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**Canberra Archaeological Society/Centre for Archaeological Research  
Public Lecture  
Manning Clark Theatre 6**

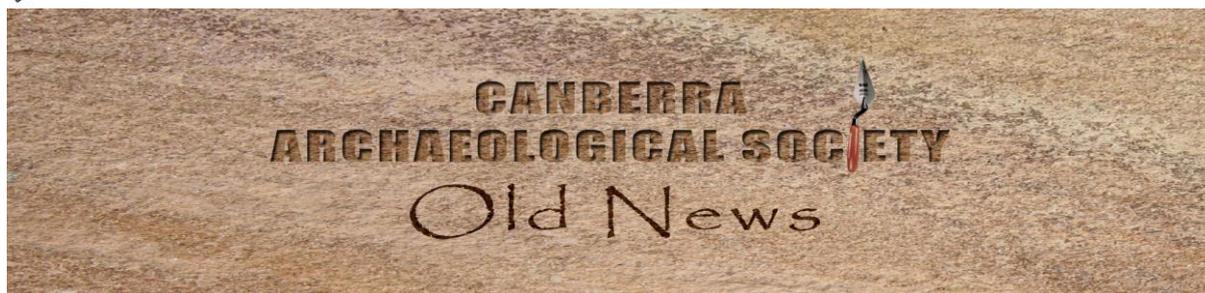
**Wednesday 18 April 2012  
Refreshments 6.30pm Talk 7pm**

**Diplomacy has been with us since the dawn of history. But who is its  
founder?**

**Mr. Kristian Bonnici**

Mr. Kristian Bonnici embarked on a long quest to answer this question. Going as historically deep as possible to find a person who successfully used diplomacy, Mr. Bonnici argues that Amenhotep III, ninth ancient Egyptian pharaoh of the eighteenth dynasty is the founder of this prestigious discipline. After analyzing the Amarna letters and the diplomacy which they illustrate, it became clear that Amenhotep III possessed the virtues of an ideal diplomat. Amenhotep III conducted relations with other states by peaceful means. He was skilled in the management of international relations and tactful in dealing with diplomats. International law was respected as was protocol. Public diplomacy was employed for the first time in recorded history and most important of all, the region reaped the abundant fruits from this person's approach to international relations, which brought peace, prosperity, and multicultural understanding.

**Mr. Bonnici** was born in Malta. He holds an undergraduate degree in International Relations, where he obtained first class honours, and a Masters in Diplomatic Studies from the University of Malta. Mr. Bonnici studied Russian at the Pushkin Institute in Moscow and Arabic at the American University in Cairo, and also speaks Maltese, English, Italian and French. In 2003 he passed a competitive exam to join the diplomatic corps of his country. Since 2004, Mr. Bonnici has served in the Bilateral Relations Directorate and the Protocol and Consular Services Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Malta. Mr. Bonnici served as Deputy Head of Mission and Consul in Egypt, and is currently the Deputy High Commissioner of Malta in Australia. Kristian has a passion for Public Relations, and wrote a paper establishing who the founder of this discipline is in 2010. He read the Chartered Institute of Public Relations (CIPR) Diploma and is a full member of the Public Relations Institute of Australia, and CIPR. At the moment he is writing a historical novel set against the back drop of the Great Siege of Malta of 1565.



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**Centre for Archaeological Research  
Lecture Series**

**Thursday 12 April. 3.30-5.00pm**

**Coombs Lecture Theatre**

Dr. Oliver Pryce, RLAHA, University of Oxford

**Putting the metal into Metal Age southeast Asia.**

**Or**

**Why has one of archaeology's most precise methodologies been so under-utilised regionally?**

CAR is pleased to announce that videos of two recent lectures are now available for viewing online. The talks by Prof Anatoly Derevianko on 24 February and by Dr Rachel Wood on 9 March can be viewed via the ANU YouTube page. Links to the videos are provided at the CAR web site: <http://chl.anu.edu.au/archaeology/car.php>. The slides used by Prof Derevianko are also available on that page. ANU staff and students who would like a copy of Dr Wood's slides may contact CAR. A schedule of upcoming talks is also available at the CAR website.

When permitted by the presenters, we will post videos and/or slides from future talks to that page.

**CAS/CAR Public Lecture- May**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Manning Clark Theatre 6

7 pm (Drinks & Nibbles 6.30 pm)

Daryl Wesley – Understanding the complexity of cultural change during the Contact period in Northwestern Arnhem Land

**CAEPR Seminar Series 1 for 2012 commences at ANU this Wednesday.** Details of the series are available at

<http://caepr.anu.edu.au/Seminars/seminars.php>

**Follow CAS on Facebook!**

(<http://on.fb.me/xqYIVS>) Talks, social events, meetings.. every activities related to CAS will now be advertised on the Facebook page in addition to the actual CAS website (cas.asn.au). Make sure to "like" it to stay in touch with the society and don't miss anything happening.

Please log in



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## Canberra & Region Heritage Festival - 5 - 29 April 2012

CAS is involved with the National Trust ACT in some of the events during the festival, - London Bridge walk on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April and the Duntroon Dairy open day on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Also Peter Dowling will be taking the Dunlop Border walk on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April. Check out the web sites:

**Heritage Festival** [http://www.environment.act.gov.au/heritage/heritage\\_festival/events](http://www.environment.act.gov.au/heritage/heritage_festival/events)

**National Trust** <http://www.nationaltrustact.org.au/>, events tab.

### **Sunday 15 April 11am-3.30pm**

#### **London Bridge & Googong Guided Walk National Trust of Australia ACT and Canberra Archaeological Society.**

London Bridge is a naturally eroded limestone arch on Burra Creek, NSW. The walk includes historic London Bridge Homestead, a fine example of vernacular architecture (good old Aussie 'making do') and discussion of the archaeological excavations at the arch caves. Wading in the creek to climb to caves optional, wear suitable clothing.

Come along and enjoy a sausage sizzle in the London Bridge car park before taking the tour.

**Meet:** at the turn off to Googong Dam from the Old Cooma Road.

**Cost:** \$25 CAS and Trust members; \$35 non members

**Bookings essential:** 6230 0533

### **Friday 20 April – 4.00 pm – 5.45 pm**

#### **Acton Landscape and History Tour**

Join Archaeologist and Heritage Officer with the National Trust, Dr Peter Dowling, on a relaxing early evening stroll accompanied by the stories of Canberra's early historic landscape and human history. Finish with drinks at the Ivy Café, Old Canberra House.

Meet outside Mr Spokes Bike Hire, (near the Ferry Terminal) Acton Park, Acton.

Bookings Essential [info@actonwalkways.com](mailto:info@actonwalkways.com) or phone 0437 301 390

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2pm**

#### **Percival Hill Artefact Grinding Grooves**

Meet at: Schow Place off Temperley St, Nicholls, Gungahlin, ACT

CAS will survey the site and produce a condition report for the ACT Heritage Unit. Come along to appreciate a site of Indigenous significance and share ideas on cultural heritage management.

For further information please contact Helen Cooke on 0408 443 243 or [helen.cooke@anu.edu.au](mailto:helen.cooke@anu.edu.au).

**Finish:** About 4pm and reconvene at 4.30pm at the George Harcourt Inn, 3 Gold Creek Road, Nicholls

### **Sunday 29 April 10am-3pm**

#### **Duntroon Dairy Open Day**

National Trust of Australia ACT & CAS

Come and milk a cow or churn butter at the heritage listed Duntroon Dairy, one of the oldest buildings in the ACT. Enjoy an in depth tour of this site, how it has been interpreted, what the archaeology reveals and the structure of the dairy. Dancers, singers, car displays, wood-turning, food and more will entertain the whole family. **Cost:** gold coin donation

**If you need a lift for any of these functions**

**Contact John Bundock on 0400 249 429 or**

**email [j.bundock@home.com.au](mailto:j.bundock@home.com.au)**



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Canberra & Region Heritage Festival 5 - 29 April 2012 (cont)

**Maria Crinigan's Tragedy:  
Rosina Wainwright & Jacqui Malins  
Belconnen Arts Centre, Emu Bank  
27 April–13 May**

Maria Crinigan was one of the first European settlers in Gungahlin in the 1840s, and the remains of her tiny stone cottage have been preserved at Crinigan Park, Amaroo. Rosina Wainwright's series of sculptural works is based on the true story of Maria, with subtle references to her Irish heritage and the profound dislocation of many of our early pioneers. The work focuses on the plight of a pioneer woman and particularly on her childbearing experiences; Maria had nine infant deaths and only her 10th and last child survived. Like many early pioneer women she died in her early forties. Jacqui Malins explores the subdued colours and dry textures of the Monaro plains and woodland in the accompanying series of charcoal and dry pastel drawings on paper and canvas. Her response to this landscape is both a visual complement and emotional contrast with the history of Maria Crinigan, evoking the setting for her story and the artist's own sense of recognition, welcome and belonging in this place.

**Exhibition opening** Friday 27 April 6:00pm  
Opened by Dr Peter Dowling

**Meet the artists** > Sunday 6 May > 3:00pm  
Click [here](#) for an excellent interview with Maria Crinigan's descendant Marilyn Folger and Helen Cooke of the Canberra Archaeological Society

**2012 Heritage Week Program Celebrate  
Queanbeyan's rich heritage  
12-29 April**

The Queanbeyan Heritage Festival 2012 runs from 12-29 April and provides many opportunities to celebrate the rich heritage and history of our city. The theme for this year is Innovation + Invention and has been interpreted in a variety of ways to highlight the heritage of Queanbeyan, and the many stories of the people who have contributed to the city during its long history. A varied program of events and activities is being held during the Festival to celebrate the many aspects of our heritage.

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Festival Launch and Library Exhibition - Queanbeyan Library – Thursday 12 April at 6pm

The 2012 Festival program will be launched at the Queanbeyan City Library with the opening of the Innovation + Invention Library Exhibition. This will be followed by a special meeting of the Queanbeyan History and Heritage Network, and everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments provided.  
<http://www.qcc.nsw.gov.au/Discover-Queanbeyan/Events/2012-Heritage-Week/2012-Heritage-Festival>

**28 April  
Queanbeyan Museums Open Day**

Queanbeyan Museum and Queanbeyan Printing Museum  
11:00am - 4:00pm Two of Queanbeyan's best museums are opening their doors for one day. Take an invention tour of the Museums, listen to musical entertainment, indulge in scrumptious food and watch a live display from the Canberra and District Historic Engine Club. A great way to experience Queanbeyan's museums! Free 10-20 Farrer Place, Canberra Ave, Queanbeyan Bookings not necessary.



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Canberra & Region Heritage Festival 5 - 29 April 2012 (cont)

**Wednesday 18 April 11am-2.30pm**

**Dunlop Straight Line Border Walk** - \*\*National Trust of Australia ACT\*\*

Starting from the entrance of Jarramlee, the log entrance leads northeast into a fenced corridor, picking up a tiny part of the Australian Bicentennial Trail. The timber post fence is most likely the original fence constructed along the border in the 1920s. There will be refreshments at Belconnen West Ponds and a talk from Ginninderra Landcare, before we return with Dr Peter Dowling leading the way.

Meet: From Hugh McKay Cres, Dunlop, take the offshoot road towards Jarramlee Homestead.

Cost: \$25 members; \$35 non members; Children \$10

Bookings essential: 6230 0533 or online at [www.nationaltrustact.org.au](http://www.nationaltrustact.org.au)

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

**Bush schools of the Hall district**  
**Official opening at 10 am by Jill Waterhouse, historian**

Mulligans Flat, Mugwill, Glenwood, Gooda Creek, Brooklands, Jeir, Bedellick, Toual.....of twenty or so bush schools around Hall, none are operating today, and only a handful of buildings remain. Where were they? Who fought to establish them? How was life for the teachers? What did pupils have to learn?

These bush schools have a wonderful story to tell – of bringing learning to bush kids, of ingenuity and adaptability in getting teachers and schools to where, and when, they were needed - and of hardships unimaginable to the iPod generation! This Exhibition commemorates the work of **Lyll Gillespie**, chief historian of early schooling in the Canberra region.

'Chat' sessions with representatives from some of the bush schools.

Hall Primary School, April 14-15<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 4 pm

**Free entry. Donations welcome**

Disability access. Tea and coffee lounge available. Hall School Museum also open.

**Face to face with Dr Flood**

CAS facilitated a drop-in session with Dr Jo Flood on 1<sup>st</sup> March, the day after her presentation on 'The Moth Hunters Revisited'. Some local researchers and graduate students with current projects in the ACT and the high country were able to discuss the sites they are visiting and their research questions. Jo also caught up with the ANU research proposal to encourage archaeology in this region and approved enthusiastically of any studies that will expand the public knowledge of our local archaeology. We were all very pleased to meet with representatives of the Ngarigu people and hear a small part of their knowledge and connection to this region. Thanks to Jo for giving her time and to CAS for hosting and refreshments.





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## Australia ICOMOS Symposium

**Wednesday 18th April 2012**

Australia ICOMOS is organising a symposium to be held in Sydney on 18th April 2012 to mark the International Day for Monuments and Sites. April 18th is a major celebration for ICOMOS and each Australia ICOMOS organises activities around Australia to celebrate the diversity of the world's cultural heritage. This year's theme marks the 40th anniversary of the UNESCO World Heritage Convention, which was adopted in 1972. The focus will be on "World Heritage and Sustainable Development: the Role of Local Communities" – which spans not only the involvement of local communities in the nomination, management and conservation of properties, but also their role as participants and economic beneficiaries, and holders of traditional management practices and knowledge.

The venue for the event, in line with this year's theme, is Hyde Park Barracks, one of 11 Australian Convict Sites that have been inscribed on World Heritage List on 31 July 2010.

**Time:** The event will commence at 3.00pm and will conclude at 6.30pm

**Cost:** Australia ICOMOS members \$10; non-members \$15 (to cover catering)

**RSVP:** Please email [kerimed@cityplan.com.au](mailto:kerimed@cityplan.com.au)

## ACT and Region Annual Australian Heritage Partnership Symposium 2012

**Valuing Heritage: Advocating for community attachment in planning**

**Date:** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2012; time: 8.30 to 4.30.

**Venue:** Sir Roland Wilson Building Theatre, Bldg 120, ANU campus.

**Cost:** tba.

**Themes:**

- Community value and social attachment to places
- The value of archaeology, it's not just buried in the ground
- 40 years of World Heritage – has it helped us?
- Recession heritage, the changing economics of attachment to place

### **Call for Session Ideas, Leaders and Papers**

You are invited to send ideas for session topics, including but not constrained to the above, and offer to lead a session.

Summaries of presentations are also invited; the anticipated time for each presentation is about 20 minutes.

Please send your ideas to [sally.brockwell@anu.edu.au](mailto:sally.brockwell@anu.edu.au) or phone on (02) 6125-2217.

***Thanks to recent sponsorship, we have been able to reduce the registration price – bargain!  
Please send this message on to all your networks, colleagues, friends and acquaintances!***



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## Joint ASHA/AIMA Conference 2012

University of Notre Dame Australia and the Western Australian Maritime Museum Fremantle  
Monday 1 to Thursday 4 October 2012  
Call for Session Proposals

The theme is 'Surf and Turf'. This conference aims to draw together the shared interests of researchers in historical and maritime archaeology by linking aspects of land and sea. For example in the area of conflict, the battle of Gallipoli commenced as an Allied sea borne invasion, with associated maritime sites including submerged artefacts, jetties, barges and Australia's submarine AE2, lost in Turkish waters in the Sea of Marmara. Together such sites form a holistic landscape that can be documented and interpreted to provide us with a better understanding of past events, activities and human behaviour. Areas of interest to archaeologists and historians such as exploration, colonisation, trade and communication have similar conjunctions, where the archaeological record does not distinguish between the beginning and end of the low tide mark. Session proposals are encouraged to explore the networks and connections between land and sea both conceptually and archaeologically.

A call for paper abstracts will occur in early May for the accepted conference sessions.

[Ross.Anderson@museum.wa.gov.au](mailto:Ross.Anderson@museum.wa.gov.au) or Shane Burke at [shane.burke@nd.edu.au](mailto:shane.burke@nd.edu.au)

## This message was received through AAA:

Some of you may be aware that the University of Sydney has recently instituted a 'Change Plan' put forward by the Vice Chancellor. This plan involves offering 165 academic staff either voluntary redundancies or teaching only contracts. The Archaeology Department at the University of Sydney has been impacted by these plans, and the Department of Anthropology is facing the loss of three staff members. There is a petition available to register opposition against this action, which can be found at:

<http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/senate-stop-job-cuts/>. This petition asks the University Senate to intervene in the matters arising from the Change Plan, so please follow the link and add your name to the petition in support of our colleagues.



## Interesting Web Sites

### One Foot In The Past -

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=mZ6v5ilOqec](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mZ6v5ilOqec)

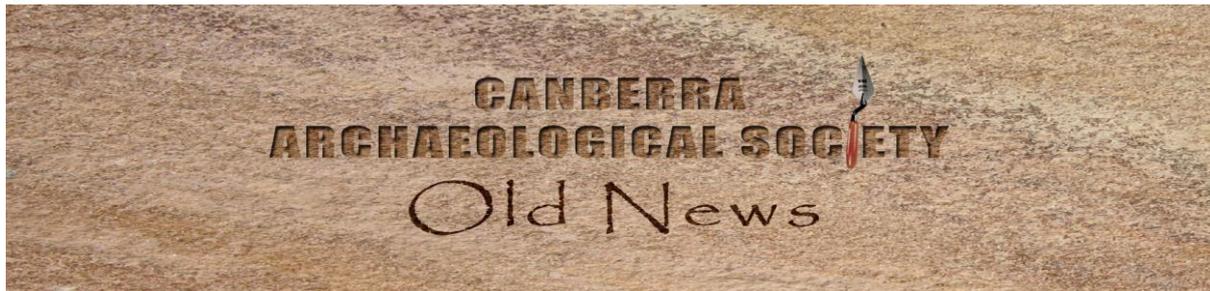
### Lucy Lived Among Close Cousins -

<http://www.pasthorizonspr.com/index.php/archives/03/2012/lucy-lived-among-close-cousins>

### Tuggeranong Wall -

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/31387513>

Maney Publishing who publish the Journal of Field Archaeology, have announced that they are making 3 years (12 issues) of online content free to download until the 15th of May. You can access the content on their Journal of the Month webpage: <http://www.maney.co.uk/jotm/jfa>



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## Scientists get to the bottom of what wiped out Australia's ancient gentle giants

**Deborah Smith, SCIENCE EDITOR – Sydney Morning Herald**

*March 23, 2012 - 9:47AM*

HUMAN hunters were mainly responsible for wiping out Australia's megafauna, a study has concluded. The reasons behind the demise of the giant animals that once roamed the continent – such as rhinoceros-sized diprotodons, towering kangaroos, marsupial lions and birds twice the size of emus – have long been hotly debated, with hunting, the human use of fire, and climate change blamed. Chris Johnson, of the University of Tasmania, said his team had solved the extinction mystery by studying fungi that thrive in the dung of large herbivores.

The team examined two cores of sediment from Lynch's Crater, a swamp in north-east Queensland, dating back 130,000 years.

They counted the spores of these fungi and looked for pollen and charcoal in the sediments as indicators of vegetation change and fire.

Professor Johnson said the research showed megafauna numbers were stable until about 40,000 years ago, despite several periods of drying.

"This rules out climate change as a cause of extinction," he said.

The giant herbivore population crashed soon after humans arrived, with the number of spores in the sediment virtually disappearing. "So it seems that people did it."

The study, published in the journal *Science*, showed that after the demise of the megafauna, the vegetation changed and fire activity increased, with rainforest species disappearing and grassy eucalypt-dominated forests expanding.

But Judith Field, of the University of NSW, challenged the conclusions of the study. She said it was merely assumption that the ancient spores reflected the abundance of the giant animals.

"The only evidence we have from Queensland for megafauna indicates that they were gone before humans arrived."

There was also little archaeological evidence from any site in Australia to show humans co-existed with megafauna, and none to show they hunted them.

"The results of this paper are interesting. The interpretations drawn from it are unsubstantiated and can be explained by other mechanisms," Dr Field said.

But John Alroy, of Macquarie University, described the data as "superb and decisive".

The debate had dragged on for almost 50 years because people thought it "incredible" that stone-age hunters could have had such a big impact as to wipe out the megafauna.

Gavin Prideaux, of Flinders University, said the study was an important contribution and supported mounting evidence that climate change was not to blame.

"To test the inferences from this paper we might look at similar lake records from other regions of Australia and seek fossil deposits in the north-east that preserve bones of the giant animals themselves," Dr Prideaux said

Read more:

<http://www.smh.com.au/technology/sci-tech/scientists-get-to-the-bottom-of-what-wiped-out-australias-ancient-gentle-giants-20120323-1vnrk.html#ixzz1pwJbnl42>



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## Canberra Archaeological Society Field Trip: Tuggeranong 25 March 2012

### Tuggeranong Grinding Grooves

In 1984 CAS surveyed and recorded an Indigenous site on the slopes of Tuggeranong Hill in what is now the suburb of Theodore. The site, a series of grooves in flat, outcropping sandstone at ground level, were interpreted as the result of artefact grinding. The site overlooks the channel of Tuggeranong Creek and the Monaro Highway. At the time of the survey vegetation was sparse on the hill and some small stone artefacts were found. Because of urban development in the near vicinity the ACT Government decided to collect the artefacts.

There are approximately fifty grooves worn into several of the sandstone outcrops indicating a high use of the area in the past. The site has been assessed as culturally significant and is on the ACT Heritage Register.

A reason for the visit was to record the condition of the grooves and the site in general. It was noted that the grooves were generally free of dirt and lichen, indicating that the site is being visited and the grooves examined. The site was assessed as being in a good state of preservation. There was no sign of any damage to the rock surfaces. The site condition forms will be forwarded to the ACT Heritage Unit.

The grooves and pits in the rock invited speculation as to their uses - stone artefact grinding, wooden artefact grinding, seed grinding, or all three? Apart from the rocky areas, the hill was well vegetated with native grasses, precluding any extensive search for artefacts.

A fist-sized quartz river-pebble was found under a tree adjacent to the sandstone outcrops. It showed signs of grinding wear on one side. Its visibility raised the question of whether it may have been a recent addition to the site for demonstration purposes.





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### Tuggeranong Boundary Marker

After consuming some Easter buns at the Axe grooves, our small group set off for the Tuggeranong Wall Boundary Marker. Constructed in the 1860-1870s from local fieldstones, ditch and bank, and mud walls the boundary marked the extents of the large Lanyon and Yarralumla grazing properties. Wire fencing to control rabbits was added to the wall after the 1870s.

In 1986, with suburbs encroaching, CAS conducted a survey and recording of the wall for 1.8km, from its commencement at the Murrumbidgee River to the verge of Drakeford Drive. The survey terminated there because of fading light and was not continued although the boundary, mainly a field stone construction, was known to continue east up the slope of Tuggeranong Hill towards the present suburb of Oxley. Now largely obliterated by suburbia and Lake Tuggeranong, only about 800 metres of the fieldstone wall remains running from Athllon Drive to the Murrumbidgee River.

CAS has been visiting and recording the condition of the dry-stone wall over the last twenty years. The ACT Heritage Unit had part of the wall stabilised and rebuilt in the early 1990s after it had deteriorated. At the same time two representative concreted examples were erected either side of Athllon Drive and the ACT Heritage Council commissioned the planting of two parallel lines of poplar trees planted along the former line of the wall, starting in the parking lot of the Tuggeranong Swimming Centre. On this visit it was noted that wombats burrowing under the wall had caused several collapses of the stones.

There was fencing wire on the ground and some still attached to posts, which were of untrimmed sapling timber. Older posts were evident lying on the ground surface. The site is generally in a good condition. The condition of the stone wall section was recorded by our members and the results will be forwarded to the ACT Heritage Unit.

After a rest under shady trees on the banks of the Murrumbidgee and more Easter buns, the party made its way back to Tuggeranong Town Centre. There, an obligatory coffee; ended a day of fine weather, fine company and a lot of interest.



Towards Drakeford Drive



Towards the Murrumbidgee River