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# STATE OF THE ART

## ACT NEWS

*Compiled by Richard Morrison*

### PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDS OF HISTORY & HERITAGE (CWLTH)

On 14 June 2015, a planning meeting of the Parliamentary Friends of History & Heritage was held at Parliament House, Canberra, convened by Hon. Eric Hutchinson (Federal Member for Lyons) and Hon. Laurie Ferguson (Federal Member for Werriwa) as Co-Chairs of this initiative. The meeting was attended by the Minister for the Environment, the Hon. Greg Hunt, who indicated strong personal support for the group, and outlined its goals as follows:

- **Members** (i.e. interested politicians) being a group of bi-partisan advocates for heritage issues generally within Parliament. Other members such as representatives of Federation of Historical Societies (FAHS), AICOMOS, and Australian Council of National Trusts, would also contribute to the debate and issues considered;
- The group could provide information and suggestions for priority listings for **National Heritage List** assessment;
- **Arts Culture and Heritage Lottery** – This was described by the Minister as the “real prize”, which is being proposed by Government, and would be based on successful examples of the West Australian Government and the UK Heritage Lottery. The Minister outlined this as a high priority, with a 6 month time frame proposed to work out the details of this initiative. This funding mechanism will help address community concerns about the limited funding available for heritage initiatives; and
- **Australian Heritage Strategy** – This has the Minister’s support, but the release is being delayed to allow for a joint announcement of the establishment of the Heritage and Arts Lottery.

Professor Don Garden, President of the FAHS, provided a short presentation outlining the importance of Australia’s heritage, the opportunities for heritage tourism, associated job creation and the importance of volunteerism. He stressed the following:

- The need for a **solution to the “Williams Case”**, which has resulted in the discontinuation of Commonwealth funding for community heritage initiatives;
- Support for a **heritage lottery** initiative as outlined above;
- **Amendments required to the Australian Heritage Council legislation**, particularly in relation to the ability to list serial sites across the country related to a single theme / site type; and
- The need for **finalisation of the Australian Heritage Strategy**, as outlined above.

It is proposed to have the first meeting of this Parliamentary Friends Group in the months ahead, likely September or October, with a launch event at Parliament House to encourage wide participation and attendance by interested politicians and others.

## **HERITAGE BRANCH, DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT (CWLTH)**

The Hon. Greg Hunt MP, Minister for the Environment, announced in June 2015 the outcomes of the 2014-15 Protecting National Historic Sites Programme. Eighteen applications were successful under the round with a total value of \$8,657,280 (GST exclusive). Details of the programme and the successful applicants for this round can be found at:

<http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/grants-and-funding/protecting-national-historic-sites/2014-15>

## **CANBERRA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (CAS) AND ANU**

### **SPRINGBANK ARCHAEOLOGY PROJECT**

The excavation, led by Dr Duncan Wright (ANU) on Springbank Island, in the middle of Lake Burley Griffin, was undertaken in April 2015. Sorting and basic analysis has occurred since. The excavations revealed evidence of early European settlement (e.g. mid nineteenth-century ceramics, glass and architectural material), and that Indigenous people were still active in the area after the first settlers arrived. Over 180 stone artefacts were recovered. While most had derived from fill deposited just prior to the Lake being completed (probably 1960-63) to increase the height of the local topography to produce an island feature, some of the Aboriginal artefacts came from layers related to the period of early European settlement.



***ANU students, led by Dr Duncan Wright, excavating Trench C, Springbank Island, April 2015 (Photograph: Simon Tener).***

Further information on the project can be found in the social media maintained by the Archaeology, Biological Anthropology and Cultural Heritage Society at ANU (ABACUS):

Facebook: [https://m.facebook.com/groups/174881682636801/?\\_rdr#](https://m.facebook.com/groups/174881682636801/?_rdr#) =

Twitter: [https://mobile.twitter.com/abacus\\_anu](https://mobile.twitter.com/abacus_anu)

Instagram: <https://instagram.com/a.b.a.c.u.s/>

A link to the Society's latest magazine:

[http://issuu.com/abacusanu/docs/abacus\\_magazine\\_july\\_2015](http://issuu.com/abacusanu/docs/abacus_magazine_july_2015)

ABACUS can be contacted through email: [abacusanu@gmail.com](mailto:abacusanu@gmail.com)

## **CENTRE FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH (CAS)**

### **Centre for Archaeological Research (CAS) Lecture:**

*Googong Heritage Project*

Speaker: Bec Parkes

Date: 16 September 2015, 6.30pm for refreshments with lecture at 7pm

Venue: Manning Clark Centre, Theatre 6, Bldg 26A, Union Court, ANU

Cost: Gold coin donation, CAS members free.

## **ACT ANNUAL AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE PARTNERSHIP SYMPOSIUM 2015**

### **ACT and Region Annual Australian Heritage Partnership Symposium 2015 – 'Sharing Heritage: Create, Change, Cherish'**

Hosted by CAS, the National Trust of Australia (ACT), Canberra and District Historical Society, and Australia ICOMOS, a successful 5<sup>th</sup> annual symposium was held at ANU, on Saturday 18 July 2015, and was attended by about 40 people. The symposium ranged over local and international topics and included an announcement by the ACT Minister for Planning, Mick Gentleman MLA, on the details of the draft ACT Heritage Strategy, indicating how community consultation is to occur for the proposed five year plan and how the heritage community can contribute. Further details to be available at: [www.environment.act.gov.au/heritage](http://www.environment.act.gov.au/heritage).

# NEW SOUTH WALES NEWS

*Compiled by David Marcus*

## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

There were no news submissions from New South Wales members in this quarter. If you would like to submit any news or brief summaries of excavations for the next newsletter, please email me at [davidm@australarchaeology.com.au](mailto:davidm@australarchaeology.com.au), and I will include it in the next update.

## EVENTS

The following events have just passed or are coming up in New South Wales (with thanks to Fenella Atkinson):

### **‘The Whole World was Dying with Me’: The Destruction of Pompeii, 24-25 August AD 79**

Date: 24 August 2015, 6-8pm

Venue: Nicholson Museum, The Quadrangle, University of Sydney

Cost: \$40 (\$30 for Friends of the Nicholson Museum)

More information: <http://whatson.sydney.edu.au/events/published/the-whole-world-was-dying-with-me-the-destruction-of-pompeii.-24-25-august-ad-79>

### **Australasian Coastal Archaeology and Resource Depression: Work in Progress**

Date: 26 August 2015, 1-2pm

Speaker: Dr Patrick Faulkner

Venue: Theatre, Australian Museum, 6 College Street, Sydney

More information: <http://australianmuseum.net.au/event/amri-seminar-series>

### **An inexplicable abundance: investigating the Iron Age desert site of Saruq al-Hadid, Dubai, UAE**

Date: 2 September 2015, 6.30pm

Speaker: Professor Lloyd Weeks

Venue: CCANESA, University of Sydney

More information: <http://sydney.edu.au/arts/research/neaf/lectures/index.shtml>

### **History Week**

Date: 5-13 September 2015

More information: <http://www.historycouncilnsw.org.au/history-week/>

### **Sydney TAFE Walking Through Time History Tour**

Date: 8 September 2015, 12.15-1.15pm

Venue: Library Foyer, Level 1, Building D Ultimo College, TAFE NSW – Sydney Institute

More information: <http://sydneytafe.edu.au/newsevents/events/sydney-tafe-walking-through-time-history-tour>

### **The Prehistory of Lake George**

Date: 10 September 2015, 6-7pm

Speaker: Amy Way

Venue: Macleay Museum, Gosper Lane, via Science Road, University of Sydney

More information: <http://whatson.sydney.edu.au/events/published/the-prehistory-of-lake-george>

### **RAHS/WEA Lecture: Historical research and getting your facts right**

Date: 16 September 2015, 11am -1pm

Venue: [History House](#), 133 Macquarie Street, Sydney

Cost: \$32

More information: <http://www.rahs.org.au/event/rahswea-lecture-historical-research-and-getting-your-facts-right/>

### **RAHS/ASHET Lecture: The Bleichert Ropeway**

Date: 17 September 2015, 5:30-7pm

Speakers: Peter Shadie & Philip Hammon

Venue: [History House](#), 133 Macquarie Street, Sydney, NSW

Cost: \$10

More information: <http://www.rahs.org.au/event/rahsashet-lecture-the-bleichert-ropeway/>

### **RAHS/NAW Excursion: Sydney Harbour – How did it get so wet?**

Date: 19 September 2015, 10-11.30am

Speaker: Sam Player

More information: <http://www.rahs.org.au/event/rahsnaw-excursion-sydney-harbour-how-did-it-get-so-wet/>

### **Night Talk: Cleopatra, the bald and the beautiful**

Date: 24 September 2015, 6.30-7.45pm

Speaker: Dr Ian Plant

Venue: Australian Museum entry via William Street, Sydney

Cost: Members \$20, non-Members \$30

More information: <http://australianmuseum.net.au/event/night-talk-cleopatra-the-bald-and-the-beautiful>

### **Vaucluse House Centenary Open Day**

Date: 11 October 2015, 11am-4pm

Venue: Vaucluse House, Wentworth Road, Vaucluse

More information: <http://sydneylivingmuseums.com.au/events/vaucluse-house-centenary-open-day>

### **Household archaeology at Zagora**

Date: 13 October 2015, 3-4.30pm

Speaker: Kristen Mann

Venue: Boardroom, CCANESA, level four, Madsen Building, Eastern Avenue, University of Sydney

More information: <http://sydney.edu.au/ccanesa/events/seminars.shtml#cah>

### **Slags and Ores: Preliminary analysis of the Zagora slags**

Date: 20 October 2015, 3-4.30pm

Speaker: Ivana Vetta

Venue: Boardroom, CCANESA, level four, Madsen Building, Eastern Avenue, University of Sydney

More information: <http://sydney.edu.au/ccanesa/events/seminars.shtml#cah>

### **The Maritime Cultural Landscape of Prehistoric Chios**

Date: 27 October 2015, 3-4.30pm

Speaker: Steve Vasilakis

Venue: Boardroom, CCANESA, level four, Madsen Building, Eastern Avenue, University of Sydney

More information: <http://sydney.edu.au/ccanesa/events/seminars.shtml#cah>

### **Sydney Open 2015**

Date: 1 November 2015

More information: <http://sydneylivingmuseums.com.au/sydneyopen>

### **RAHS/WEA: Breathing new life into displays from historical collections**

Date: 17 November 2015, 11am – 1pm

Speaker: Lynne Allen

Venue: [History House](#), 133 Macquarie Street, Sydney

Cost: \$32

More information: <http://www.rahs.org.au/event/rahswea-breathing-new-life-into-displays-from-historical-collections/>

# TASMANIA NEWS

*Compiled by Annita Waghorn*

## **KERRY LODGE ARCHAEOLOGY PROJECT: 2015 UPDATE**

Over March-April 2015, archaeologists began work on test excavations at a convict site near Kerry Lodge Bridge, just 15km south of Launceston, Tasmania. Eleanor Casella is leading this multi-year project, which aims to uncover evidence of the Road Gang and Probation Station located at this State heritage listed site. Funded through the British Academy, the dig is a joint project between the University of Manchester, the Launceston Historical Society and the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery.

Convicts were housed at a 'Road Gang Station' next to the original route of the Hobart Road from 1834, where they quarried stone and worked to construct the Strathroy Bridge (now known as Kerry Lodge Bridge) and the original route of the Launceston to Hobart highway. The settlement operated for 14 years, and the male convicts housed there endured a harsh routine of enforced labour and military discipline.

During the first season, excavations focused upon the primary ruins – a rectangular stone structure of locally quarried bluestone. Results of the initial test trench suggested it had been constructed as a storehouse, rather than a convict barracks or stables. Unexpected artefacts were also recovered, with both lead shot and a ferrous musket ball recovered from within the major demolition layer. These finds suggested differential modes of disciplinary force were deployed at this historic convict station – shoot to warn and shoot to kill.

A number of local artists are also attending the dig and will be creating artworks in response to the location, the finds, and the site's history, ultimately adding another creative element to the project.

Very little is known about the Kerry Lodge site, as the archival record is unusually limited for this particular convict station. Archaeology is therefore a critical resource for exploring the basic layout and functions of this unique historic site. Research questions include: Was this stone structure a barracks, a storehouse, or did it originally have an alternative function? An additional, larger structure lies further down the hill – what was its function? Was it the Station Commandant's house? Do the structural remains in the adjoining field mark the site of the first Toll House/Police Checkpoint along the Hobart highway? Will the archaeology illuminate the convict past of this heritage site? Over the next few years, this dig hopes to find some answers to these questions. The KLAP project will run over March/April 2016 and 2017. Volunteer participants would be welcomed and should contact: [e.casella@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:e.casella@manchester.ac.uk)



*Henry and his artefact finds, KLAP 2015.*

*Material supplied by Eleanor Conlin Casella, University of Manchester*

# WESTERN AUSTRALIA NEWS

*Compiled by Jillian Barteaux*

## **GRAY'S STORE & THE TEMPERANCE LODGE, GREENOUGH**

*Through the Eyes of Henry Gray: Investigating the influence of the Temperance Movement and Wesleyan Methodism on the Greenough Flats, Western Australia, 1839 – 1900*

A new research project has just begun on the historic settlement on the Greenough Flats, which are situated approximately 400km north of Perth, and 25km south of Geraldton, Western Australia.

In Western Australia, a recommendation for the establishment of a temperance society in King George Sound (Albany) was put forward as early as 1833, on the basis that 'temperance societies have been found to be highly beneficial by discouraging the use of ardent spirits' (*The Perth Gazette*, 19<sup>th</sup> October 1833, p.167-8). Temperance advocates were aiming to combat numerous issues in the colony, such as increases in crime rates and illness, which were linked to drunkenness. Temperance advocates with religious motivations also tended to focus on making the connection between immorality and drunkenness. In this way, motivations behind the temperance movement were multi-layered.

This research aims to explore the nature of the temperance movement in Western Australia by examining social issues related to drunkenness and the motivations that lay behind the establishment of temperance and teetotaler societies in Western Australia. This research will also explore the ways in which the temperance movement influenced secular and religious organisations and commercial enterprise in the Western Australian colony by examining what motivated individuals to establish a lodge of the *Independent Order of Good Templars* (I.O.G.T.) in Perth and the Midwest (Geraldton & Greenough), what motivated settlers to join the movement, and whether members of the I.O.G.T. achieved the outcomes they set out to achieve. Particular focus will be given to Charles Watson Gray, who established the I.O.G.T. in Western Australia, and Charles' father, Henry Gray, who established a network of general stores (H. Gray & Co.) in Greenough & Geraldton, and whose personal and commercial interests were influenced by his support for and involvement with the I.O.G.T.

Beginning in November 2015, archaeological investigations will be conducted at Henry Gray's general store and the Temperance Lodge, which are two National Trust properties located along Company Road, on the Greenough Flats. This research has been initiated through collaboration with the National Trust (NTWA), which manages 19 historic places on the Greenough Flats. The NTWA wish to gain a greater understanding of the heritage places in Western Australia that have come into their custodianship.



***Gray's Store (HCWA1153) following restoration by National Trust and Palassis Architects in 1977 (Photo: Hetherington, February 2015).***



***View of 'Temperance Lodge' (HCWA3729) from Company Road (Photo: Hetherington, February 2015).***

Facebook has also been used to connect and communicate with local residents, which has made it possible to connect with the wider community, including descendants of the settlers on the Greenough Flats. Descendants of Henry Gray and William Moore have already contributed photographs and documents from private collections, which have been of vital importance to understanding the history of Gray's Store. Many of those who already take an interest in the history of the Greenough Flats settlement are familiar with the *Pioneer Museum and Gardens* in Greenough. Therefore, the project has been advertised through the museum's Facebook page, to raise awareness about the upcoming fieldwork in Greenough, to spark further community interest and participation in this research.

**Greenough Museum & Gardens**  
June 22 · 🌐

Can you help Melissa?  
Through the Eyes of Henry Gray: Investigating the influence of the Temperance Movement and Wesleyan Methodism on the Greenough Flats, Western Australia, 1839 - 1900  
Melissa Hetherington (PhD candidate, UWA), has just begun an archaeological and historical investigation of National Trust managed properties on the Greenough Flats, Western Australia, and she is seeking your help. Melissa would like to speak with anyone who has any information relating to Henry Gray, Charles Gray, William Moore, the operation of his General Store (H. Gray & Co.), or the Independent Order of Good Templars (I.O.G.T.) in Greenough. This research aims to gain a deeper understanding of the nature of temperance society in Greenough, and what motivated Charles Gray and other settlers to introduce the movement to Greenough.  
If you have any information or records, Melissa can be contacted using the details listed below:  
email: [melissa.hetherington@research.uwa.edu.au](mailto:melissa.hetherington@research.uwa.edu.au)  
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***Advertising the project on the Greenough Museum and Gardens Facebook page.***

If you are interested in volunteering for the excavations in 2016, or wish to gain experience in historical archaeology, send an email to Melissa at: [melissa.hetherington@research.uwa.edu.au](mailto:melissa.hetherington@research.uwa.edu.au)

***Material supplied by Melissa Hetherington, PhD Candidate (History & Archaeology)***

# SOUTH AUSTRALIA NEWS

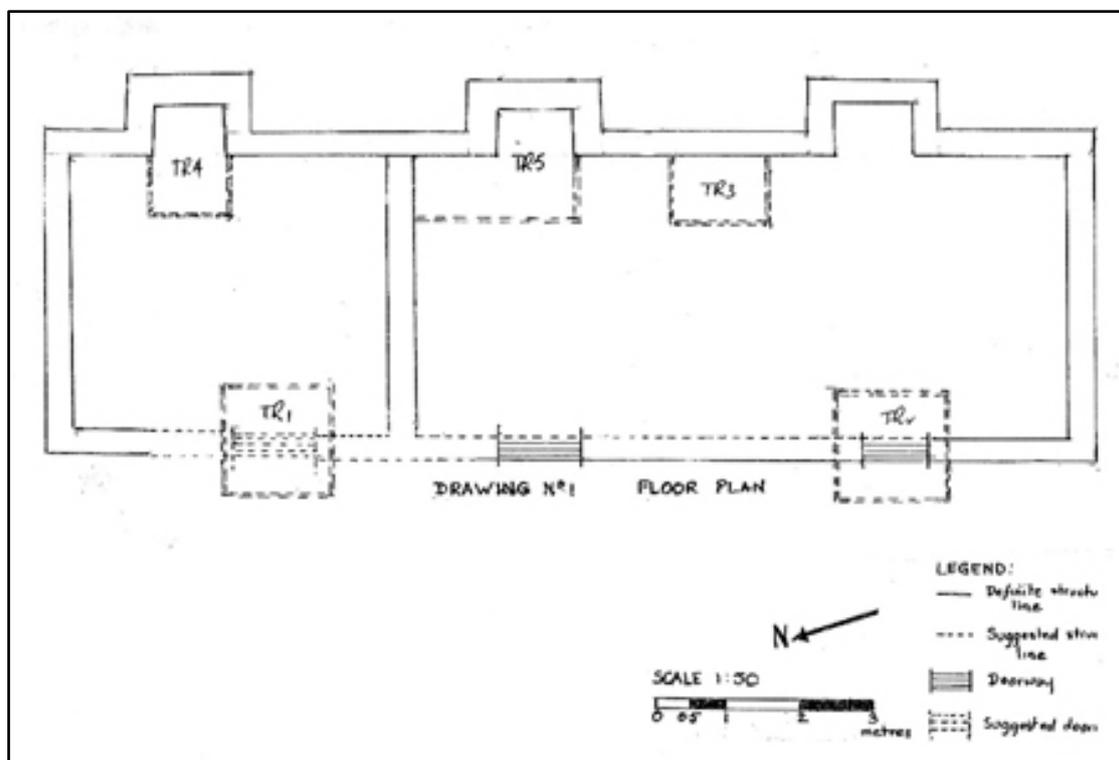
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## MAGPIE CREEK EXCAVATIONS

### Background

In 2002, as part of the Adelaide Hills Face Zone Cultural Heritage Project (Smith, Pate and Martin 2006), the ruins of a small nineteenth-century cottage located in Section 19, Hundred of Adelaide, adjacent to Magpie Creek in the Sturt Gorge Recreation Park were noted and recorded (Stone 2005). As part of the initial survey of the cottage, it was recommended that the ruins be further investigated and that limited excavations be undertaken (Stone 2005:51).

Over a number of years, members of the Friends of the Sturt Gorge Recreation Park had cleared the area around the cottage and removed trees and woody weeds from within the ruins. In 2013-2014, Flinders University was approached by the Friends of the Sturt Gorge Recreation Park to further investigate the site and to undertake exploratory excavations in and around the ruins of the cottage. In response to this request, it was proposed to carry out a more detailed surface survey of the area around the cottage and to excavate a number of areas both inside and outside the cottage (refer to drawing below). The work was to be undertaken by staff and students of Flinders University in conjunction with Friends of the Sturt Gorge Recreation Park and Mitcham Council.



The aims of the research project were firstly, to identify any outlying buildings and features associated with the cottage in order to gain insight into the living conditions of occupants of small cottages which were located in, at that time, isolated and remote locations. Secondly, to reconstruct the original design of the building – including the type of flooring – in order to understand the internal spatial configuration and domestic arrangements.

## **Preliminary Results**

Field work was undertaken in April 2015. Four trenches were opened inside the cottage and one on a small stone structure adjacent. A fifth trench (TR2 in the sketch above) was not excavated. The Magpie Creek cottage was found to be well constructed, with substantial uniform thickness walls and chimneys. The construction was of random rubble using local stone, but was not considered to be substandard as the interior walls of the building were plastered and painted – an indication of the social status of the early occupants. The results were encouraging but, as with many excavations, there are still more questions to be answered. The three fireplaces were well constructed with the brick hearths still intact. The trench in the main room uncovered a quality brick floor adjacent to the fireplace, and the rest was of a fine gypsum plaster. All was in very good condition. Artefacts near the surface suggested that this fireplace had been used by picnickers later in the twentieth-century. A second trench in this room identified the doorway with the main artefacts being nineteenth-century nails, probably associated with the demolition phase. Two trenches inside the room which had two chimneys, again uncovered well constructed floors, with gypsum plaster away from the fireplace areas, and the footings of a dividing wall. This confirmed the hypothesis that this was originally two rooms but surprisingly they were not of equal size. A connecting doorway had not been identified by the end of the excavations.

The external stone structure was well-constructed with three sides of slab stone. It was concluded that this may have been a feeding trough given that there was a complete skeleton of a horse buried within the structure. This area had the majority of ceramic and glass sherds, suggesting that it was used as a dump after the horse was buried.

Cataloguing of the artefacts and analysis is yet to be completed but early indications are that this may not have been a shepherd's cottage, but, given the substantial nature and quality of construction, it may have been the initial cottage of the early pastoralist who later built a more substantial home nearer the main township of Blackwood.

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<b>September issue:</b>	<b>15 August</b>
<b>December issue:</b>	<b>15 November</b>

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