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STATE OF THE ART

Well, contrary to expectations, Tim Owen hasn't edited this edition. He is currently swanning around various points of the globe. At almost the last minute he asked me to stand in for him as the September Newsletter editor and being in a pretty good mood at the time I said yes (he also sounded pretty desperate). One of the reasons that helped persuade me was that I was about to rejoin ERM after having spent the last four years at Godden Mackay Logan and I thought things might be a bit quiet; that I'd have a bit of time on my hands and editing the Newsletter would be a way of filling the time. But, I was wrong! I hit the ground running and I would like to extend my thanks to those of you who managed to send something to me, some at the last minute.

Jennie Lindbergh

Senior Heritage Consultant

Environmental Resources Management Australia.

ACT NEWS

No news from the Capital!

QUEENSLAND NEWS

Queensland seems to be quiet!

NEW SOUTH WALES NEWS

News From the NSW Heritage Office

The Strategic Archaeology Review commenced in 2004 is drawing to a close. The Heritage Office has provided comments on the draft report to its consultant Dr Tracy Ireland. Once the report is finalised it will be made available via the website.

The 'Excavation Director Assessment Criteria' which have been available on the website for the past 12 months fall due for review by the end of 2005. The Heritage Office would welcome comment or feedback from practitioners as part of the review and revision of the Criteria.

The archaeologists in the Heritage Office have also been working on publishing electronic versions of useful documents which have become rare or out of print in hard copy. The previously issued Code of Practice will soon be available on the website. The Code of

Practice provides a useful guide to the different roles and areas of responsibility of developers, professional archaeologists and state and local government authorities.

Major sites the Office has been working on in recent months, include:

- Parramatta Hospital where a major archaeological program has just been completed as a prelude to the redevelopment of parts of the site as the new Parramatta Justice Precinct. More archaeological work is anticipated at the site in the future.
- Fitzroy Iron Works, Mittagong, where in-situ conservation of some remains has been required by the Heritage Council as part of the proposed redevelopment within the former secondary processing plant.
- Clarence Street, Port Macquarie, where a large archaeological program has just been completed as a prelude to the redevelopment of the site. This included a Public Open day. Interpretation of the significant relics discovered will occur within the redevelopment of the site.
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More information about "Major Sites Under Excavation" can be found on the NSW Heritage Office's website at http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/06_subnav_02_1.htm#major

The Heritage Office advertised a newly created permanent position for a Senior Heritage Officer (Archaeology) in August 2005.

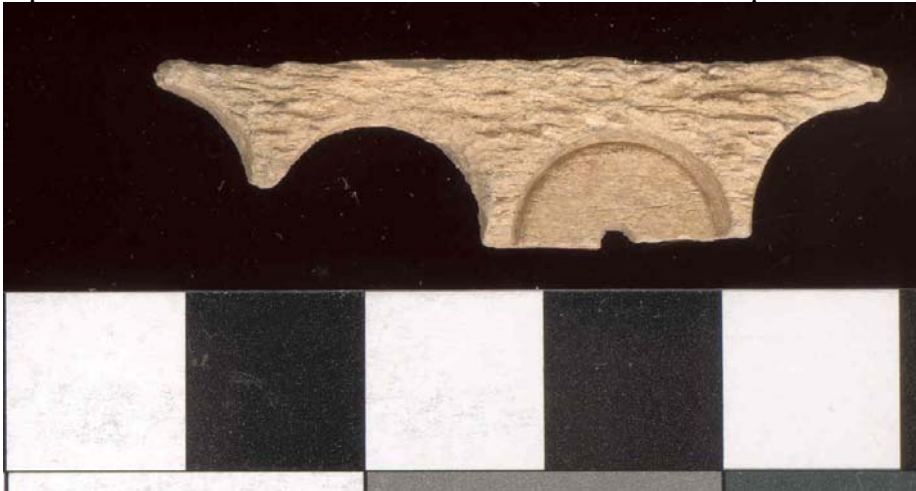
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1818 Parramatta Convict Hospital

Casey & Lowe undertook Stage 1 of the archaeological excavation of the 1818 Parramatta convict hospital during April to August 2005. The substantial footings and ground plan of the John Watts designed hospital were recovered along with remains of the surgeon's residence, two phases of kitchens and a privy system. While much of the surgeon's residence was robbed remains were found of the cellar which was backfilled with demolition from the house. Within the demolition was moulded plaster from cornices and possibly from skirtings and architraves. Bricks from both the hospital and surgeon's residence were marked with broad arrows. Those from the 1818 hospital had a double arrow.

As part of this program we investigated the site of a convict hut (c. 1792-1818) on Marsden Street. In the remnant topsoil associated with the hut we found considerable evidence for bone button manufacturing. The evidence consisted of cut pieces of bone, unfinished and broken blanks and a bone blank only partly cut from a segment of animal bone (Photo). During some preliminary investigations in the rear yard of another convict hut on George Street other pieces of bone button manufacturing were also found suggesting that their presence at two nearby huts may not be such an isolated example. The presence of remnant topsoil in association with the remains of a convict hut is quite rare.



Much of the archaeology of this State significant site (in fact it is one of the few archaeological sites listed on the State Heritage Register) will be conserved *in situ* and interpreted within a heritage courtyard within the new \$250 million Justice Precinct. This extensive conservation outcome was the result of a long-term consultation program between the NSW Government Architect's Office (Department of Commerce) and the NSW Heritage Office. Archaeologists involved in achieving this conservation outcome include: Mac North, Caitlin Allen, Siobhan Lavelle, and Peter Douglas.

Further work on the Stage 2 program will be undertaken during the latter part of 2005 and in 2006. As part of the archaeological program two public open days were held on the site. This allowed 379 visitors to inspect the archaeological remains. They received a

copy of the public leaflet and another leaflet outlining the results of the archaeological program. Many of the visitors had worked on the site in the Parramatta health service which continues to operate on the site. They had lots of stories to tell us about life in a mid twentieth-century hospital. Further information on this site can be found on Casey & Lowe's webpage www.caseyandlowe.com.

Dr Mary Casey
Director
Casey & Lowe Pty Ltd

Fiona Leslie, Graham Wilson and Peter Douglas are currently writing a conservation plan for a substantial block of land at Pitt Town where previous assessment and test excavation indicate the presence of significant Aboriginal sites in association with structural remains of Gov. Bligh's Model Farm buildings (c1807). The task here is to devise a good conservation outcome for the sites while allowing the landowner to consider a range of options for redevelopment of land surrounding the archaeological sites. This is a fairly similar project to the Bonnyrigg Male Orphan School site (c1820's - 48) where archaeological testing was part of constraints and opportunities mapping undertaken during development feasibility study of the site. The Bonnyrigg excavation was completed in December 2004 and identified remains of the Orphan School water tank, Storekeepers Quarters, Hospital and Dormitory building in addition to some small fenced enclosures for animals or kitchen gardens. The report, written by Peter Douglas and Cos Coroneos, who supervised fieldwork, is available at the Heritage Office library. Of note is that the stratigraphy in James Busby's vineyard at the School is a complete contrast to Camden Park, tested by Birmingham et al in the 1980's.

Another interesting read, for those poor souls inclined to trawl through excavation reports, is the final report on Third Govt Farm at Castle Hill (also in the H Office library). The research for that job entailed re-construction of the transects made across the Govt Farm by using the early surveyors field books; the purpose of which was to precisely locate sites of all of the convict buildings and other landscape features. In addition, anyone interested in Vernicourt deClambe, the somewhat mysterious Frenchman resident at Castle Hill in 1802-04, should read Graham Wilson's research results in the appendices where he describes the esoterica of de Clambe's family history complete with details of his military involvement with the former French East India Company's trading centre at Pondichéry, India.

Jim Wheeler and Fiona Leslie meanwhile have continued their work in both historical and Aboriginal CHM. Jim has more or less completed salvage excavations at Aboriginal sites in Merimbula and Pittwater while also working on historical archaeological excavations around Newington House and preparing a revised Conservation Plan for the diverse range of historic and Aboriginal sites in Cattai National Park. Apart from her substantial efforts on the Aboriginal sites at Pitt Town (see above), Fiona has completed a number of studies on various sites and portions of National Parks in the Blue Mountains and at Wiseman's Ferry. She is also about to take up her first excavation directorship at

Parramatta Gaol where she'll test the 1799-1820 Government Water Mill Races. Peter Douglas and Matthew Kelly will carry the drinks on that job, having exhausted themselves excavating the Surgeon's House at Port Macquarie along with Gina Scheer Adam Paterson, Shaun Macky, Emma Thompson and Dan Tuck. To cite the latter, this turned out to have a '*veritable plethora*' of remains including most of the house, drainage systems, soil deposits from the experimental gardens and two phases of road construction dating to the 1820's.

Peter Douglas

NEW ZEALAND NEWS

Ski tows

The N Z Department of Conservation has recently been recording early ski club huts and the locations of the first ski tows in Otago in the 1940s. These portable tows were simply a continuous rope lying on the snow with a pulley on a post at each end. The motor went at either end and on the Rock and Pillar fields was a Briggs and Stratton modified by Hamiltons of the McKenzie Basin who later built the Hamilton jet boat. A local engineer, Ian Pairman, devised a reduction gear for it. The tow was shifted at least four times between 1946 and 1953, in an effort to find a reliable snow slope. The development of the Coronet Peak field near Queenstown eventually drew Otago Ski Club members away from using the site. Can any Australian archaeologist let me know of any similar early development in New South Wales? These are not great sites, but they do mark the start of a large recreation industry.

Jill Hamel, 42 Ann Street, Dunedin, NZ

Wellington Inner City Bypass

Construction of a new bypass road gave archaeologists the opportunity to investigate a 19th century working class housing area in Te Aro, Wellington. NZ Historic Places Trust, being the lead heritage agency, took responsibility for the largest urban archaeology project conducted in New Zealand. Although other 19th century houses have been investigated, this project was unique for the number of standing buildings and quantity of in-ground archaeology within a confined area in one of the oldest parts of Wellington.

Buildings archaeology was carried out on seven structures, recording the fabric of each dwelling and documenting the phases of additions and alterations. The houses ranged in age from 1860s to early 20th century. Martin Jones from NZ Historic Places Trust took responsibility for this work.

In-ground archaeology, under the direction of Warren Gumbley, was carried out in the rear yards of existing buildings, and on vacant sections. Thirteen sites have been looked at, five of which were vacant sections. The material culture documents occupation from a previously unknown earlier house pulled down in the mid-1860s, through to the early 20th century and later.

Two standing 1860s buildings were recorded in detail, and the well-preserved remains of a 6-house tenement building was excavated archaeologically. This type of structure was unusual in this part of Wellington, and there was a succession of occupants over the 30-year life of the building.

Historic research has been carried out on land titles and subdivision of the Arthur St and Tonks Avenue area. An increasing density of buildings, and development of public utilities and building regulations through the later decades of the 19th century is evident. This research has complemented the archaeology and buildings work.

In addition to the intensive archaeological investigations, Katharine Watson carried out monitoring over the remainder of the bypass route that passed through areas of middle-class and professional housing. There are strong contrasts between the two areas, which will be drawn out in future analysis.

Warren Gumbley and Louise Furey

Mid 19th C homestead excavation in Taranaki

In June 2005, a team from Geometria, including volunteers, undertook an excavation of a 19th century homestead in Bell Block, New Plymouth. The investigation was required due to a housing subdivision being developed on the site. The homestead was one of the many European settler houses burned and destroyed during the 1860-61 land war and, as such, represents part of an important archaeological resource. Many of these homesteads were occupied for a short time only, and therefore have the potential to allow for a greater understanding of the European settler experience within a tight temporal context.

The site excavated was purchased in 1856 by brothers of the Street family, who arrived with their parents as children on one of the first ships into New Plymouth in 1841. Two of the brothers subdivided a portion of the land and set up businesses, one as a wheelwright, the other as a blacksmith. John and Romulus Street farmed the remaining 42 acres, and would have been able to keep a watchful eye on the farm from the Bell Block Stockade, where they were stationed when they joined the Militia during the land wars. The Officer in Charge of the stockade witnessed the burning of Romulus' house on Friday 26th October 1860. This was the property on which the excavation took place nearly 145 years later.

A number of valuable resources associated with the Taranaki land wars are held in Archives New Zealand and, prior to excavation, these were viewed. It was found that Romulus Street made a claim for compensation, and this lists in some detail the property he lost. The claim includes materials and dimensions of the house and other structures, each individual piece of farming equipment, as well as livestock. Interestingly, unlike other claims that have been viewed, Romulus does not claim for the loss of furniture and crockery, which suggests either he did not possess any or, more likely, he was able to get it out of the house before burning, or it was cached. Caching of valuables and ceramics was a common occurrence by settlers forced to leave their homes in a hurry.

One important question at the beginning of the excavation was just how much of the homestead site remained after extensive ploughing over many years. During the excavation however, it became apparent that a number of features and finds had survived, allowing understanding of the organisation of an early homestead and its adjacent structures at the centre of a small 19th century farming operation.

In total, 362 features were recorded, the majority being postholes relating to five structures over two phases, and fence lines. The first phase relates to a previously unknown Maori occupation of the site prior to European settlement, and includes kumara pits, a house, palisade or fence line, and a collapsed rua pit. This was re-used later as a rubbish pit during the Street family period of occupation. The second phase, that of the European occupation, showed postholes relating to what would have been the house. Unfortunately, the cut for the new road was made through here, and this process, which occurred prior to archaeological investigation, destroyed much of the remains of the house. However, one exciting find, in the middle of the excavation area, was a pit with a cobbled stone floor, about one metre deep (see photograph below). Romulus Street accounts for a potato house in his claim for compensation, and it is likely that this is that feature. In this pit a number of items relating to farming were found, together with household implements such as a “go-ashore” cooking pot. In addition a well was found and partially excavated, postholes relating to a barn type structure, and a very deep pit, with no artefacts in it that could have been a long-drop, or even possibly a deep cache pit.



In total, several thousand diagnostic pieces of ceramic, glass and other farming and domestic utensils were recovered. These are still being analysed, but a preliminary viewing over the ceramics suggests some earlier pieces that date to around 1820, with the majority of the material dating from around the 1850-1860's. These will perhaps give us an insight into the kinds of wares brought over from England with the family, and those that were available in New Plymouth during the middle part of the 19th century.

Both the features and finds recovered will allow us to investigate the adaptation of the first settler generation in New Plymouth to their new environment. The successful excavation of this site reiterates the point that these early homestead sites are a valuable archaeological resource, despite their lack of visible surface features.

Janice Adamson, Geometria
Rick McGovern-Wilson

NORTHERN TERRITORY NEWS

Nothing from the NT.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA NEWS

South Australia is quiet too.

TASMANIA NEWS

Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority (Greg Jackman)

Report on Port Arthur Summer Archaeology Program 2005

And a thoroughly rotten time was had by all...

The 2005 summer program marked a departure from previous formats, which is usually based around two blocks of terrestrial excavation within the Historic Site. The 2005 season shifted the excavation shift to the 1840s Cascades Probation Station at Koonya, on the north coast of the Tasman Peninsula. A small team of hardy and enthusiastic volunteers spent three happy rain-soaked weeks working within the confines of what remained of the former married officers' quarters, historically known as Rotten Row. The project involved the removal of decayed flooring and excavation of underfloor deposits throughout the standing portion of the building, in advance of its renovation for tourist accommodation.

The project involved photogram metrically documenting the floor surfaces and post-excavation subfloor features, and archaeologically deconstructing the flooring and

associated joinery using the methodology for buildings archaeology adapted by Martin Davies (See Davies. M. 1987 *AJHA* Vol. 5:54-64).

While the building yielded significant information relating to its structural evolution, the stories relating to its history of occupancy were less clear; years of decay and use as a stock shelter substantially mixing the subfloor record.

Tasman Peninsula convict jetties survey – ‘Waders of the lost Mark’

The greater part of February was given over to a survey of convict maritime infrastructure along the north coast of the Tasman Peninsula. The survey was run as a Maritime Archaeology Field School for Flinders University maritime archaeology students. Led by Mark Staniforth and Joe Flatman, with the assistance of Tom MacErlean from the University of Ulster and a cabal of shades-clad supervisors, the 24 students took to the subarctic waters with relative relish, recoding any and all discernible features relating to convict and later phase jetties and wharves at the Coal Mines and neighbouring Probation Station Sites at Saltwater River, Impression Bay and Cascades.

Re-survey and detailed recording was also carried out on a possible convict-period wreck site adjacent to the Port Arthur Dockyards, in advance of a small test excavation.

Public Archaeology

In addition to its normal volunteer archaeology program, the PAHSMA regularly runs a public archaeology program each January and February at the Historic Site. The 2005 program was shortened to four weeks in January owing to the reduction in associated archaeological works within the reserve. However the shortened program more than compensated with a broadening of its interpretive and interactive offerings to include trench-side talks and an archaeological museum and activity centre – set up in the Police Station. The public Archaeology program was run by Jody Steele, with the assistance of volunteers rostered from the Rotten Row project.

The public excavation, focussing on the site of Port Arthur’s first hospital, was designed to test hypotheses generated by the previous winter’s geophysical survey, and revealed the location and layout of the hospital privy and detached kitchen outbuilding and perimeter wall.

Two hundred young visitors took part in the excavation, with a further 8,000 visitors gaining a first-hand experience of archaeology through the trench talks and illuminating on-site interpretation.

Anne McConnell Cultural Heritage and Quaternary Geoscience (Anne McConnell)

Anne McConnell has been working on a variety of small, mostly Hobart based projects. The Wellington Park Historic Heritage Inventory & Audit Project (with Lindy Scripps) is nearing completion, with the project identifying over 200 places of historical interest

and/or social value. The bulk of the places are recreational huts and tracks near Hobart that date from the 1840s onwards, and in the more remote western half of the Park the places are mainly 1900s timber industry sites. Other small projects include archaeological monitoring projects, including in the area of 1810s settlement in Moonah, and in St David's Park - Hobart's first cemetery. Anne McConnell, Mary Knaggs & Ian Terry have finished a CMP for a mid 1900s family accommodation cabin at Cynthia Bay, Lake St Clair, which found that although common in the mid-1900s, unmodified examples of this type of simple, rustic, timber public facility are now relatively rare, and were very significant for many Tasmanian families in providing affordable accommodation and introducing two generations of Tasmanians to the bush.

Anne McConnell continues to represent *Cultural Heritage Practitioners Tasmania* on the Mountain Water Supply Heritage Working Group which provides advice to the various managers (Hobart City Council, Hobart Water and the Wellington Park Management Trust) regarding this highly significant 1860s-1920s gravity fed system which is still intact and mostly operational. The system comprises several kilometres of sandstone troughing, early steel and ceramic pipe, sandstone aqueducts, carved sandstone weirs (intakes) and receiving basins & houses, open reservoirs, and associated tracks, sandstone quarries and a limestone quarry and kilns. To assist in the management of the Water Supply System and bushland heritage more generally, Anne ran a one day 'Essentials of Cultural Heritage Management' course for Hobart City Council field staff and Hobart Water staff in summer.

Archaeological Services Tasmania (Parry Kostoglou)

Parry Kostoglou carried out archaeological excavations on the site of the second Hobart Hospital (1843-1937), in advance of the relocation of the Emergency Medicine Dept. of the Royal Hobart Hospital. The excavation revealed sandstone footings of the 1840s colonial hospital as well as rubble walls from the 1867 additions, plus a section of a Liverpool Street private allotment; including an 1845 cottage and privy. The privy was the only sealed deposit located during the excavation, containing a range of domestic artefacts that add further detail to understandings of early Hobart life.

Parry is currently undertaking a cultural heritage investigation of the historic Mt Bischoff tin mine in Northeast Tasmania ahead of a tailings reprocessing project.

Austral Archaeology (David Parham)

Austral Archaeology, in conjunction with consultant archaeologist Jody Steele, has been involved in controlled excavations and monitoring works associated with the installation of deep services in Hobart's Wapping district. The excavations have revealed the remains of one of a pair of conjoined two-roomed weatherboard cottages, formerly No 27 Collins Street. The site contained part of the timber floor and underfloor deposits which have yielded insights into the lives of women and children in early Hobart; details that

add colour to recorded history and provide insights to lives otherwise unremarked. At 1.8m below the present street level, the site is also a valuable guide to the potential survival of other sites on Hobart's early foreshore.

Austral and Jody Steele recently carried out work for the replacement of a roadside retaining wall adjacent to the Albuera Street School, on the site of the former St. Georges Anglican burial ground. Archaeological methods were used to delineate burials and to assist in the development of minimal impact solutions to the site's engineering challenges. No in situ burials were disturbed during the work. During the project the remains of several hundred headstone fragments were recovered from a ramp constructed during the 1920s. The headstones had been used to construct the ramp. The conservation requirements of these items are presently being negotiated between the Department of Education, Tasmanian Heritage Council, and City of Hobart.

Austral Archaeology in conjunction with historian and heritage consultant Ian Terry and architect Paul Davies have been working on a draft conservation plan for Tarraleah Power Station for Hydro Tasmania. The work is part of a wider Cultural Heritage Program being implemented by Hydro Tas that has involved a systematic assessment of heritage assets under Hydro control.

Austral has also been involved in preparing a conservation plan for Franklin Square in conjunction with principal consultant and landscape architect Lesley Gulson and consultant historian Lindy Scripps for the Hobart City Council.

VICTORIA NEWS

Well, they're having the conference so that's their News!

WESTERN AUSTRALIA NEWS

Arrangements are being finalised with the City of Fremantle for archaeological work on Fremantle's High Street (west end). High Street west is part of a precinct that was the town's centre until the moving of harbour facilities from the ocean jetties to the Swan River in the late 1890s.

Work will commence with excavations to unearth the foundations of the Round House's original stone steps (the State's oldest securely dated building), while other excavations will hopefully encounter remains of the area's early transport and judicial use.

The City of Fremantle wish the project's archaeological component to provide a rare opportunity to the Western Australian general-public to witness and participate in an archaeological excavation with the potential of unearthing early European settlement material remains.

There are plans also for archaeological work on other precinct features, for example the seawall south of Arthur's Head, the convict built river jetty (both now on land after reclamation), and a reanalysis of Bather's Bay whaling station.

Shane Burke

ASSOCIATION BUSINESS



Annual General Meeting 2005

This years AGM will be held during the City and the Bush Conference.

Date: October 1st 2005
Time: 4:00pm
Location: La Trobe University City Campus
215 Franklin Street,
Melbourne, VIC

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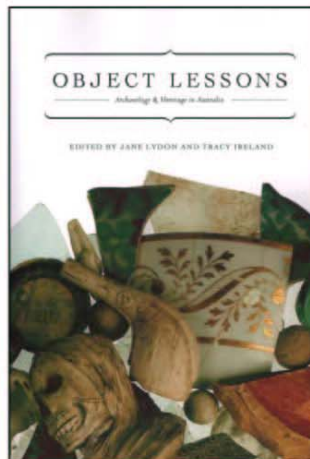
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Archaeology and Heritage in Australia

Edited by Jane Lydon and Tracy Ireland

Australian society increasingly tries to learn from its past, as it comes to recognise how rich and complex that past has been, and the ways that it continues to shape the present. Where many Australians once considered their society to lack a history or culture of its own, today the nation takes pride in its unique identity. In representing ourselves we draw upon diverse aspects of the past, including the distinctiveness of Aboriginal cultures, and the meaning and importance conferred upon colonial places. We create a sense of emplacement and belonging within these negotiated social spaces.

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FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES



Australasian Society for Historical Archaeology

2005 Conference: The City and the Bush Melbourne, Australia 29 Sept – 2 Oct 2005

Theme

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

Location and Conference Venue

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

Timing

The conference runs from **Thursday 29 September to Sunday 2 October, 2005**. There will be a pre-conference welcoming reception and registration in the Old Melbourne Magistrates Court at the corner of Russell and Latrobe Streets on the evening of Wednesday 28 September and a post-conference field trip to sites and wineries along the Mornington Peninsula on Monday 3 October 2005.

Accommodation

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

Fieldtrips

Conference Field Trips

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

Post-Conference Field Trip

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

Prizes

This year we are pleased to announce that prizes will be offered to the Best Paper, and Best Student Paper presented at the conference. Further, a travel prize will be awarded to the student travelling the furthest to attend the conference. The Best Conference Paper is proudly sponsored by **Tardis Enterprises Pty Ltd** and the Best Student Paper is proudly sponsored by **Context Pty Ltd**.

Provisional Program

Wednesday 28 September

Pre-Conference Reception and Registration at Melbourne's historic Old Melbourne Magistrates Court on the corner of Russell and Latrobe Streets, a few doors down from the Old Melbourne Gaol between 6.00 and 8.00 PM. The reception will feature the Marching in Time exhibition, showcasing the results of excavations at the site of the Government Camp in Ballarat's historic precinct. The opening reception is proudly sponsored by **Context Pty Ltd**.

Thursday 29 September

Papers at La Trobe University, City Campus.

Sessions include:

- 1: Material Culture: New Studies and Approaches
- 2: Cemetery Studies
- 3: Landscape Archaeology

Friday 30 September

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

Luncheon is proudly sponsored by **TerraCulture Heritage Consultants**.

Saturday 1 October

Papers at La Trobe University, City Campus.

Sessions include:

- 1: Industrial Archaeology in Australia and New Zealand
- 2: Early Chinese Industry in Australia and New Zealand
- 3: The Built Environment: Urban studies and 'Buildings' Approaches in Archaeology
- 4: Cultural Interactions in Africa, New Zealand and Singapore

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

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

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

Sunday 2 October "Victorian Projects"

Papers at La Trobe University, City Campus.

Sessions include

- 1: Casselden Place
- 2: Rural Archaeology in Victoria: A view from the bush
- 3: Managing the Past: Consultant Archaeology in Victoria

Luncheon is proudly sponsored by **Godden Mackay Logan Heritage Consultants**

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

Monday 3 October

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

Conference Costs

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

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

- † Students must send a photocopy of valid ID
- ‡ Valid for a maximum of two days only
- * Not included in registration fee
- # No charge for tours, but please bring appropriate rail fare for the tour to the Heritage Victoria Conservation Laboratory at Abbotsford: \$5.90 (Full) or \$3.10 (Concession)
- + Space limited, book early!

Disclaimer

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

Conference 2005 Registration Form

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

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

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

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

AV REQUIREMENTS FOR PRESENTERS: Please tick appropriate box
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AAA/AIMA 2005 JOINT CONFERENCE

The Archaeology of Trade and Exchange 27-30 November 2005

SESSION 6

Wednesday 30 November 2005

1.20-3.00pm

IN-SITU PRESERVATION AND/OR STABILISATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE SITES

Session Organiser:

Ms Vicki Richards vicki.richards@museum.wa.gov.au

ABSTRACT

Within the last decade or so, *in-situ* preservation of archaeological sites has become an increasingly common and favoured practice. The aim of this session is to broaden discussions on the *in-situ* preservation/stabilisation and management of terrestrial and underwater cultural heritage sites and their associated archaeological finds. Papers discussing the ideology of on-site preservation, legislative requirements and present directions of *in-situ* preservation, assessment of site deterioration, principles for development and implementation of mitigation strategies, long-term success albeit failure of past stabilisation techniques, *in-situ* monitoring of sites to determine the effectiveness of *in-situ* management strategies, etc are encouraged.

Please submit a 200-word abstract for your proposed presentation as an email attachment in Word format to Vicki Richards by 1 September 2005.

- All paper presentation will be 15 minutes in length with 5 minutes allocated for questions and discussion.
- All posters should be designed to fit either A0 or A1 sheets.
- Submission of the proposal implies that at least one author will register for the conference and be present at the time designated in the conference program.
- All paper and poster proposals must be received by September 1 2005.
- Early bird registration closes on September 1 2005.
- Each paper submitted must include a separate title page, detailing:
 - Title of submission
 - Type of presentation (i.e. paper or poster)
 - Session for which submitted
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 - Corresponding author if different to lead author

Session times and other relevant details are available from the conference website:

<http://www.aaa-aima-2005.conf.uwa.edu.au/welcome>

Dear members,

This is a final call for papers for the 2005 AAA/AIMA Conference Nov 27 - Nov 30, Fremantle, Western Australia.

Session: **Intercolonial trade in the archaeological record – artefact typologies and research materials**

Organisers: Cassandra Philippou (cassandra.philippou@dse.vic.gov.au)
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The aim of this session is to enable a broader discussion on artefact research. Since the birth of the discipline, archaeologists have used artefact typologies to assist in the identification, dating and interpretation of sites. From stone artefacts, shell and bone tools to clay pipes, glass bottles and anchors, artefact typologies can be extremely useful for relative dating. This session aims to generate discussion on recent research on artefact types; classification systems for artefacts; the benefits of rigorous interpretation of artefacts on the comprehension of sites; and the usefulness of large collections in developing typological research materials. Papers on artefact research that have enlightened interpretation of specific sites are encouraged, as are papers on Recent developments in artefact research from all areas of archaeology.

We welcome papers that may fit into this session, deadline for submission of abstracts is **Thursday 1 September 2005**.

Please send abstracts to both session organisers.

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