions;
- Students to be more aware of information/resource sources;
- More thinking needed with regard to public archaeology;
- Shared concern for synthesis/comparability;
- Panel discussions useful – perhaps the next discussion could be on resources (i.e. resources of information, including gathering and dissemination);
- Good to hear what people are doing – more papers on local projects;
- Similar issues with commercial archaeology here and UK in national regional research;
- Need better integrated databases, especially artefacts;
- Look for a set of common goals for the next 5 years;
- ways/time/resources to produce reports – publish?;
- Things are happening – review outcomes/digs etc; and
- Re-invigorate professional associations: vetting: adherence to ethics.

It is proposed that the next workshop will:

Be in 6 months. This was favoured by most attendees – some wanted annual meeting due to time constraints;

- Theme approach for the next workshop – possibly Scientific archaeology:
 - Sydney basin landscape/pollen/environment (eg Botanic Gardens staff, geomorphologists, environmental historians, landscape architects, historic gardens people, prehistorians)
 - Possible Pre-history/contact/crossover
 - Heritage office stuff: guidelines; code of practice
 - ‘Scientific archaeology’ – What is it? cost E.g. stones/bones/pollen
 - Information dissemination
 - Practical: OH&S, rates of pay
- Avoid clashes: ICOMOS/AAA/ASHA etc;
- Earlier notifications/ call for input;
- Microphones (Newtown Neighbourhood Centre’s acoustics are poor);
- Consult heritage office regarding timing and attendance; and
- May be in March with a following W/S in September (NB ASHA and AIMA clashes).

Ian Stuart and Tim Owen

NSW Government Architect's Office

It's been a busy year in the Government Architect's Office, with a number of large archaeological and conservation management projects underway. We have been providing specialist advice and archaeological project management services for the redevelopment of the Parramatta Justice Precinct, to ensure the master planning process accounted for conservation of the significant archaeological resources in the site. We also ran the tendering process for the archaeological fieldwork season and monitored Casey and Lowe's compliance with their excavation permit on behalf of the Department of Commerce Project Management Team.

Caitlin has also been managing the preparation of two Conservation Management Plans for Bathurst and Bloomfield Hospitals, in the central west of NSW. Both are of State significance and now undergoing redevelopment. Bloomfield Hospital is a particularly interesting large-scale site developed for mental health care in the interwar period. It still retains its layout, pavilion style building stock and landscape setting. The field visits were great fun as the site is still used for mental health care and many of the staff and patients were keen to get involved in helping us with our survey work and historical research.

The Conservation Plan for the convict and institutional period remains on Cockatoo Island is also in the final draft stage (GML has prepared the plan for the later industrial uses of the island). The research undertaken has revealed a potentially extensive archaeological resource from the early periods of occupation. This has resulted in the expectation that between the archaeological remains and the extant building stock, the entire system of work and accommodation established on the Island will be represented. A detailed archaeological

analysis forms part of the CMP, including a system of overlays using the high quality collection of early maps for the Island and other historic resources as a basis. The Sydney Harbour Trust will be using this information for ongoing management and investigation of the archaeological resources and to interpret them to the public.

Two members of staff also recently attended the ICOMOS General Assembly in Xi'an, China and Caitlin gave a paper on archaeology and urban planning. In the New Year she is planning to do further work in this area in collaboration with some of the design architects in GAO looking at the issue of new architectural design on archaeological sites.

Caitlin Allen

AHMS

As some may know, AHMS moved office in February - a decision that has proved to be very successful in terms of our enjoyment of the workplace. Our new joint has been fitted out with desks, gear and a veggie garden, the latter of which serves as a distraction from reports and limits pie consumption at lunchtime. The much-talked-about Office warming party will hopefully be scheduled on our first anniversary of the move from Stanmore to North Annandale.

This year we've focused on completing existing projects and improving the way the business runs. As a consequence the relatively fast growth of the firm - as seen over the last 2-3 years - has halted while we get our acts together. The results have been good - about fifty projects completed including 13 excavation reports on both Historical and Aboriginal sites, the most notable of which were investigations at: Third Government Farm, Castle Hill; a midden at Pitt Water; the Surgeon's and Clergyman's cottage site at Port Macquarie and an Aboriginal cultural landscape at Pitt Town, a site later occupied by Gov Bligh's Model Farm. In addition to reporting on excavations, Jim Wheeler has completed an extensive review and update on the CMP's for Cattai National Park while continuing to produce numerous AHIA reports; Matthew Kelly and Adam Paterson completed assessments on Sugarloaf Point Lightstation precinct at Seal Rocks, while Fiona Leslie completed numerous AHIA's, historical archaeology assessments and an Aboriginal consultation study of Twofold Bay with women from the Bega Traditional Aboriginal Elders Corporation.

While that's been happening, we've been fortunate enough to start on some new field projects, including the Roman Catholic Cemetery at Windsor, the Commandant's Cottage site (later the Palais Royale) in Newcastle, the old Commercial Hotel at Orange, a site in Gloucester St in The Rocks and a Second Stage of excavation at Third Government Farm, Castle Hill.

Peter Douglas

GML

The Fitzroy Iron Works, Mittagong.

1848: The history of iron production in Australia started with the commissioning of a small blast furnace for the Fitzroy Iron Works at Mittagong. Documentary evidence suggests the Fitzroy Iron Works included structures such as a Catlan Furnace (1848), Rolling Mills (1859/60 to 1886 & 1896) as well as a Puddling Furnace, and possible Engine House from approximately 1865. During its initial phase of operation, the iron works produced good quality iron.

1886: The Iron Works was only intermittently successful and failed a number of times before finally closing down in 1886. It was purchased in 1892 by William Sandford in an

attempt to produce steel and by BHP in 1941. The subject site, which formed the lower, and likely original section of the works, was subsequently used for market gardening and as an egg farm.

2004: An IHO was placed over Roscoe Road, 185, 193 – 197 Old Hume Highway, Mittagong on 17 December 2004 which includes the Iron Works site.

2005: A preliminary archaeological assessment and investigation in early 2005 by Godden Mackay Logan using historical information from Leah Day and Tim McCarthy, Mittagong historians, confirmed the presence of early structures including machinery bases, footings, parts of furnaces and brick working surfaces. These investigations also confirmed a separation between the primary and secondary processing areas at the former iron works.

From September to November 2005 Godden Mackay Logan on behalf of Woolworths, undertook more extensive archaeological investigation of the site. An unexpected range of fairly intact masonry and metal structural features associated with various phases of the iron processing and rolling activities that took place at the site were revealed, excavated and recorded. Remains of the rolling mill, boiler bases, engine and fly-wheel pits, and puddling furnaces are all discernable and readily interpretable. Nearly 200 people visited the site on a very rainy public open day in early November.

Negotiations about in-situ retention and interpretation of the remains are now being undertaken with the Heritage Council and Woolworths. Woolworths are to be acknowledged and congratulated for funding the extensive excavations of this important site. GML wish to thank them for all their help.



Thought to be the base of the second phase Chilean Mill



Thought to be an engine base and its hold down bolts (associated with the later phases of the rolling mill).



This is the boiler base of one of the 1870s boilers providing steam to the rolling mill engines
Lisa Newell

And now for something completely different

Taken from the City of Sydney Web site (<http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/>):

“One of the city's [Sydney's] most prominent heritage landmarks, the chimneys of the old brickworks at Sydney Park will come to life in the lead up to Christmas. From 29 November, residents, and thousands who drive past each day, will see the familiar sight of the chimneys transformed. Two of the four chimneys at Sydney Park will receive a temporary Christmas make over. The Chimneys will be covered with a uniquely Australian Christmas design. One chimney will feature gum leaves, the other will feature gum nut blossoms in Christmas colours of red, gold and green.”

The web site reports that “the chimneys will be lit at night creating a prominent festive feature in the cityscape.” So something for all of us to look out for!



Compiled by Tim Owen

NEW ZEALAND NEWS

There's been quite a lot happening lately but no reports have come in for this Newsletter. We hope to report in the March issue about: the latest phase of excavations at the Lawrence Chinese camp; the completion of the excavation phase of the Wellington Inner City Bypass Project; and, the relocation of the 1854 Westney Farmstead building, and its associated excavations, as part of the Auckland International Airport's expansion programme.

Rick McGovern-Wilson

NORTHERN TERRITORY NEWS

Tales of the Noonamah Woods.

Among the relics of the World War Two fighting in the Top End are a number of airfields; installations that carried much of the burden of defence and attack during the Battle of North Australia.

One of these, the Twenty-nine Mile, near Noonamah on the Stuart Highway (later named Strauss Field after Captain Alison Strauss of the 8th Squadron, 49th Pursuit Group, USAAF), appears to have been chosen by the NT Government as a representative WWII airfield heritage site.

As many WWII sites have been destroyed - such as Livingstone Field, the major WWII fighter field a few miles down the highway, which finally succumbed to the Alice-Springs – Darwin Railway easement – any recognition and care given to these sites is welcome. Nevertheless, the runway of Strauss Field is threatened by widening work on the highway and, as no definite commitment to re-route the easement appears to have been made, the preservation of the field does not seem to be assured.

Recently Strauss Field underwent some tourist-oriented development: Parking area, signage, information kiosk, etc. It is unfortunate that this involved clearing, grading and road sealing within the site itself, but that is probably a minor loss of integrity in view of the usual wholesale destruction such features have suffered.

One intriguing development is the “Cardboard cut-outs”; painted silhouette sketches portraying the aircraft that were based on the field. These are neat and well presented, but are unfortunately not full scale. Already a few tourists have been heard to comment in vague surprise that they had expected Kittyhawks and Spitfires to be bigger.

This seems to present a timely warning that may apply to the presentation of material heritage displays in a number of contexts – make sure that the representation conveys the right message, not just a conventional presentation of fact.

Giving the somewhat baffled tourist an image, however ill-formed, of the WWII air war as being fought by tiny little men cavorting about the skies in midget ‘planes’, seems to impair both the appreciation of the struggle and the dignity of the participants.

Having, on a recent trip in the Deep South browsed around a number of historical / archaeological sites and displays I notice that the problem of misleading presentation is not exclusive to the NT.



A “cardboard cut-out Kittyhawk” at Strauss Field - with your typical 170cm historian giving scale

SOUTH AUSTRALIA NEWS

All has been reasonably quiet on the historical archaeology front in South Australia. The biggest news (as far as the author is concerned anyway) is that Susan Briggs has submitted and passed her PhD. Entitled *Portonian Respectability: working class attitudes to respectability import Adelaide through material culture 1840-1900* the thesis examined respectability as a key feature of the ideology of the working class in Australia and Britain during the 19th century. Susan Briggs used material culture from two archaeological excavations of 19th century cottages import Adelaide to explore themes associated with notions of respectability. Her thesis examined four themes: temperance and the consumption of alcohol, the role of the wife in the home, attitudes towards children and ideas about suitable food through a study of faunal remains. One examiner described this thesis as “an important and welcome contribution to the archaeological discourse” while the other examiner suggested that it was “an important contribution to Australian Historical Archaeology and the archaeology of class.” (Section taken from abstract written by Mark Staniforth for graduation handbook – just so you don’t think I am blowing my own horn just a little too loud!).

Three honours theses have recently been submitted for examination. Flinders wishes the following students best of luck and a bright future in archaeology:

Cardillo, Melissa, *Veni, Vidi, Vici: What is the Material Evidence for a Distinctive Italian Ethnicity in Twentieth Century South Australia as Reflected in Domestic Architecture?*

Stuart, Ellen R. *A Problem of Settlement: The Continuing Evolution of A Cultural Landscape – Cultural Landscape Change on the Willunga Plains from 1840.*

Wimmer, Martin, *Archaeology of the Russian Scare: The Port Adelaide Torpedo Station.*

Compiled by Susan Briggs

TASMANIA NEWS

Forest Practices Board (Denise Gaughwin)

As a follow up to the two excavations of Chinese miners camps in North East Tasmania completed by Parry Kostoglou two display boards have been set up in the region that emphasize the important role that archaeology plays in writing the past. They further outline the role of heritage management in timber operations and the need for the conservation of material located. These exhibits were the result of collaboration between Forestry Tasmania, the Forest Practices Authority and the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery. All the excavated material has been accepted by the Museum which also has in its collection the important Chinese temple known as the “Joss House”. Parry launched the first of the exhibits with his usual aplomb on Melbourne Cup Day.

Archaeological Services Tasmania (Parry Kostoglou)

Parry is carrying out an excavation at the Cascades Female Factory in South Hobart. The dig is situated in the southern section of Yard 4 (est. 1850's) which contains a six roomed cottage, inmates' kitchen and day room complex for children. The footings of all of these structures have been revealed in addition to several features, such as drains and dry stone walls, which pre date the 1850's establishment threshold.

Anne McConnell Cultural Heritage and Quaternary Geoscience (Anne McConnell)

A project team comprising archaeologist/cultural heritage management consultant (Anne McConnell), historian (Lindy Scripps) and heritage architect (Mary Knaggs) will be carrying out the historic heritage municipal study for the Kingborough Municipality. The project commenced in October 2005 and is scheduled to be completed by May 2006. The Kingborough Municipality is located immediately south of Hobart and has a long and diverse history of European use that extends back to the late 1700s, and has an historic heritage that reflects this history and its coastal location. The history includes early maritime exploration, exploitation (eg, whaling) and services (eg, ports and a quarantine station), early agricultural settlement, early communications (semaphore and roads that connected the Hobart area to southern Tasmania) in part established by convicts, and later agriculture (especially apple orcharding and small fruit growing), timber getting and mining, as well as suburban and urban settlement, World War II defence, and maritime and recreational related pursuits all of which have left their mark in the landscape as heritage places.

Parks and Wildlife Service (Jody Steele)

The archaeological capacity of the Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife service has been bolstered following the appointment of archaeologist Jody Steele to the position of Historic Heritage Consultant, joining Mike Nash in the Historic Heritage Section. Jody is taking on responsibility for a number of important archaeological heritage management initiatives, including the Tasmanian Historic Places Index (THPI), and a forthcoming major interpretive project at the Ross Female Factory archaeological site.

Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority (Greg Jackman)

2006 Summer Archaeology program.

Port Arthur is gearing up for another summer of fun and finds, quite literally in this instance as the focus of the 2006 Summer Archaeology Program will be on artefacts recovered from recent excavations at the site. Consultants Catherine Tucker and Anthony Bagshaw will be superintending the collections program, which has drawn considerable interest from prospective archaeological volunteers. In addition, there will be a number of small excavations taking place on the sites of two 1830s civil officer tenements on Settlement Hill, as part of a larger project to conserve the terraced landforms that are the primary visual legacy of the one densely developed civilian precinct.

Complementary to the volunteer program, Dr. Tim Owen (from ERM Sydney – yes gratuitous plug Tim), will be supervising a Public Archaeology Program at the Site. This will include a family dig and regular tours of the diggings and collections laboratory.

The Port Arthur Summer Archaeology and Public Archaeology programs will be run between January 10-February 9.

Compiled by Greg Jackman

VICTORIA NEWS

Nothing seems to have happened down here – perhaps the Conference was too much for them.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA NEWS

Stage 1 of the High Street west Fremantle archaeological project funded by the City of Fremantle has been completed. Excavations on key sites in the area (1850s police quarters, 1905 tram depot and the 1831 Round House steps) will allow the City to make arrangements for the protection and display of the area's heritage. The City were very happy with the results – in particular the public's wish to view the excavations – to the extent that a push maybe made at the next Council Meeting to have an archaeologist full-time on the City's staff. If the push is successful, it will be the first time in Western Australia that a position will exist for an historical archaeologist in Local or State government.

Stage 2 begins next year with archaeological analysis of Fremantle's old port.

Shane Burke

ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE 2005 CONFERENCE AT MELBOURNE

Susan Lawrence

Administration

- ASHA's finances are now healthier than they have been for some time, enabling us to resume our former practice of having bi-annual teleconferences. This has been a great help in regularising ASHA business.
- Denis Gojak of Banksia Heritage, Sydney, has been re-appointed as ASHA's Public Officer.
- A new logo has been approved and has been appearing on ASHA stationery and on the web site.
- The web site has been revised and is now under the management of web-masters Tim Owen and Jody Steele. Further additions and adjustments are expected.

Member services

- Susan Piddock has established an electronic discussion list for ASHA members which will facilitate more rapid dissemination of information. Susan is now convening this list, and I know that it will be a valuable means of communication for all ASHA members.
- ASHA sponsored the second Historical Archaeology Practitioners Workshop in Sydney, held 13 May. Thanks to Cathy Tucker, Gina Scheer, Kat Stankowski, Tim Owen, and Jeanne Harris for taking the running on that.

Ceramics book

- The joint ASHA - La Trobe Archaeology Programme publication *An Archaeological Guide to British Ceramics in Australia 1788-1901* by Alasdair Brooks has gone to press and is now available. Sales so far have been very encouraging.

External funding

- Grants to Voluntary Environment and Heritage Organisations: ASHA successfully applied to this federal funding scheme and was awarded \$3600 towards administrative costs for the 2005-2006 financial year. Particular thanks are due to Leah McKenzie for her contribution to this application. We plan to use this money to employ an administrative officer on a part-time basis. This person will take over tasks such as emptying the mail box, managing the membership database, bank income from membership and publication sales, send out invoices and receipts, maintain an accounts database, and provide regular updates to the president, secretary, and treasurer as appropriate. Having these tasks handled professionally would increase our efficiency; make the organisation more businesslike, and free executive officers for more involvement in long-term planning and driving new initiatives.
- The Australian Institute of Professional Archaeologists has officially wound up, and has donated a portion of its funds to ASHA with the intention of sponsoring an award for student participation in the annual conference. This is a most generous and welcome gesture, and I hope will stimulate further developments in this area.

Public policy contributions

- Submissions were made commenting on the draft Victorian Governments Heritage Strategy, *Victoria's Heritage 2010* and proposed actions to be included in the final strategy.
- Following AIMA's initiative, letters were sent to the Prime Minister, the Foreign Minister, the Minister for Environment and Heritage, the Veterans Affairs Minister, and the Defence Minister in response to the destruction caused by the roadworks at Gallipoli. ASHA offered the expertise of its members in future heritage management activities at Gallipoli. Replies were received from Foreign Minister Alexander Downer, Veterans Affairs Minister De-Anne Kelly and from the Prime Minister's office. Thanks to member Lynne Dore for assistance with drafting this letter.
- ASHA has been invited to prepare a submission to the Productivity Commission's inquiry into the conservation of Australia's Historic Heritage Places. Tracy Ireland is preparing this. The Issues Paper is available on-line at <http://www.pc.gov.au/inquiry/heritage/issuespaper/index.html>. If anyone would like to contribute to ASHA's submission, please contact Tracy.

Committee changes

- Tracy Ireland stepped down as Reviews Editor in December following the completion of Vol. 22 of the journal. Alistair Paterson has taken over that position from Tracy.
- Paul Rheinberger stepped down as treasurer and web-master in January. Tim Owen and Jody Steele have jointly taken over the role of web-master, while Sue Singleton has taken over as treasurer.
- Maya Veres has taken over from Zvonka Stanin as publications officer.
- Other committee members have also been moving around – Martin Gibbs from James Cook University to the University of Sydney, Clayton Fredericksen from Darwin to Canberra, and Cathy Tucker from Godden Mackay Logan in Sydney to Terra Culture in Melbourne. All three have been continuing their excellent work from their new states.
- Finally, I had a baby in June and am taking a year's maternity leave from teaching at La Trobe. However, I am continuing to serve as ASHA president.

SECRETARY'S REPORT TO THE 2005 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Secretary's Report to the 2005 Annual General Meeting Jody Steele & Kat Stankowski

1. Membership for 2005

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. 2004 saw a slight increase in member numbers on the same time as the previous year (282). The current 2005 member total stands at 301:

Membership Type:	New mem	Renew	Total #	Revenue \$	Lapsed
Individual	24	169	193	9614.54	25
Student/ Pensioner/Unwaged	6	33	39	1495.00	9
Household	1	7	8	485.00	1
Corporate	0	31	31	1865	9
Overseas Individual	3	3	6	450.00	3
Overseas Corporate	0	2	2	150	4
Life	0	16	16	0	0
Reciprocal	0	1	1	0	0
Copyright - Deposit	0	5	5	0	0
	34	267	301	14059.54	51

To avoid confusion about membership being a financial year commitment as opposed to a calendar one, we suggest that all membership forms should be sent out in the New Year.

2. Publications

All of our printed publications are housed at La Trobe University and continue to be distributed by Dr Susan Lawrence aided by Maya Veres. Orders are currently forwarded to Maya who subsequently posts the volume to the recipient.

3. Committee Elections for 2005-2006 Nominees

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4. Mailbox

The mailbox has been a hot topic for debate over the last few 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 Martin Gibbs and Kat Stankowski, the mail is collected, sorted and the necessary items have been forwarded to Jody, Sue, Maya & Rick 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

Everyone should be aware we have now made the newsletter solely an electronic resource which is disseminated quarterly via email to all of our online members. In order to not lose

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 will have a statement of duties, list of programs and membership folder for Penny who will replace us in one position as secretary so that she will be able to follow on directly making the handover a minor transition.

7. Thanks & Goodbye

We would like to thank our state reps and the rest of the team for helping us throughout the year. 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.

Finally Farewell from the secretaries and we wish Penny all the best in the role.

Jody Steele & Kat Stankowski

CONFERENCE PRIZES

At this year's Conference a number of prizes were being offered. Congratulations to the following ASHA Conference Prize winners:

Student Travel Award:

Julie Mastin, Charles Darwin University, Darwin

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Alister Bowen, La Trobe University

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Second Prize, **Alasdair Brooks**, La Trobe University

2005 ASHA CONFERENCE REPORT– LA TROBE UNIVERSITY, MELBOURNE

Tiffany James-Lee, University of Otago

From September 29th until October 2nd, 2005, a variety of consultant archaeologists, students and academics attended the annual ASHA (Australasian Society for Historical Archaeology) conference, held at La Trobe University, Melbourne. Spirits were high and wine was flowing. Injuries were kept to a minimum.

This year's theme was 'The City and the Bush', investigating 'the archaeology of rural and urban settings, and the relationships between them, including trade, migration, industry and religion'. A significant number of presenters managed to incorporate the conference title into their papers, though this of course is not the sole criterion for judging a successful conference.

The fact that this was the first time in the ASHA conference's history that concurrent sessions were scheduled goes some way to indicate the large numbers of presentations that organisers had to co-ordinate. Presentations not only covered research and topics from Australia and New Zealand, but also from as far away as the UK, Africa and Singapore. All tastes were covered for, from graves (author's personal favourite), footwear (for the fashionably inclined), station huts (for the ruralists), missionaries (for the religious)... and at the risk of offending various presenters the list will be cut short here - it is suggested that abstracts should be looked up if curiosity has been stirred.

Well, it was obviously a successful conference. But highs cannot be truly appreciated if they do not have a few lows to provide contrast. The concurrent sessions provided (probably well-needed) opportunities for exercise, with a trek to the 2nd floor if viewers wished to see papers in both sessions. Sometimes viewers had difficult decisions to be made about which paper had to be sacrificed. Such is life. Also, a few vegetarians learnt the hard way that they need to be very specific about requesting their needs for catering – we are outnumbered quite considerably and caterers are not telepathic.

Of course the highlight of a conference is the field trip, and this conference was no exception. The Old Melbourne Gaol was particularly fascinating, from the preserved in situ cess pits to the claustrophobically narrow prison cells and their death masks. I suspect I was not the only person making a mental note to behave myself more, at least while in Melbourne. The Heritage Victoria Conservation Laboratory earned itself respect also. But I have to say, the post-conference field trip to the Mornington Peninsula was particularly enjoyable, whether due to the intimate size of the group (around 20), or the high proportion of Kiwis (sorry Aussies). The first limekiln site, which featured a reconstruction, provided creative photo opportunities. The lunch at the T'Gallant winery served delicious gourmet pizza and the wine encouraged some entertaining conversations. The second limekiln site on a golf course provided a serious contrast to the rumoured plans of stealing golf carts, as well as speculation on who did and didn't meet the golf course dress code.

In summary, the conference was a great opportunity to learn more, meet interesting people, and have great fun – if you weren't there, you should have been.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

Future ASHA Conferences

- 2006: Darwin (ASHA/AIMA)
- 2007: Sydney
- 2008: Adelaide

❧ Conference Announcement ❧



Rediscovered Past: China in north Queensland

Inaugural “no fuss” Conference

Supported by the Cairns and District Chinese Association Inc and the Cairns Historical Society

18-19 February 2006

**Organised by Chinese Heritage in Northern Australia Inc.
(CHINA Inc)**

at the Cairns Library, Abbott Street, Cairns. QLD. 4870.

This “no fuss” multidisciplinary conference over two days is open to contributions from scholars in all fields of Chinese studies – including the social sciences, history, law, literature, linguistics, art, and library science. The theme of the conference will be Chinese interrelationships with other ethnic groups as well as with other diasporic Chinese.

The city of Cairns has been a major regional historical site of Chinese Australian life, culture and business since the 1870s. During December 2005, the Cairns Regional Gallery in conjunction with the Cairns and District Chinese Association Inc. intends to host an exhibition of Chinese Australian cultural artefacts from north Queensland including the substantial contents of the Lit Sung Goong temple which once stood in Grafton Street, Cairns. Researchers of Chinese history and heritage may investigate the Cairns Historical Society collections as well as the Pioneer and Martyn Street cemeteries. From Cairns, visitors may travel to Aloomba - a site of extensive Chinese sugarcane farming, to Innisfail (Geraldton) – a site of Chinese banana growing, to Atherton – the site of the Hou Wang Chinese temple and to Croydon – a significant Chinese Australian archaeological site.

Cairns is a well-known holiday destination for domestic and international visitors. Information about travel and accommodation will be issued in due course or accessed through www.google.com .

The deadline for proposals on the conference theme is Friday, 16 December 2005. Email abstracts to china_nth@yahoo.com.au Conference registration will run from December 2005.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / NOTICES**Heritage Victoria Ceramic Reference Collection**

The Heritage Victoria Conservation Laboratory in Abbotsford houses a large collection of archaeological material from land and maritime sites throughout the state. In order to increase the collection's relevance to students, archaeologists and the general public, Heritage Victoria is drawing on these artefact assemblages to create a series of reference collections that will enable the identification of various artefact types. The first of these is a ceramic reference collection.

The ceramic reference collection was initially generated by Dr. Alasdair Brooks in 2004. It offers examples of both the more common and the more unusual decorative techniques, material types and vessel forms recovered from archaeological sites in Victoria. An accompanying database provides information about each object in the collection.

It is anticipated that this collection will be expanded to include Chinese-made materials, and more detailed descriptions of Australian-made materials. Further collections including bottles, nails, slate, and clay pipes have also been proposed.

To access the ceramic reference collection, contact the Heritage Victoria Conservation Laboratory on (03) 9415 4444

Annie Muir, Curatorial Officer, Heritage Victoria

**OPEN LETTER FROM
AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF CONSULTING ARCHAEOLOGISTS (WA)****Cossack Sustainable Development - An Alternative Strategy**

Cossack is a historic port on the Pilbara coast. As Western Australia's first pearling town and first port for the northwest frontier, Cossack's heritage is unique, and largely archaeological.

The archaeological heritage of the town is currently under threat of destruction from a plan to develop new housing across most of the town site. However, this is not the only feasible form of development; there is a better way that builds on, rather than destroys Cossack's heritage.

This is to establish an **ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST** for Cossack to develop the site as an archaeological research and interpretation centre within a holistic development and promotion of the surrounding towns as the **GATEWAY TO THE PILBARA**. Heritage tourism is a fast growing and lucrative section of the tourist market worldwide with tourists who stay longer and spend more than other sections of the industry. Development of the site that builds on its heritage will therefore bring far more benefit to the northwest community than a new housing estate.

Please read the attached short report which sets out:

- How the area can be holistically developed as the gateway to the Pilbara
- How Cossack can be developed through active research and interpretation of its heritage
- What an Archaeological Trust is and their role in managing and developing many of Britain's premier heritage attractions.

And join the archaeologists of Western Australia in lobbying for the establishment of an Archaeological Trust to manage the development and interpretation of Cossack as an exciting and viable heritage centre.

“BRINGING A GHOST TOWN BACK TO LIFE” – THE HERITAGE SPIN THREATENING TO DESTROY THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL HERITAGE OF COSSACK

Plans to sell most of the historic town site of Cossack for housing development have moved into a new phase with the Gallop government officially taking up the Shire of Roebourne's proposal to develop the town.¹ The reason for the development has been stated as financial, by both the Gallop government and the Shire of Roebourne, with the Shire unwilling to continue to maintain a site that has a negative impact on their budget.² As the Gallop government is both owner and developer of the land it is also reasonable to presume that the Department of Housing and Works would be intending to make a profit on the development.

The Site

Cossack was the port through which the historical colonisation of the Northwest took place in the early 1860's and the birthplace of the Northwest pearling industry in 1867. As the birthplace of pearling it contains evidence of industry phases not present in later sites such as Broome. This includes the forcible participation of Aboriginal women and children as beachcombers and shallow water pearling divers and the first use of Asian shallow water divers. Now abandoned the town site once held over 1,000 people of mixed ethnic origins.

¹“Press Statement” 9/10/05 Minister for Housing and Works; Heritage

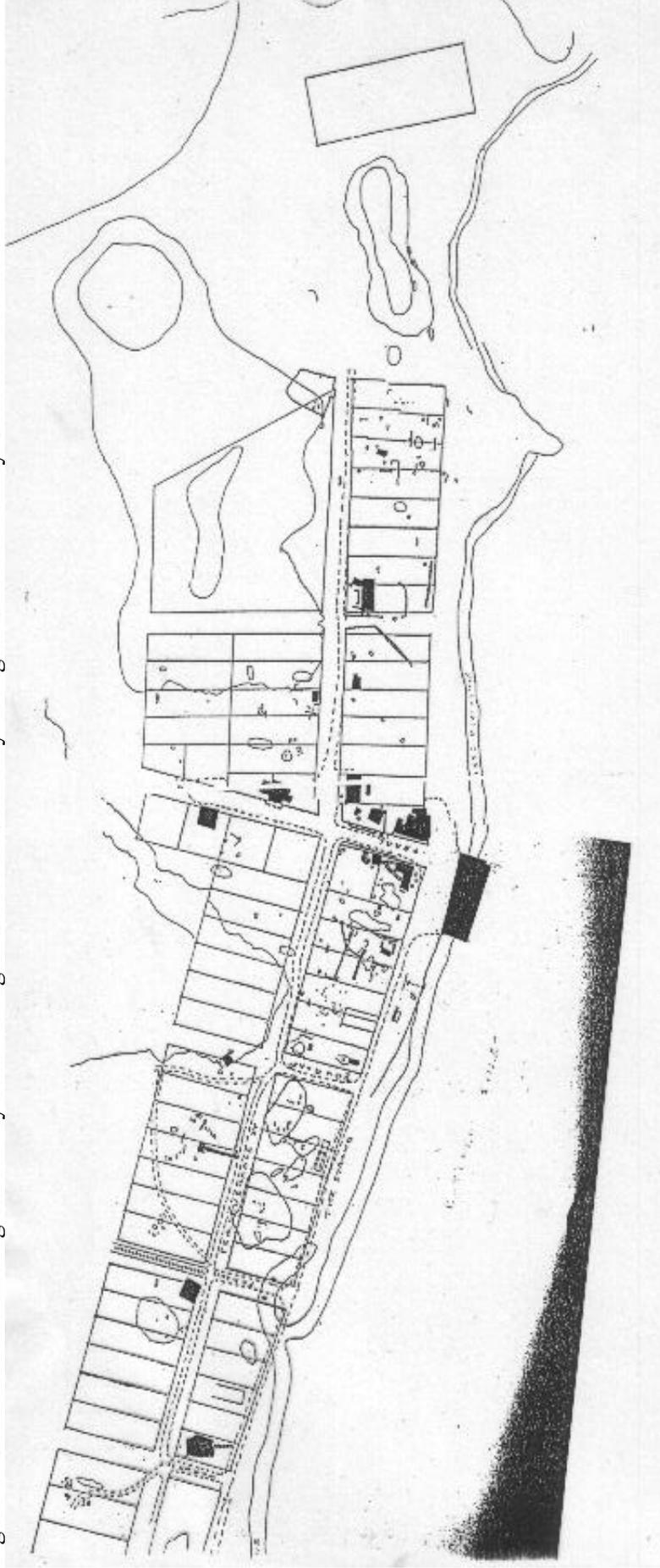
² “Housing plans spark heritage fears”. Article West Australian 29/10/2005 and “Cossack Management Plan” Shire of Roebourne web site.

The town's phases of development can be summarised as:

- 1863-1867 - Landing place for the historical colonisation of the Pilbara region from the Ashburton to the De Grey river systems by pastoralists planning a wool and wheat frontier settlement.
- 1865-1866 - Landing place for colonisation and trade. Beach combing and wading for shells on Cossack beaches by failed settlers.
- 1867-1869 - Landing place for colonisation and trade. Pearling camps in Cossack. Aboriginal people, particularly women and children abducted for pearling.
- 1870-1872 - Start of urban and port settlement in Cossack – jetty, bonding warehouse, 2 stores, water police, 2 hotels, 3 better houses and pearlers huts – all structures wooden. Pearling from small coasting vessels using Aboriginal and some Asian divers housed in Cossack. The divers dived without diving dress to depths of up to 5 fathoms to gather the pearl shell. By 1872: 75 male Caucasians, 350 Aboriginals and a few Asians were working out of Cossack.
- 1872-1883 - Cossack only port in Northwest. Centre of trade, 1883 connected to England via Asia by steamer. In 1881 Cossack had 115 Caucasian, 351 Aboriginal and 31 Asian residents working in the peeling industry living in 27 officially noted structures. By 1886 the town contained 46 main buildings plus outbuildings and an unknown number of buildings in Chinatown. The first stone building was constructed in 1882 and Chinatown contained at least 3 shops by 1883. Cossack was at its peak with over 1,000 people living or laying up in the town between pearling seasons.
- 1884-1914 - Hard hat diving using diving dress and mother ship system utilising Caucasian, Asian and eventually Japanese divers – shift of industry focus to Broome and change of pearling master to managers for London based companies. Cossack growth slowed, by 1891 total of 186 male and 86 female residents, lost town status in 1911. In late 1890s government built most of surviving stone buildings. Fremantle merchant built surviving stone store.

The town contains eight surviving stone buildings in a conserved or ruinous state, which are mostly government built structures constructed during the towns declining years. As the above historic outline shows the surviving buildings are not representative of Cossack, which was a town built of wood nor of the Northwest settlers, pearlers and workers.

Figure 1. Combined archaeological survey data - Douglas Street to Cemetery. Douglas Street to Nanny Goat Hill not shown.



The main evidence for the historic town and its permanent and seasonal populations is archaeological. Archaeological surveys have documented evidence of buildings and artefact scatters across 58 lots (Fig 1). The one excavation undertaken revealed it to be a rich site with over 8,000 diagnostic artefacts being recovered from the yard of one building.

The importance of Cossack to the Pilbara as its major historical heritage icon was recognised by the local community in the 1970s when the Cossack Research and Development Corporation was formed. In 1986 the Cossack Task Force was formed to identify the town's heritage and develop it as a major tourism and recreation centre which recognised the importance of the town's heritage, visual integrity and character. The Task Force commissioned a series of archaeological and historical surveys that identified the extent of archaeological remains within the town and cumulated in an archaeological zoning plan and other management documents.³ The Cossack town site has been interim listed on the Register of Heritage Places under the Heritage of Western Australia Act 1990 since 1992. The Act provides protection for the archaeological heritage of places listed.

The Development Proposal

The Cossack land is mainly crown land managed by the Shire of Roebourne. In 2001 they commissioned a heritage planner to determine how the heritage-listed town could be developed. Contrary to all research, management documents and policies up to 2001 the Farr report⁴ recommended that 70 lots within the main town centre be sold for new housing leaving 8 lots containing standing buildings in the centre of the town and four lots near the cemetery where Chinatown once stood as heritage precincts within the new town.

Funding has been arranged for servicing the new development and the infrastructure works to provide power, water and sewerage disposal were due to be undertaken in 2005. To further implement the Farr proposal Housing and Works, Heritage Minister Fran Logan has commissioned a master plan "which is expected to include at least 70 houses, a hotel or motel, a caravan park and shops"⁵ stating

"My view is that the Farr report is considered to be the most comprehensive study undertaken thus far by key stakeholders to examine the protection of the heritage values and revitalisation of Cossack. It concluded that the:

most appropriate way in which to attract people to Cossack and help make it more self-sufficient would be through a simultaneous development and promotion of tourism-related activities and by offering serviced residential land for sale."⁶

If the Farr proposal for housing development within the historic town area goes ahead it will condemn the main heritage values of the town, which are contained within its archaeological heritage. The archaeological material is located within the top 40 to 50 cm of soil and as Figure 1 shows there are extensive features and scatters of glass, metal and other material on the surface of the site. It is therefore extremely vulnerable to development.

³ *Nayton, G 1990 An Archaeological Zoning Plan for Cossack*
Hutchison D 1993 Cossack: Statement of Cultural Significance

⁴ *Peter Farr Consultants Australasia Pty Ltd 2001 Historic Town of Cossack Sustainable Management Study – 2001 and Beyond*

⁵ "Housing plans spark heritage fears". *Article West Australian* 29/10/2005

⁶ "Letter to Secretary AACA (WA)" 26/10/2005

Development includes activities such as constructing new buildings, landscaping and gardening. Even clearing lots of surface material to make it safe for occupation will be removing the archaeological evidence of the 1890s town. To carry out archaeological excavation of the entire town area proposed to be impacted prior to the development will take years not months and will be prohibitively expensive, therefore it is unlikely to be a condition of development.

Faced with these choices an alternative way of developing the site to procure financial substantiality has been put forward by Western Australian archaeologists.

The Archaeological Alternative

The archaeological alternative is to set up an Archaeological Trust to develop and run the town as an historic and archaeological tourism experience⁷ in the same manner as many major heritage attractions are managed in Britain and elsewhere.

While the potential value of Cossack to the region as a tourist destination has been appreciated for some time a key problem is that the organizations responsible for the site over the last twenty years, principally the Heritage Council of Western Australia and the Shire of Roebourne, are not set up to run heritage attractions as part of their core business.

While the stone buildings have been conserved and restored there is still little for visitors to do in the town. The town and the gateway area in which it sits are also inadequately promoted as tourist must see destinations. From a site manager's point of view money has been poured in the restoration of the buildings but little income has derived from the place.

It is proposed that the Archaeological Trust will:

- Work with other tourism providers to produce and promote holiday packages for the area as the gateway to the Pilbara containing major archaeological historic and rock art attractions, activities and a range of holidays stays to suit a variety of tastes and budgets.
- Work with local business to develop niche tourist accommodation in surrounding towns.
- Develop a range of archaeological outreach programs allowing the public to participate in various aspects of the archaeological process.
- Carry out pro-active marketing to tourist operators, travel agencies and the media of Cossack and archaeological programs as tourist activity packages.
- Develop and market educational archaeological programs for archaeological students from Australia and overseas.
- Develop an interactive web site telling visitors about the attractions in the gateway area and the Pilbara generally and highlighting heritage attractions, excavations and ongoing research at Cossack.
- Develop range of tours, walks, talks and audio visual aids to present the heritage of the town.

⁷ *Nayton G 2001, 2005 Cossack Sustainable Development - An Alternative Strategy*

- Retail interpretive materials on the heritage of the town (books, brochures etc).
- Develop new buildings for interpretation; visitor or short stay accommodation needs that re-instate the heritage look of the town based on archaeological, historical and architectural research.
- Develop a heritage interpretation centre.
- Develop a range of dramatizations to tell the stories of the town, the pearling industry, the frontier and pre contact Aboriginal life and beliefs.
- Develop a range of locally produced products, souvenirs, guidebooks, brochures and postcards.
- Develop living exhibitions of period skills.
- Develop period entertainments.

While not providing the government with a short-term profit as owner and developer, the proposed development will provide a greater economic benefit to the Pilbara economy and the Shire of Roebourne as site manager than a housing development by utilizing not bulldozing the heritage of Cossack.

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