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And from the Treasurer and Membership Secretary, best wishes for a happy Christmas and a fulfilling (and creative/excavating/backfilling) New Year.

STATE OF THE ART

ACT NEWS

Australian Heritage Commission

Australian Government heritage legislation amendments saga – After 3 years in Parliament the package of the three heritage Bills passed the House of Representatives on 8 September 2003 after a 10 minute debate, which was an anticlimax compared to 6 days of debate in the Senate, or the 19 Divisions in an hour and half last year in the Representatives. Federal Executive Council and Royal Assent followed with a date of enactment set for 1 January 2004.

Regulations have been completed and are scheduled to be signed by the Governor-General on 18 December 2003. It is expected that they will take effect from 1 January 2004.

Information Sheets covering over 20 topics connected with the new heritage regime are being finalised.

The new EPBC Act has been reprinted with the heritage amendments included. Hopefully this will be possible before Christmas.

The Australian Heritage Commission will cease to exist, its Act being repealed at the commencement of the new legislation.

National Cultural Heritage Forum – The NCHF was established in 1996 to advise the two Federal Ministers who have cultural heritage responsibilities and is comprised primarily of those non-government organisations interested in cultural heritage issues. Membership of the NCHF includes organisations representing interests such as engineering heritage, history,

archaeology, architecture, museums and shipwrecks. The Forum held a 2-day workshop in Canberra, 19-20 November 2003 to develop its national vision statement for cultural heritage. ASHA was represented by Dr Tracy Ireland and, additionally for this special event, by Dr Leah McKenzie.

Richard Morrison

QUEENSLAND NEWS

OLD MELBOURNE GAOL HOSPITAL YARD: SALVAGE ARCHAEOLOGY AT THE FORMER RUSSELL STREET POLICE GARAGE

MA (Research) dissertation by Geoff Hewitt, La Trobe University, submitted 27th August 2003

An archaeological watching brief at the former Russell Street Police Garage, which had been constructed within the men's hospital and Wardsmen's and bail yards of the Melbourne Gaol, was carried out on behalf of RMIT University during redevelopment of the site.

A remarkable number and variety of surviving features were revealed: from the pre-European landscape to deposits contemporary with construction of the garage floor in 1937. These features were documented in a site report (Hewitt 2003).

One significant find was an undisturbed lime-filled coffin which confirmed the historical possibility that the remains of executed criminals were unaccounted for within the hospital yard. This burial and the remains of two other clumsily exhumed individuals, have shed light on little-understood aspects of life in the early twentieth-century that have timely resonance within the present.

The scope of the consultancy did not extend to artefact analysis but this has now been redressed, leading to a better understanding of the depositional processes within the site. Also, in establishing association between these artefacts and the gaol, it has been possible to clarify the sequence of building and to infer behaviour and social process.

A pit containing six dogs in the former gaol yard has contributed significantly to an understanding of the place of the hospital within the broader medical and scientific community. With the results from artefact analysis, a clearer view is obtained of public attitudes to medicine and transformations occurring in medical science during the second half of the nineteenth century.

With the aim of creating a dialogue that may be helpful to archaeologists engaged in salvage projects on urban sites that present similar challenges, this thesis undertakes an in-depth methodological discussion and evaluation of analytical regimes. Problems in cataloguing and analysis, that are currently subjects of debate in historical archaeology, are addressed.

Martin Gibb

Mill Point Archaeological Survey Project

Mill Point (or Elanda Point) in the Cooloola Section of Great Sandy National Park is the site of one of the earliest timber settlements in Queensland.

Timber from the Cooloola area was heavily logged from the 1860s to the 1880s. An extensive tramway complex was built to move logs to the sawmill on the shores of Lake Cootharaba. Timber was then loaded at the wharf, and flatbottomed paddle-wheel boats towed punts of sawn timber through Lakes Cootharaba and Cooroibah to Tewantin, where the timber was loaded onto the firm's steamer and taken to Brisbane. As well as the mill and associated settlement, wharf and tramway complex, there was a school for workers' children. Forty-three burials are recorded between 1873 and 1891 in the nearby cemetery.

In 1991 a report on the site was produced for the then Department of Environment and Heritage (Hibbard and Crosby, 1991) and a full survey was recommended. Since then, the site has become increasingly overgrown with lantana and other weeds and the full extent is difficult to determine.

A project to map the site, clear vegetation, define the boundary and therefore allow for nomination to the Qld Heritage Register has been developed by Qld Parks and Wildlife Service/ Environmental Protection Agency (QPWS/EPA) and The University of Queensland. Heritage Noosa, a community board established by Noosa Shire, is supporting the project and Noosa Shire has allocated funding for interpretive signage to be installed once the project is completed. Archaeology students from The University of Queensland will assist with mapping and Green Corps volunteers will be responsible for vegetation management.

The survey will identify areas with excavation potential and it is hoped that this year will be the first of many collaborative projects between local communities, QPWS/EPA and The University of Queensland.

Judy Powell – EPA/QPWS

Jill Reid – EPA/QPWS

Sean Ulm – The University of Queensland

Hibbard, A. & Crosby, E. 1991, Mill Point Conservation Plan, Cooloola National Park, vols 1 & 2, A Report for the Queensland Department of Environment and Heritage, Brisbane, Qld.



Historic photo of Mill Point



Mill Point remains today

NEW SOUTH WALES NEWS

Following the demise of the NSW Department of Public Works and Services earlier this year, the historical archaeologist position formally held by Anna Wong and Mac North and now held by Caitlin Allen has moved into the newly formed NSW Government Architect's Office. Caitlin primarily provides strategic conservation planning and policy advice, project management services and site based heritage/archaeological assessment services to the State Government through its varied departments. She also occasionally finds time amid the paperwork to get out in the field. Caitlin can be contacted at:
caitlin.allen@commerce.nsw.gov.au.

Jennie Lindberg

NEW ZEALAND NEWS

Katharine Watson undertook monitoring and recording work during the removal of a house from 88 Brockworth Place, in Riccarton, Christchurch. The house was built in two stages, one in the early 1850s (making it one of the earliest houses in Riccarton) and the other in the 1870s. The 1870s part of the house was demolished, but the 1850s cottage was moved to Ferrymead Historic Park and restoration work is being undertaken on it there. Following the cottage being removed, the foundations were exposed. These were bluestone blocks, probably from the Halswell Quarry, which is close to Christchurch. Further excavation will take place on this site in the future.

Les Wright and Katharine Watson have undertaken a field survey at Denniston. The Denniston area was mined for coal from the 1870s through to the 1990s and was one of the most significant coal-producing areas in New Zealand. It was also home to the famous Denniston incline, which carried the coal from the Denniston Plateau down to the flat. Much of the nineteenth and early twentieth century remains are protected within a Department of Conservation reserve, but the late twentieth century mines and their infrastructure are not. These are owned by Solid Energy, who are about to undertake rehabilitation in this area. The survey focused on these mines (the Whareatea, Sullivan and Sullivan West mines) and involved recording the material (such as mine entrances, return airways, concrete foundation pads, etc) in each of these areas and making recommendations about what should happen to this material. We hope to be able to convince Solid Energy to retain as much of the mine infrastructure as possible as it is an important element in the story of Denniston and illustrates the changes and developments that took place in mining technology.

Rick McGovern-Wilson

NORTHERN TERRITORY NEWS

The much-anticipated review of the Northern Territory Heritage Conservation Act 1991 is in progress. Community consultation regarding the Territory's heritage requirements and a review of developments in Heritage legislation throughout Australia has been in progress for some months. A Discussion Paper has been drawn up and can be accessed on the Internet at:
<http://www.lpe.nt.gov.au/heritage/review>

Comments or questions on the Discussion Paper and on the heritage issues raised generally can be directed to the Review Officer, Richard Woolfe, by 8 March, 2004. Richard can be contacted by e-mail at richard.woolfe@nt.gov.au - phone, (08) 8924 4051, - or post to: Heritage Conservation Act Review, Office of Environment and Heritage, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment, GPO Box 1680, Darwin 0801.

It has been obvious for some time that the Act was inadequate in meeting the standards of heritage site protection and administration that are presently seen as desirable. The lack of statutory protection of World War Two sites in particular has been seen as a serious deficiency. The review is examining matters of the scope of legislation required for the NT, the powers and functioning required for a Heritage Council, the establishment and application of a Heritage Register, assessment and protection of sites of heritage significance and the balance of protection with archaeological and other site works and interventions.

Colin DeLaRue

SOUTH AUSTRALIA NEWS

No news this issue.

TASMANIA NEWS

Christmas shortened edition

Mineral Resources Tasmania (Tony Webster)

MRT undertook additional detailed surveys at the Mt Bischoff tin mine, including the 'glory holes' and Stanhope workings. This work provided insights into the sequence of underground and open cut mining at this site. Reconnaissance surveys were undertaken at the Balfour copper field in northwestern Tasmania and at Moina. A brief visit was made to the Magnet mine near Waratah. All of this work was to assess the potential impacts of mineral exploration or environmental remediation works on historic features at these former mining sites.

A visit was made to the former Mt Bischoff Tin Mining Company's hydroelectric power station to record a floor plan of the building and to assess the state of the corrugated iron and timber structure. This short visit will hopefully result in some work being done to preserve this important piece of industrial heritage, which is badly decayed.

Greg Dickens made a photographic record of the recently closed Renison tin mine mill complex before it is broken up and sold.

Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority (Greg Jackman)

Preparations are complete, and the Authority is awaiting the first instalment of eager volunteers for the 2004 Summer Archaeology Programme. The programme will involve excavations in a number of areas around the Historic Site, including a continuation of works within the ablutions and workshops areas adjacent to the main Penitentiary, as well as

investigations of the parade ground and adjacent Commissariat store site. Excavations are also programmed for the Shipyards precinct and convict-period cemetery on the Isle of the Dead, subject to final Works Approval. The investigations will be run in conjunction with ongoing geophysical remote sensing and a Public Archaeology module, with site tours, family digs and museum displays being offered throughout January and February.

The Archaeology Plan for the PAHS has been finalised and adopted by the PAHSMA Board. Work on the GIS-based Archaeological Management Zoning System and Procedures elements of the plan is ongoing.

VICTORIA NEWS

Andrew Long & Associates have recently completed their excavation at the Jolimont Square site in east Melbourne. The dig unearthed the remains of a collection of cottages dating to the 1850s. The cottages were built on the estate of former Governor Charles La Trobe.

Heritage Victoria's archaeologists and enforcement officers have been travelling around the state meeting staff from Parks Victoria to discuss enforcement under the Heritage Act. The Parks Victoria staff are being made inspectors under the Act. It is hoped that this program will improve the understanding of cultural heritage values in regional areas, particularly in state forests. The issue of bottle collectors and the damage that they cause was discussed at length at the meetings, and it is likely that tougher enforcement actions will follow.

Heritage Victoria will soon be issuing invitations to tender for the City of Port Phillip Archaeological Management plan. Heritage Victoria is keen to develop and implement a management plan that will be similar to the existing Melbourne Central Business District plan.

Jeremy Smith, Heritage Victoria

WESTERN AUSTRALIA NEWS

Report from Archaeology, University of Western Australia

Honours research

There have been six Honours projects completed in historical archaeology in 2003:

- - Anneliese Carson, 'Ah Kim's Garden: Ethnicity in the Archaeological Record at Cossack';
- - Kelly Fleming, 'Hadrill's Cottage: A study of class and status in the Swan district during the 19th and early 20th centuries';
- - Alex Godfrey, 'The faunal remains from Cheynes Beach, Albany';
- - Monica Jimenez-Lozano, 'A fishy affair: a study of the fish remains from Cheynes Beach, Albany';
- - Shoni Lewis 'Historical Shellfish Subsistence: A Cossack Case Study'; and,
- - Jodee Smith, 'Of mills and men: the archaeology of private and public industry in the forests of Western Australia, 1895-1913'

'The historical archaeology of the post-European period in the Pilbara, Western Australia'

Two of the Honours theses completed in 2003 analysed archaeological material from Cossack collected as part of the ARC project 'The historical archaeology of the post-European period in the Pilbara, Western Australia'. These two theses together help the interpretation of archaeological remains of historic settlements surrounding the main settlement. Additionally, Masters student Moss Wilson is analysing glass artefacts from Cossack.

Fieldwork in September 2003 recorded historical sites throughout the Dampier Archipelago, off the Burrup Peninsula. This work was supported by the department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM) whose Karratha office provided a boat and a skipper. Geoff Kregor, who is the Senior Ranger for the islands. Corioli Souter (Maritime Museum of Western Australia) provided invaluable support with the coastal and maritime sites. The project recorded a range of 19th century sites including a pastoral station (West Lewis Island), pearling station (Black Hawke Bay), whalers' trying station (Malus Island), and some burials. 20th century sites were not the focus of this field season, however, a Catalina wreck site from WWII was recorded (Enderby Island), as were military sites (Rosemary Islands). The report to CALM will assist their management of these once remote sites now impacted upon by visitation with an increased population at nearby Karratha and Dampier. Fieldwork in June-July 2004 will record the 19th and 20th remains of pastoral properties in the Pilbara.

'The Goldfields Water Supply Scheme: An archaeological study of regional development and society'

This ARC Linkage project has been awarded to Samatha Bolton from Sydney. Sam already has some experience in remote historical Australia, having completed an Honours thesis (Sydney University) on Aboriginal flaked implements associated with the Overland Telegraph line collected during the Central Australia Archaeology Project (CAAP). She has extensive field experience across several continents and we and our industry partner, the National Trust of Australia (Western Australia), look forward to having Sam involved in this project.

Alistair Paterson

ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

REPORTS FROM 2003 CONFERENCE ON NORFOLK ISLAND

President's Report 2003

The 2003 year got off to a great start with the joint conference of ASHA, AIMA and AAA at Townsville in October 2002. Under the banner "Land and Sea: Common ground and contemporary issues for Australian Archaeology", this was the first time the three Associations have come together and it proved to be an outstanding success. In fact, from a personal perspective, I rate it as one of the best conferences I have ever been to. There was tremendous interaction and networking between the members of the three Associations; couple this with great weather, a fine venue in a semi historic precinct with plenty of bars and cafes, and quality cheap accommodation in close proximity, it really was a most memorable and worthwhile event. I would like to put on record again ASHA's thanks to the Townsville conference organising committee, led by one of our own – Martin Gibbs.

Among the many outcomes of the Townsville joint conference have been the following the National Archaeology Teaching & Learning Workshop which was held in Sydney over 29-3 September, Presidents teleconferences to co-ordinate activities and promote the three Associations events, and planning for further joint conferences. On present planning the next one where we all come together will be at Adelaide in 2006.

As most of you will be aware ASHA had a serious cash-flow problem at the end of last year, in large part due to a misunderstanding resulting in the 2002 subscription notices not being sent out until very late in the year. This necessitated a 6 week delay in printing and distributing AHA 20, so that we could accumulate sufficient funds to pay the printers. To ensure such a situation never occurs again I endeavoured to put systems in place and ensure the key people involved (particularly the 2 Secretaries and the Treasurer) fully understand their job roles and the timing of the main tasks.

But we have not made the progress I anticipated during the past year, in fact it has been a bit of a treading water exercise while we have taken care of some hassling problems-including recovering our finances, mailbox problems resulting in returned mail, getting the website up and running smoothly, having to get our back issues out of the Uni of Sydney at short notice, find a new home for them, and get them down there (Latrobe) and catch up on orders. All these matters took far longer to resolve than anticipated but I'm fairly confident that we are well placed to make real progress this coming year.

In order to help recover our finances and to ensure we could fund our core activities notably printing & distributing our Journal we initiated two major cost-saving measures this year.

The first of these was the change in the format of our quarterly newsletter from mailed-out hard copies to their distribution in a pdf format as an email attachment. The main reason for taking this route was the saving of c\$5000 per annum, but it has also made the Newsletter production and distribution far more efficient. Although we know most members would still prefer to receive hard copies generally the electronic newsletter initiative has been successful, and through the good services of Rick McGovern-Wilson and the NZ Historic Places Trust hard copies are still sent to those who are not on-line.

I dispensed with committee tele-conferences this year as another cost saving initiative (we did not have much choice!) and we dealt with Committee business by email. I regret the need to do this and I hope it does not have to be a permanent thing. Teleconferences definitely help bring a committee together and give everyone the opportunity to participate, but most importantly the taking of minutes with action points helps keep things on track and provides a better record than intermittent email communications.

One of the highlights of the year, for me, was getting the ASHA website (<http://www.ASHA.org.au>) up and running properly again and updated thanks to the efforts of VP/Treasurer/webmaster Paul Rheinberger assisted by techo Andrew Goodwin. As many of you experienced we had an extremely vexatious problem with the site continually defaulting to the former and very outdated site on the University of Sydney server. In theory it was a simple problem to fix but the reality proved a lot different –in fact it took well over a year to resolve. As the website is our shop window to the world, and the first thing people check for conference and membership and other information, it is absolutely essential that our site is up to date and accessible.

In February we were advised by Peter White that we had to find a new home for our back issue stock because the University of Sydney building where they have been housed since the advent of ASHA was going to be demolished a month later. With the need to find a new storage facility at short notice Professor Tim Murray (with a little persuasion from Susan Lawrence) came to the rescue when he offered storage at Latrobe which we gratefully accepted. The next jobs in the transfer fell on the shoulders of our only Sydney-based committee member – Denis Gojak. Denis packed the 40 odd cartons of publications and got them out of the University and stored them in a mate's garage and began to check out trucking options. Unfortunately because of his personal commitments the transfer to Latrobe took much longer than anticipated and was only completed in August which seriously delayed the sale and distribution of back orders. I would like to thank ASHA member Zvonka Stanin at Latrobe who kindly offered to act as back order dispatcher although she has had to twiddle her thumbs waiting on the back issues to arrive. With regard to what we can sell them for and the fact we can no longer provide full sets off back issues of the Journal (some issues have sold out) it was probably not worth the cost of shipping the back issues down to Melbourne but we felt that we have an obligation to promote historical archaeological and having back issues available is one means to do that.

But with some Journal issues out of print the Committee has begun to investigate getting the first 20 issues on CD.

Our major financial commitment costing more than half our annual budget is the journal. As a potential cost saving measure I initiated a review of publication options with a view to finding a cheaper but still acceptable format. Susan Lawrence and Editor Mary Casey took on this job but after looking at the format & production costs of other archaeology journals & comparing printing costs they concluded there were no great savings to be made without a significant decrease in quality which we did not want. So this year's journal at least will appear in the established format. Other journals, notably the AIMA journal, are produced for much less than ours because they have Editors who have considerable institutional assistance, e.g. they can save thousands of dollars/issue on typesetting costs, which we pay for.

On the positive side I am pleased to be able to report the production of AHA 21 (2003), a Chinese thematic volume, is on schedule and will appear within the next month.

Many ASHA members were involved in National Archaeology Week (NAW) over the period 11-18 May. I have recently seen the review by Michael Westaway in Australian Archaeology 5 p.53. Overall 130 separate activities were planned and undertaken. Westaway concluded the inaugural NAW can be deemed a success, but things can always be done better. Matters to be reviewed by State Committees includes: the timing of the week and events; more effective use of the media, better networking between organisations, the development of guidelines for various activities, maximising the use of the NAW website during the entire year. further development of NAW's association with schools and education. ASHA fully supports the NAW concept and we urge members to work with the State Committees to organise and be involved in NAW activities. Suggestions for new NAW activities are most welcome.

In the same issue of Australian Archaeology I noted that 28 Australian archaeologists/anthropologists were recipients of Centenary Medals, created to recognise the achievements of a cross-section of the Australian community at the time of the Centenary of Federation, and specifically to celebrate achievements which have made a national or

international impact through science, research or the arts (some 15,500 medals in total!). Of the 28 awarded to archaeologists and anthropologists, I noted three who have made major contributions to the development of historical archaeology in Australia, viz. Judy Birmingham, Graham Connah, and Peter Bell (although Peter has told me more than once that he is a historian, not an archaeologist!).

During the year further discussions were held with AIMA with regard to holding further joint conferences notably the one in 2004. The tentative conference programme for the next three years is: a joint 'new concept' conference in New Zealand (Wellington/ Picton) in 2004; followed by an ASHA only conference at Beechworth, Victoria in 2005 organised by Susan Lawrence and a bunch of people who don't know they are about to be co-opted, followed by the next triple-header – with AAA and AIMA in Adelaide in 2006. I give notice that I'm toying with the idea of organising an ASHA conference in Fiji c2010.

I would now like to acknowledge the contributions of various people who have helped the Association during the year. In September 2000 we appointed the AHA Editorial Board. The nine members of the Board, Dr Susan Lawrence, Prof. Tim Murray, Dr Iain Stuart, Prof. Graham Connah, Dr Clayton Fredericksen, Dr Sarah Colley, Prof. David Carment, Penny Crook and Dr Eleanor Casella, have now completed the third year of their 3 year tenure. The Editorial Board is regarded as a stand-alone unit and much of the discussion, largely by email, is of an advisory nature in response to queries raised by the General Editor. I would like to thank the members of the Editorial Board for their contributions although I suspect their workload for ASHA has not been too onerous this past year. The new Committee will have to appoint a new Editorial Board, many of whom I suspect will be on the existing board.

This year's Journal (Volume 21) was the first volume to be produced by Mary Casey since she was succeeded Ian Stuart as General Editor. The 2003 Journal, a thematic volume, largely consisting of papers developed from presentations at the Chinese research symposium convened by Professor Henry Chan at the University of New South Wales in February 2000, is now ready to go to the printers. The papers were originally going to be published as a separate monograph with myself as Editor, but when funding for the publication could not be obtained, the papers were offered for inclusion in the Journal. From hindsight if we had set on this course of action from the outset, it would have saved the authors and me a lot of time and grief. That said, I think AHA 21 will be a very useful update and contribution to the archaeological literature on the overseas Chinese experience. Tracy Ireland continues as Reviews Editor. Evidence of her industry will again be reflected in the reviews in this year's journal.

Mary has advised that she and Sarah Colley have agreed to co-edit the 2004 volume and Martin Gibbs has agreed to edit AHA 23 in 2005.

As I've said before if we are to have a vibrant appealing journal it beholds on all of us, including the Editorial Board members, to promote and write for the Journal. To maintain the size and quality of the journal (albeit in a new format) it is imperative that many of the presenters at this and future conferences offer their papers for publication in the Journal.

Ross Gam has continued to produce the four quarterly issues of our Newsletter, but the burden is now routinely shared with four members who act in the capacity of Guest Editors for each issue: Alistair Brooks (March), Anne McConnell (June), Martin Gibbs (September) and Rick McGovern-Wilson is putting together the December 2003 issue. Regional news items are compiled into reports in the Newsletter by our state contacts who in 2003 year were:

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Richard Morrison (ACT); Jennie Lindbergh (NSW); Rick McGovern-Wilson (NZ); Clayton Fredericksen (NT); Gordon Grimwade (QLD); Jody Steele (SA); Greg Jackman (TAS); Fiona Weaver (VIC); and Alistair Paterson (WA).

I would like to extend my thanks to the outgoing Committee, all of whom, with the exception of Denis Gojak, have re-nominated. I would particularly like to acknowledge the work during the year of Secretary Jody Steele, Membership Secretary Katrina Stankowski and Vice President/Treasurer/Webmaster Paul Rheinberger. By their nature Secretary positions are always onerous, and Paul's work in developing better systems for tracking receipts and expenditure, getting the web site running properly, and setting up a pre-registration system for the Norfolk conference have been major contributions.

As I stated at the last AGM I intended to ensure that everyone on the Committee has a specific role rather than just being a generalised Committee member, and I outlined some of the new roles I envisaged. These included a political issues officer, publicity/promotion officer; a NAW liaison role, a sales dispatcher, a conference promotion/liaison officer, and a person(s) responsible for sussing out & applying for grants. In addition I planned to review the Committee structure and ensure every position has a job description, a schedule of their main tasks and when they need to be undertaken. Because of other commitments, not least of which was organising this conference, this grand design was no means fully implemented. The specific roles of the Secretaries and the Treasurer were sorted out, but only two specialised roles for Committee members were initiated during the year. Leah McKenzie agreed to be political officer with a brief to identify, liaise, advise and represent ASHA in discussions. Her major involvement (supported by Tracey Ireland) was to contribute to the 'Iraq Heritage discussion'. With the move of our back issues storage to Latrobe, we required a new dispatcher at that location. Zvonka Stanin accepted the challenge and has offered to do the job in 2004 too.

But the problems I mentioned earlier have diverted my energies (if not the Committee's) from some of the things I intended to do this past year. Foremost among the projects that did not make progress was the development of an ASHA business plan, which would clearly indicate what we want to fund and how we will go about it. For the last few years we have had no spare cash to speak of, to fund anything other than our core activities. A business plan will not of course, instantly conjure up extra funds, but it will give a clear indication of what we want to fund and serve as a blueprint as to the ways to achieve those objectives.

Again a major factor in the Association's tight financial situation has been the continuing decline in membership of the Association (particularly corporate members) over several years now and again maintaining membership will have to be a priority focus of the new Committee. However on their 2003 AGM report Jody Steele (Secretary) and Katrina Stankowski (Membership Sec) have reported that overall membership this year is only a little down on last year. At the time of the 2002 AGM we had 266 members; current membership is 248 with 16 being processed now: two down compared with the same time last year.

Although the major expense savings we initiated (the on-line newsletter, no committee teleconferences) have enabled us to fund our core activities but we have little cash reserves or contingency funds.

After the problem with late subscription invoicing last year, Committee members contacted some members to encourage them to renew their memberships or ascertain why they were not going to do so. The latter revealed a wide range of reasons why people were not renewing,

and many of them are for reasons we can do little about. Some ex-members simply are no longer interested in historical archaeology and they no longer want the Journal, so they see little point in paying to be a member of ASHA. As I noted last year to survive long term we are clearly going to have to be much more proactive with regard to encouraging & maintaining membership, and I think this will necessitate some serious thought about what ASHA wants to do in the future. It was started by academics and is still essentially an organisation primarily catering for those professionally involved in Historical Archaeology (or with a scholarly interest in the discipline), rather than the public at large. In this way ASHA is no different from AAA and AIMA, but unlike them we lack the same degree of agency support, which is worth thousands of dollars to those groups every year.

We recently were advised of an innovative initiative by AAA involving an invitation to archaeological consultancies to sponsor activities (mainly social events!) during their Annual Conference. To my surprise they already had \$4500 pledged from 6 consultancies! I personally believe conference costs should be totally covered by the conference fee, but I congratulate AAA on their initiative, and we may be able to take a leave out of their book. But I would favour one or more of the archaeological consultancies sponsoring all or part of our Journal production costs (i.e. our major expense) rather than subsidising entertainment at our conferences.

While it was encouraging that most of the present Committee consider there is unfinished business to attend to and have offered their time and commitment again, it is essential for the vitality of ASHA that new people come names forward and/or contest the elected positions. To modify or bastardise a famous line from the inaugural address of President John F Kennedy it really is a case of people “Asking not what ASHA can do for you, but what you can do for ASHA?” If anyone today has any constructive suggestions for improving the vitality or operation of ASHA I would be pleased to hear them here at the AGM or informally at any other time.

Another issue that has got overlooked this year is our Association’s lack of a logo, which really comes to a head when we are running combined conferences and the organisers’ wants to use our non-existent logo alongside the others. If anyone with artistic skills would like to draft up a basic design or two, the Committee would be pleased to consider one for adoption.

Last but definitely not least, at this stage, all the indications are that our first combined conference here on Norfolk Island with AAMH will be a great success. I’d like to thank everyone involved in the organisation of the conference on behalf of ASHA, but especially programme convenor Mark Staniforth, our principal Norfolk contact Nigel Erskine of Norfolk Island Museum, KAVHA for their offer of assistance and support of the conference, particularly with regard to organising the field trips, and Paul Rheinberger for setting up systems to handle the conference funds and the pre-registration payments.

Neville Ritchie, President
November 2003

Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, held at the Colonial of Norfolk Hotel, Norfolk Island, 2 October 2003.

Present: Neville Ritchie (C), Paul Rheinberger (A/Sec), Henley Cox, Denise Gaughwin, Pat Heipertz, Kevin Jones, Siobhan Lavelle, Susan Lawrence, Angela Middleton, Jon Prangnell, Nigel Prickett, Kevin Rains, Alexy Simmons, Anita Smith, Jean Smith, Jeremy Smith, Mark Staniforth, Mary-Jean Sutton, Rowan Ward, Fiona Weaver, Ann-Maree Whitaker, Sylvia Yates,

Apologies: Susan Briggs, Ross Gam, Martin Gibbs, Denis Gojak, Rick McGovern-Wilson, Susan Piddock, Jody Steele, Katrina Stankowski, Di Smith, Pam Smith,

Minutes: **Resolved** that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting for 2002 be taken as read and confirmed.

Jon Prangnell/Alexy Simmons

President's Report: The President read his report for the year 2002-3, of which copy is attached to these Minutes.

Resolved that the President's Report be adopted.

Neville Ritchie/Jean Smith

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer presented and explained his report, copies of which were circulated at the Meeting and copy of which is attached to these Minutes.

Resolved that the Treasurer's Report be adopted.

Paul Rheinberger/Denise Gaughwin

Secretary's Report The Secretary's Report had not been received at the close of e-mails before the departure of officers for Norfolk Island.

Resolved that the Secretary's Report, when received, be incorporated in these Minutes and any potential discussion be made a matter of business arising from the Minutes at the 2004 Annual General Meeting.

Rheinberger/Susan Lawrence

Journal Editor's Report: The Journal Editor's Report had not been received at the close of e-mails before the departure of officers for Norfolk Island.

Resolved that the Journal Editor's Report, when received, be incorporated in these Minutes and any potential discussion be made a matter of business arising from the Minutes at the 2004 Annual General Meeting.

Rheinberger/Lawrence

Political Officer's Report The Political Officer submitted a report entitled 'Cultural Heritage of Iraq', of which copy, together with the Annexure A referred to therein, is attached to these Minutes.

Resolved that this report be received and that the Committee consider the matters raised and advise the Political Officer of the Association's position.

Kevin Jones/Gaughwin

Newsletter Editor's Report: In the absence of a written report from the Journal Editor, the Treasurer presented a verbal report on behalf of the Newsletter Editor:

'Ross has particularly highlighted:

- his gratitude to the four Guest Editors and the contributors, during the year,
- that he considered that content has been excellent,
- the successful commencement of electronic distribution,
- the change to single column presentation in .pdf format,
- the introduction of colour in presentation and photographic content,
- his gratitude to Rick McGovern-Wilson for his distribution of hard copy Newsletters to those electing not to receive the electronic version,
- the need for early submission of copy to and by State Representatives and the need to maintain a deadline for production

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- that the Newsletter belongs to members and is the ongoing vehicle for contact and for members to contribute material for circulation.’

The Treasurer confirmed that a written report would be received –

Resolved that the Treasurer’s verbal report on behalf of the Newsletter Editor be received and that the Newsletter Editor’s Report, when received, be incorporated in these Minutes and any potential discussion be made a matter of business arising from the Minutes at the 2004 Annual General Meeting.

Simmons/Henly Cox

Webmaster’s Report:

The Webmaster presented a verbal report in which he confirmed that the new format of the Website had come on line in July 2003 and that statistics indicated a response that had been unexpectedly enthusiastic. In the three months preceding the Annual General Meeting, monitoring indicated:

<u>Data field:</u>	<u>Average Daily Usage</u>	<u>Quarterly Total</u>	<u>Average Monthly Usage</u>
Visits	92	2741	914
Hits	769	22652	7551
Pages accessed	199	5880	1960
K’bytes downloaded	N/A	325 552	108 517

all of which suggests that the considerable amount of work put into the projects has been worth the effort. For his technical work to date, Andrew Goodwin deserved both thanks and commendation and it is worth considerable relief that we know his technical assistance will continue

The next projects, apart from routine updating of changes in personnel and addition of Newsletters when they are three months old, is to upgrade the data provided for publications:

- to bring into the listing of Journals the issues from Vol 13 to date, and
- the expansion of detail provided by interactive buttons to include abstracts of Journal articles and other publications.

These revisions will take some time but I hope for completion within the next six months or so.

A long term aim is to commence a reference database of reports and theses produced by members, perhaps to be looked at over the course of the next year, particularly if this aspect of the website can attract some sponsorship.

Resolved that the Webmaster’s Report be adopted.

Rheinberger/Staniforth

Election:

In that Neville Ritchie’s was the only nomination for the position of President, he remained in the chair for the conduct of elections. He formally declared all positions vacant, and there being no multiple nominations for any positions on the Committee, the President declared the incoming Committee as:

President:	Neville Ritchie
Vice-Presidents	Susan Lawrence Paul Rheinberger
Secretary	Jody Steele
Membership Secretary	Katrina Stankowski
Treasurer	Paul Rheinberger
Journal Editor	Mary Casey
Newsletter Editor	Ross Gam
Webmaster	Paul Rheinberger
Committee	Clayton Fredericksen Martin Gibbs Darren Griffin Greg Jackman Rick McGovern-Wilson Leah McKenzie Alistair Paterson Susan Piddock Catherine Tucker

The Chairman then called for nominations and/or volunteers to act as Guest Editors of the Newsletter for the forthcoming year and the following volunteers were confirmed with appreciation:

Previously appointed: December 2003	Rick McGovern-Wilson
March 2004	Mary-Ann Sutton
June 2004	To be appointed
September 2004	Jon Prangnell
December 2004	Rick McGovern-Wilson

2004 Conference: The Chairman confirmed that the 2004 Conference would be conducted in early October at the twin venues of Wellington and Picton, on opposite sides of Cook Strait, New Zealand. The Meeting would be joint with AIMA.

Present indication were for the 2005 Conference to be held in Adelaide, South Australia, and that in 2006 in Beechworth, Victoria.

Subscriptions: The Treasure confirmed that the Committee would need to address a possible increase in subscription rates over the coming year but that no increase was indicated at present.

Resolved that subscriptions for membership of the Association be maintained at the present classifications and rates.

Notice of Motion The President foreshadowed his intention to move at the next Annual General Meeting a resolution to amend the Constitution so as to limit the continuity of the term of president of the Association to a period of three years. There was some discussion and the suggestion was made that five years may be a more productive limit. A formal notice in compliance with constitutional requirements will be made in due course

Secretary's Report to the 2003 Annual General Meeting

1. Membership for 2003

Myself and Katrina found that due to the late nature of the 2002 Subs for membership last year, many members already believed that they had committed for 2003 membership, however they had in fact only paid for 2002. It is suggested that this year we sent out the subs either in late December or immediately after Christmas in order to make it clear to members what year they are committing to.

It is the belief of the secretaries that this confusion in membership dealings has led to the frustration and subsequent decline in members for 2003.

Upon the AGM of 2002, then secretaries Mac North & Maddy Atkinson reported Two hundred and sixty six (266) members, at this stage in 2003 nearly 11 months on from the Townsville conference meeting we report the membership numbers to stand at Two hundred and forty eight (248) in the current data base, with sixteen (16) on hold for entry, only 2 down from the 2002 AGM:

Membership Type:	#:
Corporate	26
Household	4
Individual	144
Pensioner	8
Student	41
Life	15
Overseas	10

Membership State:	#:
NSW	90
ACT	19
NT	7
QLD	34
SA	16
TAS	10
VIC	28
WA	7
Unknown	1

Membership Country:	#:
Australia	212
New Zealand	21
United Kingdom	5
United States of America	9
Hong Kong	1

Membership fees for 2003 & 2004 stand at:

- \$A35.00: Full Time Student / Pensioner / Unwaged (include photocopy of ID)
- \$A50.00: Individual membership (Australia & NZ only)
- \$A60.00: Household membership
- \$A65.00: Corporate membership (Australia & NZ only)
- \$A75.00: Overseas membership (excluding Australia & NZ)
- \$A1000.00 Life Membership (includes copies of all in-print monographs as a gift)

2. Publications

All of our printed publications have arrived at La Trobe University and are being housed and distributed by Dr Susan Lawrence aided by one of her students. Below is a list of all of our publications and the number of copies held in La Trobe. The following page has the new price list for publications (Thanks to Susan Lawrence for taking on the job).

Volume No.	Name	Quantity	9/09/2003	Count after despatch
2	ASHA Journal	20		20
3	ASHA Journal	193		193
4	ASHA Journal	88		88
5	ASHA Journal	156		156
6	ASHA Journal	82		82
8	ASHA Journal	105		105
9	ASHA Journal	261		261
10	ASHA Journal	175	1-Watt	174
11	ASHA Journal	195	1-Watt	194
12	ASHA Journal	6	1-Watt 5-Connah (ordered 8)	0
14	ASHA Journal	36	1-Watt 1-Farrington	34
16	ASHA Journal	22	1-Watt	21
20	ASHA Journal	152	1-Geoff 1-Watt	150
	The Archaeology of Whaling in Southern Australia and New Zealand	198	1-Farrington	197
	The Marseille Tile..	56	1-Wyong District 1-Ellis	54
	Printed Ceramics	62	1-Bowen 1-Ellis	60
	Risdon Cove	2		2
	Wybalena	24	1-Ellis	23
	Ross Bridge	173		173
	Nineteenth Century Salt Manufacturing in Tasmania	60	1-Farrington	59
	Colonisation	8	1-Connah, 1-Bowen, 1-Fredrickson, 1-Ellis 1-Simon Fraser	3
	1901	5		5

3. Committee Members

Below is a list of all committee positions as at September 28th, 2003. Could the committee please confirm that these are the correct details for individuals and especially check email addresses?

President:	Neville Ritchie	(nevalex@xtra.co.nz)
Vice Presidents:	Susan Lawrence	(S.Lawrence@Latrobe.edu.au)
	Paul Rheinberger	(prheinberger@umwelt.com.au)
Treasurer:	Paul Rheinberger	(prheinberger@umwelt.com.au)
Secretary:	Jody Steele	(jodys@senet.com.au)
Membership Secretary:	Katrina Stankowski	(katstankowski@yahoo.com.au)
Newsletter Editor:	Ross Gam	(agam@ceinternet.com.au)
Journal Editor:	Mary Casey	(mary.casey@bigpond.com)
Journal Reviews Editor:	Tracy Ireland	(tireland@griffin-nrm.com.au)
Webmaster:	Paul Rheinberger	(prheinberger@umwelt.com.au)

Committee:

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<p>Darren Griffin School of Art History and Archaeology The University of Manchester Oxford Road, Manchester, UK, M13 9PL darren.j.griffin@man.ac.uk</p>	

State Representatives:

<p>ACT: Richard Morrison 25 Forbes St Turner, ACT, 2612 richard.morrison@ea.gov.au</p>	<p>NSW: Jennie Lindbergh Godden Mackay Logan 78 George Street Redfern, NSW 2016 jennieL@gml.com.au</p>
<p>NT: Colin De La Rue Anthropology Faculty of Law, Business & Arts Northern Territory University Darwin NT 0909 delarue@octa4.net.au</p>	<p>SA: Susan Briggs Department of Archaeology Flinders University GPO Box 2100 Adelaide, SA, 5001 Susan.briggs@flinders.edu.au</p>
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<p>WA: Shane Burke Department of Archaeology, University of Western Australia Nedlands, WA 6907 burkes01@tartarus.uwa.edu.au</p>	<p>NZ: Rick McGovern-Wilson New Zealand Historic Places Trust PO Box 2629 Wellington, NZ rmcgwilson@historic.org.nz</p>
<p>VIC: Fiona Weaver 24 The Avenue Belmont, VIC, 3216 fjweaver@iname.com</p>	

4. Mailbox

As I am sure you are aware we had a few problems with the mail box being in Sydney and the two secretaries living in Adelaide, this left the job up to Denis Gojak for a while and meant that there was quite a delay as we were posting things back and forth constantly. I would like you all to know that this problem has now been rectified as Katrina has moved to Sydney and has arranged to get the box cleared more regularly and then only forward on the necessary items to myself etc. We would however like to thank Denis for fillip the gap whilst we sorted things out! So the Sydney Uni mailbox is working a treat at the moment.

5. Newsletter and notices

As most of you would be aware we have now made the newsletter an electronic resource

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which is disseminated quarterly via email to all of our online members. In order to not lose those members who do not have email, a full list of addresses has been composed and is managed by Rick McGovern-Wilson who does a mail out of paper newsletters etc to those members. As this is only a new procedure for this year the creases are still being ironed out, it does however appear to be working.

6. Statement of duties for following Secretaries

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

7. Thanks

Kat and I would like to thank the following people for helping us get through this year despite both of us moving interstate etc:

Neville (thanks for all the reminders)

Susan (thanks for taking on the publications)

Denis (thanks for clearing the mailbox for what seemed like an eternity)

Rick (thanks for taking on the mailing list)

Shane & Colin (welcome and thanks for taking on state rep positions)

Paul (thanks for dealing with the strange parcels of cheques etc!)

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

March Alasdair Brooks

email: a.brooks@latrobe.edu.au

June Anne McConnell

email: annemc@adelaide.on.net

September Martin Gibbs

Email: martin.gibbs@jcu.edu.au

Rick we look forward to yours in December.

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

Enjoy the conference everyone, sorry we couldn't be there (curse of the PhD has struck!!)

Take care

Jody Steele

Secretary 2003

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1 December 2003

MEMBERSHIP CIRCULAR TO CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY

Dear Member

Annual Subscriptions, 2004

I confirm that your subscription to the Association falls due for renewal on 1 January 2004. This account is a Tax Invoice for GST purposes and has been submitted either:

- electronically, as a single copy. You should print two copies.

OR

- by post in duplicate.

You should complete the table and payment instruction below **on both forms** as original and duplicate, then forward the **original by post to me, with fee**, at the above address. **You should retain the duplicate as your receipt.**

With kind regards

Katrina Stankowski

Membership Secretary

Australasian Society for Historical Archaeology.

RENEWAL

Dear Katrina,

Please renew my subscription to the Australasian Society for Historical Archaeology as shown in the Table:

Classification	Rate \$	Mark X / √	Insert Amount	GST Paid
Full Time Student / Pensioner / Unwaged (include photocopy ID)	35			3.18
Individual Membership (Australia & New Zealand only)	50			4.54
Household Membership (Australia & New Zealand only)	60			5.45
Corporate Membership (Australia & New Zealand only)	65			5.90
Overseas Membership (excluding Australia & New Zealand)	75			6.81
Life Membership (includes copies of all in-print monographs as a gift)	1000			90.90
YOUR TOTAL, PAID		\$		

Payment : by cheque attached.

by debit to my Bank / Visa / Master – Card . (circle which)

Number

Expiry ***** Please ensure that your card is not in its last current month *****

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

ANNOUNCEMENTS / NOTICES

Archaeological tours to Uzbekistan with the UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY CENTRAL ASIAN PROGRAMME

USCAP is offering two trips to Uzbekistan in 2004. In May *The World of Zoroaster* will focus on early Zoroastrianism in ancient Chorasnia, coupled with a tour of the magnificent Silk Road cities of Khiva, Bukhara and Samarkand. In September there is an opportunity to join the University of Sydney excavations at the fortified sacral centre of Kazakl'i-yatkan. Volunteers work alongside trained excavation staff and help in the excavation of buildings and artefacts, cleaning and processing of finds and recording of evidence. Weekend trips are arranged to spectacular local monuments such as the Kushan city of Toprak-kala and the mountain citadel of Ayaz-kala. After two weeks on the excavations, the trip continues overland to Khiva, Bukhara and Samarkand. For further details please contact Dr Alison Betts, Archaeology A14, University of Sydney, NSW 2006:

alison.betts@archaeology.usyd.edu.au,

<http://www.arts.usyd.edu.au/departs/achaeology/CentralAsia/homepage.htm>

Financial
Statements
for the year
2002-3

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure
OPERATING ACCOUNT
For the year ended 30 June 2003

RECEIPTS	2003	2002
Conference Proceeds		12 636.94
Donations	12.00	
GST Rebates	588.00	360.00
Interest	0.01	2.36
Sales of Publications	1 830.60	1 422.25
Subscriptions	10 036.81	12 423.82
Total Receipts	12 467.42	26 845.37
EXPENDITURE		
Audit	660.00	660.00
Bank fees and Charges	21.50	36.04
Conference Expenses	1000.00	7 944.37
Donations	0.00	40.00
GST Payments	0.00	694.00
Insurance	0.00	566.50
Merchant Fees	374.37	328.98
Postage	2 062.40	2 430.25
Printing	10 520.07	11 950.40
Subscriptions	0.00	150.70
Telephone	565.08	829.49
Unallocated sundry expenses	286.00	0.00
Total Expenditure	15 490.42	25 643.73
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(3 022.00)	1 201.64
Income Tax	0.00	0.00
Amount Attributable to Association, Change in Association Equity, Operating Account	\$ (3 022.00)	\$ 1 201.64
Opening retained profit	10 414.81	9 213.17
Less Amount Attributable to Association	(3 022.00)	1 201.64
Closing Retained Profit and Total Members Funds represented in Operating Account	\$ 7 392.81	\$ 10 414.81

Consolidated Balance Sheet
at 30 June 2003

Current Assets	2003	2002
Cash Assets		
At Bank, NAB	0.00	3 414.81
At Bank, Bendigo Bank, Operating Account	7 392.81	6 000.00
At Bank, Bendigo Bank, Conference Account	1 000.00	1 000.00
Total Current Assets	8 392.81	10 414.81
Total Assets	8 392.81	10 414.81
Total Nett Assets, represented by TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS	\$ 8 392.81	\$ 10 414.81

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure
CONFERENCE ACCOUNT
 For the year ended 30 June 2003

RECEIPTS	2003	2002
Cheque Transfer	0.00	1 000.00
Total Receipts	0.00	1 000.00
EXPENDITURE		
Total Expenditure	0.00	0.00
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	0.00	1 000.00
Income Tax	0.00	0.00
Amount Attributable to Association, Change in Association Equity, Conference Account	\$ 0.00	1 000.00
Opening retained profit	1000.00	0.00
Add Amount Attributable to Association	0.00	1 000.00
Closing Retained Profit and Total Members Funds represented in Conference Account	\$ 1 000.00	\$ 1 000.00

NOTES

1. These financial statements do not take account of payments made in respect of the financial year in review that were made after 30 June 2003, and similarly do not take account of payments made after the said date in respect of liabilities incurred before that date.
2. These accounts have been affected by the following unusual events or conditions:
 - i the dispatch of invoices to commercial and corporate members was delayed unavoidably beyond the normal time for dispatch resulting in the payment of subscriptions being spread over a lengthy period that is still continuing;
 - ii a substantial saving against the expenses of previous years has been achieved by the change from printed to mainly electronic circulation of the Newsletter and the reduction in conference telephone calls for Committee Meetings.
3. For the purposes of Commonwealth Income Tax legislation, the Treasurer has determined that the Society is:
 - i a non-profit organization within the meaning of said legislation;
 - ii falls within the definition of:
 - a. a community service organization, and/or
 - b. a cultural organization, and/ or
 - c. an educational organization, and/or
 - d. a scientific organization, and

as a result is not liable to Income tax nor to lodge Income Tax Returns.

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FORTHCOMING NEWSLETTERS

The ASHA Newsletter is produced quarterly with the assistance of guest editors. The 2004 guest editors are:

March 2004	Mary-Ann Sutton	Mary-Jean.Sutton@erm.com
June 2004	To be appointed	
September 2004	Jon Prangnell	(Please advise general editor newsletter of email address)
December 2004	Rick Mc Govern-Wilson	rmcgwilson@historic.org.nz

This issue Rick Mc Govern-Wilson

In order to facilitate a more efficient newsletter production, all contributions should be forwarded to the e-mail address of your state rep by the second week of the month prior to circulation. See ASHA contacts on last page for address details.

The guest editors are asked to finalise the newsletter in the third week of the month prior to circulation. Final copy must reach the General Editor, (Ross Gam), by the final week of the month prior to circulation.

This is your newsletter and your contributions are vital. Please check deadlines diligently. Your efficiency will be greatly appreciated. I look forward to your forthcoming news of events.

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