

CAS News February 2017

Happy New Year!

2016 saw another busy year for CAS. There were the usual monthly Lectures, Science in Action week, Heritage Week, National Archaeology Week, the ACT and Region Annual Heritage Symposium, a BBQ, Lake George Walk and more.

Membership numbers remained steady and the Committee met monthly and a committee planning day was held on Jan 28th where the year ahead was discussed.

After reviewing the number of attendees at the Cold Winter Lectures the CAS committee have decided to introduce a number of weekend events/walks during the months of May, June, July and August 2017 instead of monthly lectures. See Lucy Blackham's (President) letter below: CAS will also be investigating and progressing two possible public projects! These exciting projects promise plenty of opportunity for participation - watch this space for details.

Lecture Dates for 2017

Feb 15th, 6.00pm Manning Clark Centre Theatre 6

Prof Matthew Spriggs

'ANCIENT DNA AND ARCHAEOLOGY: PARALLELS IN THE SPREAD OF AGRICULTURE BETWEEN THE PACIFIC, ASIA, AFRICA AND EUROPE'



March 15th, Dr Josephine Flood

April 19th, Mr Wally Bell

Sept 20th, TBC

Oct 18th, TBC

Nov 15th, TBC

President's Letter to Members:

Happy New Year Everyone!

Just a quick note to let you all know about the changes for the upcoming lectures this year.

*The committee has decided due to a review of the number of people we have coming in winter. That it would be more valuable to no longer have the lectures run in the winter months of May, June, July and August. Nonetheless we will instead be having events such as tours at the Hall museum, Tuggeranong Schoolhouse and Yankee Hat to name a few possibilities being organised currently. These events will be advertised in the next coming months. I encourage all members to renew as we have decided from this year onwards only CAS members will get into the lectures and events for free. All **non-members** will have to pay **\$2 for lectures and \$5 for events**. This way new members and renewing members are benefited by their membership.*

We hope to see everyone at our upcoming lecture in February!

Regards,

Lucy Blackam

First Event:

Join CAS for a walk into the deep past of the ACT February 26

When the Birrigai rock shelter in Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve was excavated by Dr Josephine Flood (a Life member of CAS) in 1986 it revealed a cultural occupation sequence extending back 25,000 years ago. It is the oldest human occupation site in the ACT and one of the oldest in the Southern Highlands. The site is now heritage listed and protected by ACT legislation.

This walk to the rock shelter along the Birrigai Time Trail will start at the Tidbinbilla visitor centre carpark. We will walk the 3 km round trip across the grasslands first taking in the European history and archaeology sites of the area and then the long indigenous history while making our way up the trail to the Birrigai rock shelter.

Date: Sunday 28th February 2017

Time: 10.00 am

Meet at the Tidbinbilla Visitor Centre carpark.

Cost: Free for CAS members; \$5 per person non-CAS member.

The walk should take approximately 1.5 to 2 hours (depending on how long we spend at some of the sites)

Required: good walking shoes, hat, sun protection, water bottle.

The walk will follow the Birrigai Time Trail which is well established and signposted.

Dr Peter Dowling, a Life Member of CAS, will take the tour.

Lake George Walk Report

The Lake George Walk led by Amy Way held on 19th of November 2016 was hugely successful. Fifty people attended on a warm sunny day . Leaving from Bungendore in a convoy of vehicles we visited two sites that Amy has used in her research into the nature of prehistoric foraging in the area. Amy provided interesting and full information about her research and Prof Wilfred Shawcross spoke about his career in Archaeology. Peter White shared the ups and downs of being a volunteer and highly recommended it! All in all a very interesting day!

