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1. THE REGISTER.

The Register has now been distributed to Members, members of of A.A.C.A. Membership Sub-Committee, State Authorities and firms most likely to need the services of Archaeologists. These totalled over 100.

In addition a letter was sent to firms and organisations which may be likely to require archaeological consultants. The response from both the recipients of the Register and the letters of notification has been gratifying.

The first updated version is expected to be produced within the next few months. In addition several new Members are waiting to go on the Register. Should you wish to go on the following update (1982) you'd better act soon.

All Membership enquiries should be addressed to:-

Margrit Koettig,
Membership Secretary
A.A.C.A.
PO Box 214 Holme Building.
University of Sydney. 2006.

2. INCORPORATION.

Incorporation has now been completed. The Association should be referred to as The A.A.C.A.Inc.

3. STATE CHAPTERS.

We received an annual report from David Clark of the Victorian Chapter. In it he outlines events and activities of that Chapter in 1980-81. He says... 'the main setback to the Victorian Chapter was the permanent employment or movement inter-state of the people interested in consulting work and lack of consultancies. This trend has now reversed and we have a healthy population of archaeologists and an increasing number of consultancies.

The V.A.S. has employed Gary Presland to carry out consultancies awarded to the V.A.S. These usually involve other Government departments of local authorities who can not or will not pay full rates. The V.A.S. has also employed other archaeologists on a sub-contract basis when more lucrative jobs are offered. Kinhill Planners for example are employing archaeological consultants on a fairly regular basis.

The main problem with the privately sponsored consultancies is the lack of an adequate brief. This has led to poorly done assessments, trouble with Koories and loss of archaeological credibility for the V.A.S. and other archaeologists. We are fortunate Mike McIntyre is taking an active role in this field both in his official capacity and as an ex-consultant.

I can only give you a rough estimate of the number of contractors/consultants in Victoria at the moment as they are a highly mobile group. The breakdown is:-

Employed by V.A.S.	2
La Trobe students	6-7 (active in contracting)
Independent	4-5

To the above list can be added the permanent staff of the V.A.S. (7) and La Trobe (7) and many students who would like to be involved in contract work.

As I mentioned, there are plenty of jobs going in Victoria and the Ministry has recently re-advertised for consultants who wish to go on our Register. Regards,
David.

4. INSURANCE.

(See Application form at end of Newsletter.)

We are now negotiating for Group Cover. Terms are more favourable when on a group basis. If you want to take advantage of this excellent opportunity fill in the attached form and send it in as soon as possible.

This is the best possible offer that can be negotiated. Remember the risks involved in archaeological work and it is important to be covered against not being able to take up employment.

5. BIBLIOGRAPHY OF CONSULTANTS.

The task of compilation of the Bibliography will be investigated by a questionnaire asking consultants to provide details of unpublished material they have produced.

It is hoped the list will also contain Reports written by archaeologists who are not part of A.A.C.A. If you can suggest the names of such people to whom the questionnaire can be sent please forward to:-

The Secretary,
A.A.C.A.
PO Box 214 etc.

6. WORKSHOP ON REPORT WRITING.

At least 20 people attended. Discussions centered mainly on the N.S.W. system since the majority in attendance work within that state. Speakers included Kate Sullivan and Marjorie Sullivan. Topics included:-

- client requirements.
- State Authority requirements.
- format and content of reports.
- particular points most often found lacking or omitted from reports.

It was decided that the Association should produce a pamphlet on report writing incorporating the results of this workshop. If you have anything you wish to contribute, in terms of suggestions or problems etc.

Please write to:- Kari Barz,
82 Carruthers St.,
Curtin. 2605
ACT.

7. FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES.

1. A.A.A.

The annual meeting and conference of the A.A.A. will be held at St. Columbus Colledge at Springwood, N.S.W. on 14th-15th of November.

Sessions will include a conference on evaluating archaeological significance for cultural resource management, and a workshop on Stone Tool Typology, and a section for recent research reports.

If you are interested please contact:-

Dr Sandra Bowdler,
c/o Dept. of Anthropology,
University of Sydney. 2006.

Registration Fee is \$10 Accomodation(limited) & Meals is \$18 a day.
An excursion may be arranged also.

2. ANZAS in 1982.

Several different sessions should be of interest.

For details contact:-

Anne Ross
c/o Dept. of Earth Sciences.
Macquarie University.
North Ryde. 2113.

8. PERSONAL NOTES.

1. Eleanor Crosby has recently moved to Queensland. Her new address is:-
PO Box 5494
Gold Coast Mail Centre.
Queensland. 4217.

2. Eleanor Crosbys former business name, Canberra Archaeological Services has now been transferred to Kari Barz. (see above for address.)

3. Laila Haglunds new telephone number is (02)8184541.

P.S. If you'd like information inserted in this section please let us know. (We reserve editorial rights.)

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NOTICE OF

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Saturday 13th March 1981

TIME: 1.00 PM

PLACE: The Reading Room, Department of Anthropology,
University of Sydney, Sydney 2006

Afternoon tea/coffee will be provided.

If you wish to place an item on the Agenda, please notify the
Secretary (AACA, Box 214, Holme Building, University of Sydney,
NSW, 2006).