

First Public Lecture for 2011  
Manning Clark Theatre 6  
7:30pm Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2011

Matthew Spriggs

NEVER SAY NEVER

THE 6<sup>TH</sup> AND FINAL (FOR NOW) FIELD SEASON  
AT THE TEOUMA LAPITA CEMETERY (VANUATU)  
AND THE LAPITA EXHIBITION IN PARIS

The final field season took place at the Teouma Lapita cemetery site in Vanuatu June to August 2010, involving floods, a field school, backhoe trenching, more burials and excavation of a late Lapita habitation area.

In November several members of the team headed to the Musee de Quai Branly in Paris for the opening of the Lapita exhibition, curated by Teouma co-director Stuart Bedford of the ANU and Christophe Sand from New Caledonia. Scenes from the opening and a virtual tour of the exhibition will be included in this talk.

Prof. Matthew Spriggs was appointed to a Professorship in the School of Archaeology and Anthropology in 1997. Since 2004 he has co-directed excavations with Dr Stuart Bedford of the College of Asia and the Pacific (CAP), ANU at the Teouma site, just outside of Port Vila, the capital of Vanuatu. This is the oldest cemetery yet found in the Pacific Islands and contains the earliest burials of the Lapita culture, the founding human settlers of the Pacific Islands beyond the main Solomons chain, including Polynesia. Prof. Spriggs is interested in Pacific and Island SE Asian archaeology, history of archaeology and the Cornish language.

## Following are the dates for CAS/CAR public lectures for 2011

Third Wednesday every month

March 16	April 20	May 18
June 15	July 20	August 17
September 21	October 19	November 16

Please note these dates in your diary

If there is a change in these dates for any reason they will be highlighted on our website

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Congratulations to Alice Gorman and Heather Burke from the Department of Archaeology who are the #1 and #8 ranked lecturers respectively at Flinders University for 2010 according to the Unijobs Lecturer of the Year Awards, based on student votes. Full results can be viewed at [http://www.lectureroftheyear.com.au/winners\\_list\\_2010.php](http://www.lectureroftheyear.com.au/winners_list_2010.php)

## Up Coming Events, Conferences & Tours

CAS will be represented at both the Multicultural Festival Community Day on Sunday 14 February and ANU 'O' Week Market day on Wednesday 17 February.

Please call in to visit us and may be it would be a good chance to renew your membership.



Friends of the Classics would like to give you advance notice of their first event for the year which is, as always, their AGM Thursday 3rd March followed by a lecture. The details will be advised shortly.



Australia's Open Garden Scheme is bringing together an exciting group of growers of the most interesting and garden-worthy plants. With everything from bulbs to trees, natives to exotics, plus some inspiring garden art, tools and guest speakers - it's an enticing destination for garden-lovers.

The Fair will be held at **Bellevale**, a property of great historic significance. Established in the early 1800s, Bellevale was named after Hamilton Hume's sister Isabella, the first mistress of the property. After six generations, the property is under new custodianship, with the gardens and homestead undergoing recent rejuvenation. The rolling lawns and rose gardens on the hilltop site command stunning views of undulating pastoral country.

**Over the weekend you'll also be able to visit the Ballroom where botanical artists will be exhibiting and selling their work.**

Refreshments will be available all weekend

**Address:** 191 Black Range Rd, Yass

**Directions:** From Canberra take Barton Hwy, veer left onto Hume Hwy; exit onto Yass Valley Way towards Service Centre; continue through roundabout towards Yass & take first right into Black Range Rd.

**Open:** 10am-4pm. \$8.00, no charge for children under 18.



## Happy New Year for 2011 and the Year of the Rabbit!

Welcome back to CAS and Old News, and to those of you reading about CAS for the first time. I trust you all had a good break over the festive season and are full of energy and ideas for this year.

As archaeologists we are not surprised to see extremes of weather but the terror, worry and heartache as people and animals suffer in the wake of floods and cyclones bring us face to face with the effects of natural events. We in CAS hope that you and yours are safe and well wherever they may be and that this year is peaceful and fulfilling for us and all our friends.

Great news – we have a full complement in the CAS committee! New members elected at the AGM are Sally Brockwell as Secretary and Cynthia Bolton as our second Vice President (helping Peter Dowling with the vice!) and we co-opted Rose O'Sullivan at a recent committee meeting. Rose was our Secretary a few years ago and returns with new experience and ideas. Still supporting CAS in the Committee are myself, as President, Peter Dowling our Vice President, Dianne Dowling, our indefatigable Treasurer and editor, Bob Legge and John Bundock who keeps us straight with our administration and is already planning some interesting field trips, near and far.

Please help your Committee to keep CAS lively; send us links or articles that you think might interest all our members or better still, write a short article or book review and send to the editor for Old News. Any suggestions for guest speakers will also be welcome.

CAS will have a presence at the ACT Multicultural Festival on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February in Garema Place and in ANU's O Week on 16<sup>th</sup> February in Union Square. If you are attending either event drop by and if you can spare an hour to help those in attendance you will be most welcome.

The new National Heritage Week and the ACT Heritage Festival are adjacent in April this year and the calendars are so full of interesting events that we have decided to postpone our heritage and planning symposium until July. We will let you know in Old News what CAS is involved with in April. And don't forget National Archaeology Week in May – ideas and suggestions welcome.

Two more projects need your support.

-We want to have a history of CAS ready for our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2013. Cynthia has agreed to be the editor in chief but we need your collective memories and copies of any photos of past events you might have tucked away. We also need volunteers to help with collecting reminiscences from past and current members.

-We are also working out the details of annual CAS awards for excellence in local, ACT and region, archaeological projects at a tertiary institution. Details will be clarified in future issues of Old News.

The Committee and I look forward to seeing you at our lectures and events – please come up and meet us so we can put faces to the names.

All the best, Helen Cooke

The following email has just been received and due to its importance to the Archaeological Community we decided to distribute it via Old News.

International Archaeological Community

E-Mail: [wmailhtml:presidents@flinders.edu.au](mailto:wmailhtml:presidents@flinders.edu.au)

February 4th, 2011

The International Archaeological Community is following with great concern the events unfolding in Egypt.

In these past few days, the world has seen the desires of Egyptians to exercise their basic civil rights and has received news of the destruction and looting of a significant part of Egypt's invaluable and irreplaceable archaeological history. Any damage to museum collections is an irreversible loss to Egypt's history, which has long engaged the world, as well as its own citizens, with key sites inscribed on the World Heritage List. Archaeological sites and artifacts, historic monuments and documents, and artistic expressions, are just a few examples of Egypt's cultural heritage. The richness of this heritage is integral to the country's economic well-being, particularly in terms of heritage tourism. In addition, the Egyptian people have distinguished themselves for deeply caring about their heritage and the engagement of Egyptian scholars to study their rich past and make their knowledge available to their own people is well recognized in our profession. We urge you, in full awareness of the existence of other priorities in this political situation, to state that the history of Egypt is a priority area and that Egypt's cultural heritage must be protected.

Based on experience with other zones of conflict, we are deeply concerned about the potential looting and subsequent illegal trade of Egypt's antiquities, and the dispersal and destruction of its tangible and intangible heritage. We urge you to consider, among your concerns in this conflict, strategies to secure this threatened heritage from potential looters and illegal export, and to assist professionals and scholars to carry out their stewardship duties. We call on international law enforcement agencies to adopt immediate plans to be vigilant against the illicit trafficking of cultural goods under existing legislations and to follow the UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (1970), the Cultural Property Implementation Act, and the UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects (1995). We encourage international agencies to be alert over the next several months for the possible appearance of looted Egyptian antiquities at their borders and to assist in the recovery of this cultural heritage.

Egypt will require funding for the reconstruction of its heritage and to strengthen its institutional and professional capacity to ensure effective heritage management. To the extent that you are able, we hope you

will assist in the reconstruction of Egypt's invaluable history and assure that the appropriate committees work closely with Egyptian scholars and authorities.

Finally, we offer the expertise of our organizations in assisting you in anyway possible to safeguard the richness of Egypt's history.

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### The Jordan River Levee Site.

In 2008 during an archaeological survey for a bypass road bridge at Brighton, Tasmania, a small surface scatter of stone artefacts was detected on the surface of a levee deposit bordering the Jordan River near Brighton. The artefacts were recorded as a small campsite but the survey team recognized that the levee landform could contain sub-surface cultural material.

Levee deposits are typically formed in river floodplains when the river periodically breaks its banks and deposits thin layers of silty sand before it withdraws. This process can repeat over many thousands of years and, if the deposits are occupied by humans, cultural material can be buried within the levee. Such sites are rare in Tasmania and the survey team made a recommendation that sub-surface testing of the levee should be conducted. Meanwhile, the road works continued and the bypass constructed to both sides of the river flood plain. A bridge is planned to cross over the levee and span the Jordan River.

In consultation with the Tasmanian Aboriginal community a method of test excavation was devised which involved eight trenches across the site, both within the area proposed to be impacted by bridge construction and outside of it. What was found was rather unexpected. The survey team's initial judgement was correct; sub-surface artefacts were discovered but at a very high density. They were found through the levee deposits to a depth of about 70 centimetres below the surface. On average about a 100 artefacts per square metre of excavated deposits were found. Extrapolated, this density could equate to about 3 million artefacts across the entire length of the levee (about 600 metres x 60 metres). Further analysis of the sediments indicated that the part of the levee that was investigated and contained the artefacts was mostly undisturbed apart from a surface plough zone. This means that further careful excavation could pick out undisturbed, individual living floors. This would indeed be a rare event in an open air site anywhere in the world. But there were more surprises to come.

The sediments of the levee were dated using optical stimulated luminescence (OSL). This is a complex form of dating which, put simply, gives a reading when sunlight last fell on a layer of sandy deposits of the levee before it was covered by further river deposits. If samples are taken from immediately around an artefact this then, in theory, will give an indication of when the artefact was covered by a subsequent sand deposition event. Several samples were taken during the excavation and OSL dates were received:

At 0.45 m in depth – 26,600 ± 2.6 thousand years

At 0.55 m in depth – 34,000 ± 2.8 thousand years

At 0.65 m in depth – 37,500 ± 3.8 thousand years.

Such dates would indicate a great antiquity of occupation on the levee site. They could mean that humans were occupying this area close to 40,000 years ago making them the earliest most southerly human population in the world! In terms of human global migration and occupation this site has the potential of world heritage values. But archaeological conclusions are never as simple and clear as this. As part of the investigation methodology the OSL results were sent for peer review. The results of the review have put the antiquity of the OSL dates in question. The review concluded that the OSL chronology is not robust and there is a high likelihood that the dates significantly over estimate the age of the deposits which contain the cultural material.

So the whole question of chronology and antiquity of the Jordan River site is yet to be resolved. This site may not represent an example of the earliest and most southerly humans in the world. The jury is still out. What is not in doubt, however, is that the site with its estimated millions of artefacts; its already established cultural deposits; the potential for investigation of ancient living floors; its cultural importance to today's Tasmanian Aboriginal community; and its importance to the human history of Australia, should be conserved and, with consultations and approvals from the Tasmanian Aboriginal community, investigated further.

The current situation with the conservation of the site is somewhat tenuous. The Tasmanian government wants to proceed with the planned road bridge across the site which may require a support pylon through the levee; the Tasmanian Aboriginal community have appealed for the crossing of the river to be relocated away from the levee; as part of their campaign they have submitted an application for listing in the Tasmanian Heritage Register; the site has also received emergency listing to the National Heritage Register. While all this is being played out and reported consistently in the media, the Tasmanian Aboriginal community have set up a protest camp on site determined to protect its heritage values. It is at this moment a wait and see situation by all concerned.



NSW ASHA advises us that Heritage Branch, NSW Department of Planning, is inviting expressions of interest from individuals who would like to participate in the NSW *Wreck Spotters Program*. Some of our CAS members who frequent the coast might be interested in joining or passing the information along to friends and family.

Maritime archaeology is alive and well in NSW. Over the past 10 years, existing NSW *Wreck Spotter's* have been active with research projects across the State and in the notification of historic shipwreck sites from Barrenjoey Headland to Seal Rocks, Evans Head and Jervis Bay, to name a few. The work is invaluable and greatly assists the identification, assessment and interpretation of the State's varied maritime archaeological resource.

As a result, the Heritage Branch has taken the decision to relaunch the *Wreck Spotters Program*, and is inviting people with a recognised interest in the preservation of historic shipwrecks to join this exciting initiative. The program aims to establish an expanded body of shipwreck specialists to provide first-hand advice on local discoveries and the condition of visited sites. As such we would like to invite you to become involved in the Program as a voluntary *Wreck Spotter*.

If this is of interest to you, please send an email to Sarah Ward at the address below, confirming the same, and enclosing your landline and address details. Please also include a mobile number, and importantly verify your email address. In return, we will send you the 'Introducing *Wreck Spotters*' document which outlines the aims, objectives and benefits of becoming involved in the Program.

If, once you have read the 'Introducing *Wreck Spotters*' document, you wish to become a *Wreck Spotter*, please let us know.

Once your participation is confirmed, you will receive a copy of our 'Guidance for *Wreck Spotters*', a '*Wreck Spotters Agreement*' (to be signed and returned) and a current *Wreck Spotters Resource Kit*'. The email address you verified will be used to disseminate information about the Program, and will be our primary method of contact with you.

We understand your time is valuable and look forward to your interest and assistance in reporting and recording local discoveries, and in developing your strong local network of contacts to further promote the sound management of our unique underwater heritage.

If you have any questions about the *Wreck Spotters Program*, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Ward on 02 9873 8533 or [sarah.ward@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sarah.ward@planning.nsw.gov.au).

*Ed: Wouldn't it be great if our heritage authorities respected and encouraged site spotters in the ACT?*

*Dream on!*



## A Call for Contributors



Let's make Old News more interesting and informative. While we have a very keen team researching, editing and producing this newsletter we would like it to have a broader perspective. We would like to have more articles by a range of authors which would contribute to the archaeology, history and heritage of the ACT and region and articles which would contribute to a general debate on themes and practices in archaeology. **Do you have something to say or would you like to contribute an article?** If so, then we would like to hear from you. Articles up to 600 words with one or two images. Please send them in to us with the text in MS Word format and images (with captions and credits) in separate .jpg format.

Contact us at: [dipetaia@bigpond.com](mailto:dipetaia@bigpond.com)



## Request from 'Archnews' in the UK

We have received a request from Sue Carter who is the editor of Archnews in the UK. She has been chosen by a new European Archaeology newsfeed to supply information on what is happening in Archaeology in Australia and would like to put Australian Archaeology on the world map.

They need news, articles, information - like guest lecturers happening etc.

I feel that the more information I can get the better this will be for Australian Archaeology and let people know that it is alive and kicking over here!

Any articles supplied will of course be under the writers name, and can be chosen as a feature article on the site representing work being undertaken in Australia.

News items can relate to lectures happening, volunteers needed, field schools, new courses etc, anything promoting or advertising archaeology.

There are two emails for info to be sent to [sue@archnews.co.uk](mailto:sue@archnews.co.uk) and/or [editorial@archnews.co.uk](mailto:editorial@archnews.co.uk)



## Living Heritage - Australia's National Heritage eNewsletter

Issue 1, December 2010

The first edition of the new *Living Heritage* eNewsletter brought to you by the Heritage Division of the Federal Government Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities is now available via the following link.

<http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/publications/livingheritage/e-newsletter/index.html>

The new *Living Heritage* eNewsletter replaces the hard copy magazine and will be produced every two months. The next edition will be out in February 2011.

We hope you find the new *Living Heritage* eNewsletter interesting and informative and that you choose to subscribe to future editions so you can stay in touch with what is happening with heritage across the nation. Australia's National Heritage eNewsletter is about Recognising and protecting the places and stories that make Australia special

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### Encounter: Rituals of Life: Aboriginal spirituality at the Vatican Museums

When the newly appointed curator of the Missionary Ethnological section of the Vatican Museums found up to 300 hundred pieces sent to the Museums in the 1920s from Australia, he set about devising a way of bringing them back to life via exhibition. *Rituals of Life*, which opened in late October, is a journey through the spirituality and culture of the Aboriginal people of Australia. It is a first in several ways: it is based on collaboration between the Vatican Museums and the National Museum of Australia, and it is also based on unprecedented effort to reconnect the works with their source communities. And it invites viewers to consider a dynamic and creative encounter between Aboriginal spirituality and culture and Christianity.

This program includes extracts from a conference held at the Vatican Museums to mark the opening of the *Rituals of Life* exhibition, and interviews with P. Nicola Mapelli, Curator of the Missionary-Ethnological Collection of the Vatican Museums, Margo Neale, *Senior Indigenous Curator* as well as *Principal Advisor* of the National Museum of Australia, and Katherine Aigner, Assistant Curator.

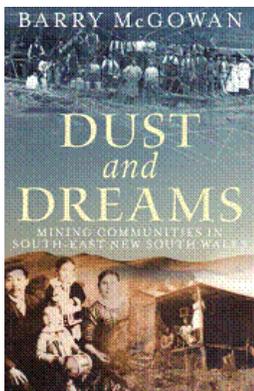
Producer: Margaret Coffey

<http://abc.net.au/rn/encounter/>



## New Books

### DUST AND DREAMS : Mining Communities in South East New South Wales by Barry McGowan



In *Dust and Dreams* Barry McGowan paints a picture of what life was actually like on the mining fields, many of the mining communities growing to a substantial size before fading away, and in some cases being reclaimed by an encroaching bush.

In many ways it is a lost history, and one that is under threat by human intervention, with many of the places poised to disappear from sight and memory. Barry is uniquely placed to write this history, having developed a strong familiarity with the mining history of the local region over many years, often with the help of local residents.

*Dust and Dreams* reveals who the miners really were. It illustrates the extraordinary diversity, mobility and dogged perseverance of mining communities, from self-employed miners chasing dreams of independence to wage labourers bringing home regular salaries through to swagmen down on their luck, not to mention Chinese miners working in syndicates, Aborigines and whole families of fossickers.

Mining culture is discussed in depth, and a critical look taken at some of the common generalisations and stereotypes that so often cloud mining histories. Particular attention is given to race relations, for on some mining fields the Chinese were very important and occasionally dominant. Barry also discusses the effect of mining on the environment and the local and wider economy, and also the impact of the environment on the miners and their families - the sharp abrasive winters, debilitating droughts, poor diet and inadequate housing. The mining communities are located in the Braidwood and Shoalhaven, Southern Tablelands, Monaro and South West Slopes districts. Many of them, such as the Araluen, Bells Creek, Jembaicumbene, Majors Creek and Mongarlowe goldfields near Braidwood, Currawang, Mulloon, Boro, Captains Flat, Bywong and Nanima, to name just a few, will be familiar to local readers. Other features of the book are the excellent illustrations, many of them contemporary drawings or photos, and five very helpful maps.



## An Archaeology of Australia Since 1788

Susan Lawrence and Peter Davies

Springer, ISBN 978-1-4419-7484-6, 1st Edition., 2011, XX, 424 p, illus.,

This volume provides an important new synthesis of archaeological work carried out in Australia on the post-contact period. It draws on dozens of case studies from a wide geographical and temporal span to explore the daily life of Australians in settings such as convict stations, goldfields, whalers' camps, farms, pastoral estates and urban neighbourhoods. The different conditions experienced by various groups of people are described in detail, including rich and poor, convicts and their superiors, Aboriginal people, women, children, and migrant groups. The social themes of gender, class, ethnicity, status and identity inform every chapter, demonstrating that these are vital parts of human experience, and cannot be separated from archaeologies of industry, urbanization and culture contact.

The book engages with a wide range of contemporary discussions and debates within Australian history and the international discipline of historical archaeology. The colonization of Australia was part of the international expansion of European hegemony in the eighteenth and nineteenth century. The material discussed here is thus fundamentally part of the global processes of colonization and the creation of settler societies, the industrial revolution, the development of mass consumer culture, and the emergence of national identities. Drawing out these themes and integrating them with the analysis of archaeological materials highlights the vital relevance of archaeology in modern society.

Sample chapter available for free download from: <http://www.springer.com/social+sciences/archaeology>



## Tasman - Biography of an Ocean

Neville Peat

Department of Conservation, Southland, New Zealand, have just launched a new book about the historic places on Stewart Island that they manage, along with some privately owned and community group-owned places. It is titled "Rakiura Heritage"

Neville Peat is the author. He is a well known and prolific New Zealand author, with titles on natural and human history. His other most recent title is *Tasman - Biography of an Ocean* which may also interest Australian members. "Rakiura Heritage" is a companion volume to New Zealand's Fiord Heritage, also by Neville, which explores the places DOC manages in Fiordland.

The book explores early Maori occupation, sealing and whaling activity (for which Stewart Island was a strong focus), mining, timber milling, settlements, fishing, tourism and much much more.

For a press release and details about the book and how to obtain a copy go to the following web site.

<http://www.doc.govt.nz/about-doc/news/media-releases/stewart-island-heritage-brought-to-life-in-new-book/>

Grace Karskens has won the Prime Minister's Literary award for her book 'The Colony: an Early History of Sydney'

Grace did her pioneering work on the Great North Road and her research on the Rocks area of Sydney which underpinned much of the research orientation of the large excavations at Cumberland Street.

Congratulations to Grace for this achievement, it is refreshing to see an archaeologist winning a Literary Award.

More information about the Award can be found online at

[http://www.arts.gov.au/books/pmliteraryawards10/2010\\_winners#non-fic](http://www.arts.gov.au/books/pmliteraryawards10/2010_winners#non-fic)



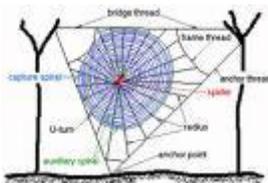
*Thirty years in the South Seas: land and people, customs and traditions in the Bismarck Archipelago and on the German Solomon Islands*

Richard Parkinson

Sydney University Press ISBN: 9781920899639

Richard Parkinson's *Thirty years in the South Seas* was first published in 1907. In this 900-page work, Parkinson drew together and expanded on the scientific and popular papers he had been publishing since 1887, creating in the process a landmark ethnography of the Bismarck Archipelago.

Go to <http://purl.library.usyd.edu.au/sup/9781920899639>. Click on the link at the bottom of the page (A free pdf version of the book can be downloaded here). When it comes up, select the chapter you want, go to the bottom of that page and click on the pdf link.



## Interesting Websites

### Archaeology with a Nauticle theme

This site demonstrates problems in trying to determine the day and date of significant events using ship's logs. Doubtless those with maritime interests are already well aware of the problems, but it was an eye-opener for me.

Learn something new every day! [http://www.aandc.org/research/nautical\\_time\\_and\\_date.html](http://www.aandc.org/research/nautical_time_and_date.html)



## Archaeology and Food

Those of you with a culinary bent may be interested in some of the posts in "Food for Thinkers: An Online Festival of Food and Writing", edited by Nicola Twilley of Good.is.

<http://www.good.is/post/food-for-thinkers-an-online-festival-of-food-and-writing/>

There are a few posts with an archaeological theme.

Colleen Morgan (Middle Savagery): Digging up and eating fish in Qatar

<http://middlesavagery.wordpress.com/2011/01/21/goods-food-for-thinkers-digging-up-and-eating-fish-in-qatar/>

Geoff Manaugh (BLDDBLOG): Food #3: The mushroom tunnel of Mittagong

<http://bldgblog.blogspot.com/2011/01/food-3-mushroom-tunnel-of-mittagong.html>

Food #1: Agriculture-on-the-go and the reformatting of the planet.

<http://bldgblog.blogspot.com/2011/01/food-1-agriculture-on-go-and.html>

Space Age Archaeology: Consuming the Space Age: the cuisine of Sputnik

<http://zoharesque.blogspot.com/2011/01/consuming-space-age-cuisine-of-sputnik.html>

The Dig Cook's contribution to the topic of archaeology and food can be found at [www.digcook.com](http://www.digcook.com). The recipes on the site have been tested in the field in Australia, England, Cyprus, Greece and Syria.



## Historical archaeology in Victoria

Everyone digs in as archaeologists uncover a wealth of history

When an old sewerage pipe near the centre of Ballarat needed replacing last year, archaeologists were called in for what was expected to be a routine dig of the surrounds.

But what they uncovered surprised and delighted heritage experts - a trove of more than a thousand gold rush artefacts, many once belonging to members of Ballarat's mid-19th century Chinese community. As well as European pottery and bottles, they found medicine vials stamped with Chinese characters, intact fig jars, coins, tokens and imported Chinese porcelain.

Full story at [http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/everyone-digs-in-as-archaeologists-uncover-a-wealth-of-history-20110108-19jgu.html?from=smh\\_ft](http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/everyone-digs-in-as-archaeologists-uncover-a-wealth-of-history-20110108-19jgu.html?from=smh_ft)



<http://www.smh.com.au/technology/sci-tech/giving-accepted-prehistoric-history-the-finger--dna-tests-reveal-new-group-of-ancestors-20101223-195t1.html>

