



# Newsletter

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## New AACAI National Executive Committee

The new AACAI National Executive Committee (NEC) for 2012/2013 is as follows:

President	Fiona Hook
Vice President	Richard Fullagar
Secretary	Oona Nicholson
Treasurer	Laura Farquharson
Membership Secretary	Joe Dortch
Public Officer	Peter Kuskie

The members of the Membership Committee for 2012 are:

David Nutley  
Louise Steding  
Paul Greenfeld  
Peter Veth  
Allan Lance  
Oona Nicolson  
Neale Draper

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## Message from the President

Greetings to all members of AACAI.

This is my first newsletter address as new AACAI President and I'd like firstly to thank the past members of the NEC, Secretariat Georgia Meros, Webmaster Luke Kirkwood and the Membership Committee for the considerable time commitments they dedicate to your Association. I'd especially like to thank Colin Pardoe (past Vice-President) and Petra Schell (past Treasurer) who have stepped down from their positions on the NEC. Richard Fullagar has agreed to stay on as Vice-President and Laura Farquharson has switched from Secretary to Treasurer. I'd like to welcome Oona Nicholson back to the NEC as Secretary. We all look forward to an exciting year ahead for AACAI.

As you will see from the minutes that are part of this Newsletter the AACAI AGM was held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2012 with 30 members attending. What isn't in the AGM Minutes are details of the highly successful "Meet the Graduates" session, organised by AACAI President Richard Fullagar and AAA President Lynley Wallis, and which was held immediately after the AGM. The event attracted 28 sponsors and 79 graduates. Most sponsors came armed with banners, brochures and loads of give-aways. Graduates came armed with CVs and lots of questions. There was so much food and drink that the event became very merry and was a very convivial event. I look forward to what will transpire this year. Well done Richard and Lynley for getting this one off the ground and for increasing the sponsorship at the conference.

The new NEC has yet to meet and set out its plans for 2012 and we plan to have our first meeting in mid February. However, using the AGM as a springboard, some of the areas we'd like to tackle are the perennial ones; 1) increasing the membership base; 2) ensuring that more workshops / events are held for the benefit of members; 3) ensuring that the AACAI publications are produced; 4) streamlining the membership application process.

As you will be aware some of the exiting things that have occurred in the last two months are that the WA Chapter of the Association has been revived with its first event planned for the 1<sup>st</sup> February. Both the NSW and Victorian Chapters are planning workshops for this year as well.

I would encourage you all to donate to the [AACAI Student Support Fund](#), which was established in 2010 to provide funding to full time honours students working on topics that relate to consulting archaeological practice. Applicants are assessed by a committee on the basis of the relevance of the project, academic record and the comments of referees. In 2 years AACAI has distributed \$10,500 in funds to 5 worthy recipients. Please contact Oliver Brown ([ob@obca.com.au](mailto:ob@obca.com.au)) for more information.

The new website is currently in the testing phase and will be launched in the very near future.

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## **New AACAI State Chapter Executive Committees**

### **Western Australia**

Chairman:	Phil Czerwinski
Vice-chair:	Fiona Hook
Secretary:	Diana Neuweger
Treasurer:	Jo Thompson
State Delegate:	Alistair Paterson
Alternate State Delegate:	Joe Dortch

### **NSW/ACT**

The NSW/ACT AGM was held on 25 November 2012 and elected a new State Executive Committee:

Chairman:	Oliver Brown
Vice-chair:	Jenna Weston
Secretary:	Sandra Wallace
Treasurer:	Gretta Logue
State Delegate:	Fiona Leslie
Alternate State Delegate:	Jenna Weston
Committee Member:	Alan Williams
Committee Member:	Anne Bickford
Committee Member:	Lyndon Patterson

This largely represents some musical chairs, and we mostly look forward to business as usual. We will continue with our annual workshops (planned to be stone artefact analysis in 2012) and other events. We are also gearing up to do all that we can in facilitating the enormous contribution possible from consulting archaeologists in the current NSW Aboriginal heritage reform process. Our greatest loss is Fiona Leslie as Chair. Fiona has served on the committee for many years now and will continue to assist us informally. We all owe her a great debt and wish her all the relief of being at home in the Blue Mountains with a toddler instead of on the long train ride from the city to the Blue Mountains. We also bid farewell to Sophie Brettell to the demands of a second child. Felicity Barry also leaves us, but will keep helping to see the 2012 workshop come about.

**Please also note the new postal address for the NSW/ACT State Chapter of AACAI:**

PO Box 1447  
Strawberry Hills NSW 2012

**VICTORIA**

The VIC AGM was held on 25 November 2012 and elected a new State Executive Committee

Chairman:	Oona Nicolson
Vice-chair:	Adrienne Ellis
Secretary:	Matt Schlitz
Treasurer:	Petra Schell
State Delegate:	Vanessa Edmonds
Alternate State Delegate:	Andrea Murphy

Thanks and farewell to Andrew Costello as Treasurer and for organising the finances into a healthy state as a result of the geomorphology workshop. Thanks to all the regular contributors (particularly for the review of the Act this year) and members attending meetings. Plans for 2012 include a membership drive/BBQ early in February and proposed workshop. Big welcome to Adrienne Ellis as Vice-Chair and who will also kindly act as assistant secretary. We're looking forward to members coming along to chapter meetings to assist us fire up the 2012 programme.

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**Papers for *Archaeological Heritage* sought urgently**

The Editor of *Archaeological Heritage* is urgently seeking papers for the journal. The journal is still short a couple of papers and/or short reports on recent projects. If you have one just about ready to go please send it to Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy at [susan.mcintyretamwoy@jcu.edu.au](mailto:susan.mcintyretamwoy@jcu.edu.au). Papers will be refereed but there are some referees on hand who have promised a quick turn around time.

DID YOU PRESENT AT AAA last year and want a quick publication of your paper? This is your opportunity so please contact Susan McIntyre-Tamwoy urgently.

Also please pass this message on to anyone you think who might be interested in contributing...they don't have to be an AACAI member.

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**AACAI 2012 AGM minutes**

Please find following.

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## Multidisciplinary Perspectives in Archaeological Heritage Management

ICAHM (International Scientific Committee for Archaeological Heritage Management) is delighted to announce its new book series, which is being published by Springer Press. Books will appear simultaneously in print in soft cover and on-line within 8-12 weeks of final manuscript receipt.

Volumes will be 50-125 typeset pages (20,000 to 45,000 words), including images and references. The series is ideal for scholars whose manuscript is too long for an article yet too brief for a full-length book. We welcome single authored, co-authored, or edited submissions. Each volume is peer-reviewed.

Further information is available from [here](#) and also in the [ICAHM Book Series Prospectus Guidelines](#).

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## Bodossakis / University of Kent scholarships for the MA in Heritage Management

Four Bodossakis / University of Kent scholarships (fees only) are available for the MA in Heritage Management.

The MA is a unique collaboration between the worlds of Archaeology (University of Kent, Canterbury with leading heritage management projects) and Business (Athens University of Economics and Business with one of the 30 best MBAs internationally). Courses include Education and Archaeology, Site Conservation, Human Resources Management for Cultural Organisations, Strategic Planning, Public Archaeology, Tourism Marketing and others. All courses are taught in English, in or next to the archaeological site of Eleusis (home of the most famous mysteries of antiquity) near Athens, Greece. Students at the end of their studies receive two titles one from Kent and one from AUEB. Fees are the same for both EU and non EU students.

There are both partial and full scholarships.

For more information please contact [Dr. Nota Pantzou](#), Education Programmes Manager, Initiative for Heritage Conservancy.

For more academic information please contact [Dr. Evangelos Kyriakidis](#).

Further information on the program can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

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## New CHASS Board of Directors for 2012-14

The 8th Annual General Meeting of the Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences held on 9 November 2011 elected the following Board and Executive to serve a three year term.

President	Professor Sue Willis (Monash)
Vice-President	Associate Professor Peta Ashworth (CSIRO)
Treasurer	Michael Crayford (Australian National Maritime Museum)
Secretary	Associate Professor Rhian Parker (ANU)

Board members:

Dr Camilla Couch (TAFE NSW);  
Professor Linda Rosenman (Victoria University);  
Associate Professor Michele Simons (University of South Australia);  
Christie Anthoney (TAFE SA)  
Professor Joe Siracusa (RMIT)  
John Simons (Macquarie University)

Other recent news from CHASS can be read here  
<http://www.chass.org.au/news/2011-11-18/> and here

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### **AACAI Student Support Fund**

**The time has come again to donate.**

The AACAI Student Support Fund was established in 2010 to provide funding to full time honours students working on topics that relate to consulting archaeological practice. Applicants are assessed by a committee on the basis of the relevance of the project, academic record and the comments of referees. In 2 years we have distributed \$10,500 in funds to 5 worthy recipients. Core funding has been provided by the NEC with the rest made up by donations from members. Doug Williams at Ironbark Heritage and Environment has provided \$2,500 annually and is donating again for 2012; other donations have been received from Michele Bird.

**We need more donors. All donations go direct to students and make a very real difference.**

Responses from students supported by the fund to dates shows that it has made some appreciable differences to students dedicating themselves to what most of know can be a very tough year. We have 2 from 2 for 1st Class Honours of our highest ranked recipients.

If you feel that the consulting business has been good to you and/or if you can remember the rigours of an honours year coupled with financial strain, please donate.

This year we will be starting a page for the fund on the AACAI website. On this site and in any other ways that we can, we will continue to do what we can to recognise the generosity of corporate or individual donors. If you can help out, please email [ob@obca.com.au](mailto:ob@obca.com.au) for AACAI banking details.

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## Geomorphological Assessments Australia Wide

Are you undertaking best practice in interpreting archaeology?

- Accurate interpretation of archaeology can only be made within the context of understanding environmental and post depositional history.
- Including a geomorphological assessment of an archaeological investigation will significantly improve analysis outcomes.

Geomorphological processes in the landscape can greatly influence the integrity and placement of archaeological artefacts on and below the surface. Therefore, it is important to recognize the present and past processes that have affected the landscape. A combination of field work and desktop review of the literature allows an integrated understanding of the evolution of the landscape and the deposition of artefacts to present a detailed history of the landscape in relation to its archaeological significance. The assessment produces a detailed technical report as a stand-alone document or can be tailored to suit your reports.

Karen Kapteninis (BCBE Hons) is a qualified Geomorphologist working full time in an archaeological environment with Archaeology at Tardis. Karen is able to undertake geomorphological assessment anywhere in Australia, including landscape evolution, and analysis of sediment and soil processes. Karen has extensive experience in artefact source rock identification, acid sulfate soil analysis, and landscape, regolith and soil processes. In addition, she has specialised in the aeolian landscapes and floodplain environments.

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## Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation CH Surveys – a message from Graham Knuckey

Folks,

I wrote the following letter to AACAI soon after returning from [attempted] fieldwork with the Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation (YAC) in December 2012. Surveys you'd all be aware of. Fiona Hook, current chair of AACAI asked me to circulate it to you but I failed to do so before leaving for field work in the SW corner of Qld. I have just returned from that trip.

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## International Conference on Cultural Heritage and New Technologies

The Proceedings of the 15th Workshop – International Conference on Cultural Heritage and New Technologies are now available [online](#).

### NEXT CONFERENCE

The 17th International Conference on Cultural Heritage and New Technologies will take place from 5-7 November 2012, again in the City Hall of Vienna, Austria.

The main topic will be “Urban Archaeology and Excavations”. The Call for Papers, Posters and Videos will start in February 2012.

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## News on the Belitung Shipwreck

Recently, Freer/Sackler (F/S) director Julian Raby convened another round of talks on the Belitung Shipwreck exhibit.

There were about 35 attendees (participants, moderators, presenters, observers) from all sides, interest groups and geographical locations, and the maritime preservation interests (both archaeology and museum) were very well represented.

By lunchtime of the first day, there was a rather large surprise. A unanimous consensus was reached, recommending that the Belitung Wreck be revisited, and that the remains left behind by the salvors be completely excavated scientifically and made available to the world. It was further agreed that the best people to take on the fieldwork is the SE Asians themselves (assuming the proper infrastructure, resources and training), funded by the Smithsonian’s F/S. Dr. Raby has already been in touch with a major funding source that has indicated strong interest in assisting the project, and there are also significant Smithsonian financial resources available for a pan-institutional, multi-disciplinary project of this nature and scope. UNESCO has pledged its support and has already contacted officials within the Indonesian government to assist in the permitting and planning process.

The original exhibit as planned and developed by the F/S will not be presented at or supported by the Smithsonian, although it will continue to travel to ~10 institutions already committed to the exhibit schedule.



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## Inaugural Asian Academy for Heritage Management Asia-Pacific Regional Conference

The Inaugural Asian Academy for Heritage Management (AAHM) [Asia-Pacific Regional Conference on Underwater Cultural Heritage](#) was held from 8-12 November 2011 in Manila, Philippines.

The conference was hosted by the National Museum of Philippines, who organized catering and graciously allowed free access to museum theatres and galleries.

The conference aimed to:

- Exchange and disseminate information about underwater cultural heritage in Asia and the countries of the Indian and Pacific Oceans
- Facilitate professional development for underwater archaeologists and underwater cultural heritage managers in the Asia-Pacific region
- Provide a forum for discussion and exchange of ideas about and approaches to underwater cultural heritage and underwater archaeology
- Publish the proceedings both online and in print and disseminate to a wide audience

To read more, download the [AAHM Asia-Pacific Regional Conference – final press release](#).

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## 2011 Commonwealth State of the Environment Report

The fourth national assessment of the state of Australia's environment was launched on 12 December 2011 by the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, the Hon Tony Burke MP.

Written by an independent committee of experts, the report covers nine aspects of the Australian environment – atmosphere, inland water, land, marine environment, Antarctic environment, biodiversity, heritage, built environment and coasts. Richard Mackay AM was responsible for the heritage chapter.

The report is available at from [here](#).

### **Key findings – Heritage**

#### **Our extraordinary and diverse natural and cultural heritage generally remains in good condition**

Australia is a complex, layered natural and cultural landscape in which unique geodiversity and biodiversity provide the palette for an ancient Indigenous

culture and two centuries of post-colonial settlement history. Our heritage can be experienced at different levels and through different encounters: at grand and minute scales, in both tangible and intangible ways. The current condition and integrity of Australia's listed heritage generally appear to be good, with some deterioration evident over recent years. However, it is challenging to draw a single cohesive conclusion about the condition of Australia's natural and cultural heritage, given the diverse and fragmented nature of available information.

### **Australia is recognised internationally for leadership in heritage management**

We have a range of well-resolved processes for identification, protection, management and celebration of our heritage that should reduce pressures, minimise risk and retain those values that make our heritage places special.

### **Our heritage is being threatened by natural and human processes and a lack of public sector resourcing that does not reflect the true value of heritage to the Australian community**

The nation's protected natural and cultural resource does not include all the places with heritage value, nor is it truly representative. Management and protection of Australia's heritage is under-resourced and, despite our internationally recognised processes, the systems used to manage our heritage are cumbersome. This is out of line with community perceptions of heritage value. Consequently, our heritage is at great risk from the impacts of climate change, threats arising from development, and pressures that flow from population growth.

### **Improvement will require change**

The future for Australia's heritage will depend on government leadership in two key areas: undertaking thorough and comprehensive assessments that lead to adequate areas of protected land and comprehensive heritage inventories, and changing heritage management paradigms and resource allocation in response to emerging threats.

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## **2013 Visiting Fellowship Program, Humanities Research Centre, ANU**

The Humanities Research Centre, ANU College of Arts & Social Sciences is now accepting applications for the 2013 Visiting Fellowship Program.

**Annual Theme:** Cities, Imaginaries, Publics

**Deadline:** Tuesday, 15th March 2012.

These fellowships are open to everyone who meets the eligibility criteria. Please read the guidelines for eligibility, Application form and other details via the [website](#).

For more information contact Programs Manager, [Leena Messina](#).

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## UNESCO Asia-Pacific Heritage Awards 2012 – call for entries

Entries are now being accepted for the 2012 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation.

In addition to the conservation awards, the “Jury Commendation for Innovation” will also be considered for newly-built structures which demonstrate outstanding architectural design that is well-integrated into historic contexts.

The 2012 Awards cycle marks a milestone for the programme, after successful implementation over the first twelve years. With support from the Macau Foundation, the Awards programme is now being enhanced to have even greater impact in raising awareness about exemplary practices in conserving heritage sites around the region.

The deadline for receipt of materials is **31 March 2012**.

For more information, please see the [press release](#) and [brochure](#).

To apply, please download the [entry forms](#).

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## Calendar of seminars and events

### FEBRUARY 2012

#### **Canberra Archaeological Society/Centre for Archaeological Research**

##### **Lecture**

**TOPIC:** Moth Hunters Revisited

**Speaker(s):** Dr Josephine Flood

**Date:** Wednesday 29 February 2012

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Venue:** Manning Clark Theatre 6 ANU

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### MARCH 2012

#### **Canberra Archaeological Society/Centre for Archaeological Research**

##### **Lecture**

**TOPIC:** NSW Archaeology On-Line

**Speaker(s)**: Dr Sarah Colley  
**Date**: Wednesday 21 March 2012  
**Time**: 7.30pm  
**Venue**: Manning Clark Theatre 6 ANU

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APRIL 2012

**Conference:**  
**First International Conference on Best Practices in World Heritage: Archaeology**  
**Date**: 9-13 April 2012  
**Place**: Menorca, Spain  
**Website**: <http://www.congresopatrimoniomundialmenorca.cime.es/>

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**Canberra Archaeological Society/Centre for Archaeological Research**  
**Lecture**  
**TOPIC**: Amenhotep III is the Father of Diplomacy  
**Speaker(s)**: Kristian Bonnici  
**Date**: Wednesday 18 April 2012  
**Time**: 7.30pm  
**Venue**: Manning Clark Theatre 6 ANU

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MAY 2012

**Canberra Archaeological Society/Centre for Archaeological Research**  
**Lecture**  
**TOPIC**: Understanding the complexity of cultural change during the Contact period in Northwestern Arnhem Land  
**Speaker(s)**: Daryl Wesley  
**Date**: Wednesday 16 May 2012  
**Time**: 7.30pm  
**Venue**: Manning Clark Theatre 6 ANU

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NOVEMBER 2012

**Conference:**

**17th International Conference on Cultural Heritage and New Technologies**

**Theme:** "Urban Archaeology and Excavations"

**Date:** 5-7 November 2012

**Place:** City Hall of Vienna, Austria

**Website:** <http://www.stadtarchaeologie.at/>

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