



February 2013

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

**Wednesday 17 April 2013
Refreshments 6.30pm Talk 7pm**

**ACT Centenary and CAS Golden Anniversary - 50 years on:
CAS does Ginninderra (Gungahlin).**

Helen Cooke and Peter Dowling

The Society has been active in local archaeology and heritage protection for most of its 50 years. This is a history that should be recorded, but as we are all busy and writing our own work the overall task is too daunting, so we are beginning with several tales which we will turn into chapters in due course.

Helen will start with a panoramic view of CAS involvement in identifying, recording, excavating, conserving and promoting cultural heritage in Gungahlin, including embarrassing photos, the ghosts of history past and the story of 'Girls' Own Archaeology'.

Peter will pick up the threads on two landmark sites currently, if belatedly, conserved, including the people who made and loved these sites, the saga of protection and the opportunities to enjoy them today. These are the Ginninderra Blacksmith's Workshop and the home of Thomas and Catherine Gribble, latterly called 'The Valley'.

Peter and Helen invite anyone with an interest in the history of Gungahlin to come along and speak with us before and after the talk. Our dearest wish is to encourage a core of Friends of the History of Ginninderra to continue the vigilance and promotion of this iconic village, a foundation of modern Canberra.

Helen Cooke: Helen graduated in Archaeology and Bio Anth from ANU, was a research assistant for some eminent women and worked in the National Museum and as a consultant before landing a job in the ACT Heritage Unit in 1991. She also joined the CAS Committee and was President for four years. After several happy years in the Unit she was seconded to the Australian Heritage Commission for a year, then went home to Adelaide to look after her oldies and managed the Aboriginal Heritage Unit for about 8 years. She returned to Canberra to Indigenous Affairs and CAS in 1995 and is now retired (!) and a PhD candidate at ANU.

Peter Dowling: Peter also studied Archaeology and Biological Anthropology at ANU and graduated in what seems an eon ago. His PhD thesis examined the effects of introduced infectious diseases in the Indigenous populations following European colonisation in 1788. While at ANU he developed a strong interest in the history of Australia and heritage conservation. He has worked for several years with the National Trust in historical research and heritage analysis. Peter has been attached to CAS for many years as a member and on the committee. He has worked extensively in the ACT assisting and advising on the conservation and management of historical places.



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CAS/CAR PUBLIC LECTURE

**Manning Clark Theatre 6
Third Wednesday of the month**

All our presentations begin at 7pm and we would like to welcome everyone to join us for drinks and nibbles prior from 6.30 pm.

15 May 2013

Aedeen Cremin – All the Kings Horses

No meeting in June but we have a tour of the Classics Museum organized on **Wednesday 19th June** at 6pm

Also because of the Symposium there will be no meeting in July.

PLEASE CHECK OUR WEB SITE FOR ALL EVENTS

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www.environment.act.gov.au

CAS MEMBERSHIP

If you have not renewed your membership, this will be your last issue of Old News. To continue to receive “Old News” and information about CAS activities, please remit your renewal.

See last page for a renewal form for your convenience.

WHO'S BEEN SLEEPING IN MY HOUSE

Friday 12 April 8 pm ABC1

This is the episode at Gunning with CAS Members. Please can someone record and copy this episode for us on a DVD

Could you contact me on Dipetaia@bigpond.com or 0400 233 194 to arrange pickup.



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CRINIGAN'S HUT OPEN DAY

Wanderer Circuit Amaroo

(In the playground area)

Sunday 21 April 2013, 10.00 - 3.00

Guides, tours and live music

JOIN US

Bring your family and friends and join the Crinigans' Family, Canberra Archaeological Society and Gungahlin community to share the story of Crinigan's Hut and local archaeology

For information email: helen.cooke@anu.edu.au or

Phone: 0408 443 243

BBQ, drinks and coffee for sale

2013 QUEANBEYAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

The Queanbeyan Heritage Festival 2013 takes place from 12-28 April and provides many opportunities to celebrate the rich heritage and history of our city. The theme for this year is Milestones 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 a dozen events and activities is being held during the Festival to celebrate the many aspects of our heritage.

Festival Launch and "The Way we Wore" Exhibition opening Friday 12 April at 6pm The Q

In Queanbeyan's 175th year, join us to launch Queanbeyan's Heritage Festival program at The Q.. The launch will accompany the opening of the wonderful 'The Way We Wore' exhibition, collected, researched and displayed by the Queanbeyan and District Historical Museum Society. The opening of the exhibition will be an elegant champagne and canapé party with string quartet, The String Contingent, providing a delightful ambience.

THINKING ABOUT HERITAGE DIFFERENTLY

Presentation by Mr Tony Powell

Sunday 21 April 2.30 – 4pm



The National Trust of Australia (ACT) welcomes its members and all interested public to a presentation called **"Thinking About Heritage Differently"**

What to Expect: Mr Tony Powell, former Commissioner (1974-85) of the ACT National Capital Development Commission (NCDC) will be our guest speaker. He promises to deliver NT members and public guests a rigorous insight into his personal views about the ACT, its heritage and development.

About our Speaker: Mr Powell was the Commissioner of the NCDC from 1974-1985 and the Chair of the Darwin Reconstruction Commission post Cyclone Tracy (1975). He was a leading town planner for the NSW State Planning Authority with extensive experience that shapes his unique insights into the development of our capital. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions directly of Mr Powell during this interesting year where Canberra's heritage is of primary focus.



Venue: Albert Hall, Commonwealth Ave, Canberra

Cost: Gold Coin donation on entry and for tea and coffee

This event is supported by ACT Government



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**ACT AND REGION ANNUAL AUSTRALIAN
HERITAGE PARTNERSHIP SYMPOSIUM 2013**

'A Centenary of Celebrating heritage'
The Centenary of Canberra – 2013
Accessing, presenting and interpreting heritage
places and their collections in Canberra and
the region.

Date: Saturday 20th July 2013; time: 8.30am to
5pm.

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

Cost: \$70 full
\$50 members of the host organizations
\$30 concession & full-time students
Registration details will be available by the end of
April 2013.

Hosted by:
Canberra Archaeological Society, National Trust of
Australia (ACT)
Significance International.
Sponsors: Australia ICOMOS
Donald Horne Institute for Cultural Heritage
University of Canberra;
Institute of Professional Practice in Heritage and
the Arts ANU

**ACT and Region Annual Australian Heritage
Partnership Symposium 2013
Call for presentations**

Presentation summaries due: Friday 3 May 2013

*Don't feel constrained by the Centenary theme, we are
keen to hear any presentation or discussion on
accessing, presenting and interpreting heritage places
and their collections, either about Canberra or
in contrast or comparison.*

Be encouraged but not limited by these suggested
themes:

- Presenting Canberra's heritage through a
range of media
- How to reach the non-believer - significant
places accessible to all
- Collections maketh the memories
- Bureaucratic and boring – where's the fun in
Canberra?
- What happened before the Federal bubble
burst on this Limestone Plain?

Panel discussion on the next 100 years – what have we
learned and where to from here?

Please send your summaries to
helen.cooke@anu.edu.au by Friday 3 May 2013 and
send this message on to all your networks, colleagues,
friends and acquaintances!



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TUGGERANONG'S TREASURES

The Conservation Council ACT Region cordially invites you to celebrate the launch of the latest book in our *Treasures* series - *Tuggeranong's Treasures*. This captivating book celebrates the heritage of the Tuggeranong Valley and informs readers of the history and beautiful natural features residing in it.

The launch will be held at Lanyon Homestead, one of the heritage sites featured in the book and special guest, Mr. Duncan Marshall, the Chair of the ACT Heritage Council will formally launch the book.

Date & Time: Tuesday 16 April, 2:00pm-4:00pm

Venue: Education Centre, Lanyon Homestead, Tharwa Dr, Tharwa (Location on [map](#))

For those who are interested, a tour of Lanyon Homestead will be conducted by ACT Historic Places guides at 1:20pm prior to the launch at a paltry price of \$5 (to be paid on the day to ACT Historic Places). Please confirm your interest in attending the tour at the time of RSVP.

Free parking is available at the venue. Refreshments and snacks will be served after the launch at Lanyon Cafe.

We hope you would be able to attend and celebrate with us.

Please RSVP to

projects@conservationcouncil.org.au or

02 6229 3200 by Friday 12 April.

A CULTIVATED CITY: THE GRIFFINS IN AUSTRALIA'S CAPITAL



SEMINAR

A Cultivated City: The Griffins in Australia's Capital

Join prominent architects, designers, scholars and Library staff as they explore the vision and archival legacy of Walter Burley Griffin and Marion Mahony Griffin. Discover the dreams and the realities that have shaped Canberra and how these reflect Australian life.

Alasdair McGregor, author of *Grand Obsessions: The Life and Work of Walter Burley Griffin and Marion Mahony Griffin*, will deliver the opening address 'Rebels and Gilt-spurred Roosters: Politics, Bureaucracy and the Democratic Ideal in the Griffins' Capital'.

Thursday 2 May, 10 am-4 pm

National Library of Australia

\$35

Bookings essential: nla.gov.au/bookings or 02 6262 1271

Marion Mahony Griffin and Walter Burley Griffin Gardening in the Backyard of Pholiota, Heidelberg, Victoria 1918. nla.pic-an24429941





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INTERESTING WEB SITES

Please check out the following site for an exciting new open access, refereed journal that has recently 'gone live'. Explore the site, read about the breadth of our interests, and please consider submitting a paper!

<http://www.globalethnographic.com/>

Link for ON to David Headon lecture on naming of Canberra:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/~media/05%20About%20Parliament/52%20Sen/522%20Public%20Information%20and%20Events/Senate%20Occasional%20Lecture%20Series/Transcripts/150213/150213.ashx>

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-03-27/battle-rages-over-richard-iii27s-bones/4596330>

ISS (International Specialised Skills Institute) invites applications for four available fellowships. For further information, please click on the following link:

<http://us6.campaign-archive2.com/?u=e9ec14020a237bde5c25059d4&id=39ed1648b0&e=f65719047a>.

From the ISS website -

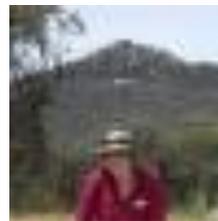
The International Specialised Skills Institute is an independent, national organisation that works with Australian governments, industry and education institutions to enable individuals to gain enhanced skills and experience in traditional trades, professions and leading-edge technologies.

<http://www.issinstitute.org.au/>

ARCHAEOLOGY ASSISTANCE NEAR WEE

JASPER Fenja Theden

Hi all,



As some of you may know, I'm currently running some rock shelter and cave excavations in the Canberra area for my PhD project. Currently, I'm excavating a pretty deep deposit (already

>2m deep) near Wee Jasper, with plenty of faunal remains and stone artefacts throughout.

I rely heavily on archaeology students and other archaeology buffs to help me out with these excavations. I've had a couple of cancellations for the next two weeks (8-13 April and 15-19 April) so I'm wondering whether anyone would be able to hop in at short notice.

The work is pretty tough but it's interesting and we're staying in nice accommodation (shearers quarters in the first week and a flashy homestead in the second week) and I provide all food. It's a great experience to do some real excavating in the local area.

If you're interested or know anyone else who may be, please email me ASAP: fenja.theden-ringl@anu.edu.au

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PREHISTORIC TEXTILES

Professor Judith Cameron presents at the Vatican (and has been invited to present to CAS next year)

At the invitation of Professor Santamaria, Chief Scientist at the Vatican, Judith Cameron presented a paper on prehistoric textiles in Southeast Asia to archaeologists and conservators at the Vatican Museum on January 28th 2013. Excavations of burial beneath the Necropolis had produced large fragments of woven asbestos cloth and such finds are exceptionally rare. Prof. Santamaria had read Judith's paper *'Asbestos Cloth and Elites in Southeast Asia'* published in 2000 in the Bulletin of the Indo-Pacific Prehistory Association 2000 19: 47-51 and was interested in archaeological parallels. Judith is currently investigating asbestos fibres from Kamrej in India with Sunil Gupta and tiny fragments from Batujaya, a 2nd century temple site in West Java as part of *The Archaeology of Batujaya Project* by Prof. Pierre-Yves Manguin (EFEO) and the Urasan Arkeologi Nasional (Indonesia). Her new collaboration with the Vatican Museum dovetails well into Judith's Future Fellowship which is concerned with long-distance interaction in Southeast Asia.



The Romans, legend has it, would often throw asbestos napkins and tablecloths into the fire to clean them.

(e.g.: mesothelioma-help-network.com.)

ANH & ANSTO ROCK ART DATING COLLABORATION

During September last year Dr Vladimir Levchenko from the Institute for Environmental Research at ANSTO, joined PhD Candidate Tristen Jones in the field at Red Lily Lagoon, western Arnhem Land. The collaborative project aims to investigate the radiocarbon dating potential of mineral accretion layers that encase rock-art, utilising the carbon compound found in calcium oxalate, the main mineral in the accretion layer.

Dr Levchenko and Tristen sampled 22 mineral accretion layers associated with rock art. Samples have since been analysed in RSES laboratories by Tristen and RSES researchers Dr Penny King and Dr Ulrike Troitzsch using FTIR, XRD and SEM-EDS technologies. These techniques have generated interesting data on the content and development of mineral accretions.

Samples that contained calcium oxalate have been AMS radiocarbon dated at ANSTO facilities by Dr Levchenko and his team.

Results of the age determinations are currently being prepared for publication. These dates will be the first radiocarbon age determinations for an art style, known as Northern Running Figures, assumed to be of mid Holocene antiquity.

The research is an ongoing project, headed up by Dr Christian Reepmeyer and is supported by an AINSE Research Grant, ALNGRA12047P.



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ORAL HISTORY NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2013

OHAA Biennial National Conference 21-24 September 2013, Adelaide

The Oral History Association of Australia, History SA and the University of South Australia will jointly host this conference, which will bring together professional, academic, community and oral historians. The conference will feature a range of themes relating to contested histories; memory, technology and new developments in oral history; urban history, and Indigenous history. We hope the conference will also consider history and the future.

The conference will be held at the University of South Australia, City West Campus, Adelaide, South Australia.

For further information:

www.ohaa.org.au/page/conferences.html

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