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**ACT and Region Annual Australian Heritage Partnership Symposium 2013
'A Centenary of Celebrating heritage'**

***Accessing, presenting and interpreting heritage places and their collections
in Canberra and the region.***

Hosted by: Canberra Archaeological Society, National Trust of Australia (ACT) and Significance International.

Sponsors: Australia ICOMOS; Donald Horne Institute for Cultural Heritage University of Canberra; Institute of Professional Practice in Heritage and the Arts ANU

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

Sessions:

- 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?

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CAS/CAR PUBLIC LECTURE
Manning Clark Theatre 6
Third Wednesday of the month

No meeting this month

Next Meeting Wednesday
21st August

Ursula Fredericks
‘The historic inscriptions at the North Head
Quarantine Station, Sydney’

PLEASE CHECK OUR WEB SITE FOR ALL EVENTS
www.cas.asn.au

Glenburn/Burbong Historic Precinct, Kowen Forest

A work in progress – The protection and Conservation of Early European Sites in the Glenburn/Burbong Historic Precinct in the Kowen Forest, ACT

In this paper Colin McAlister, Friends of Glenburn, sets out the protection and conservation work that has taken place on some of the historic sites in the past eight years and predicts what still needs to be done.

National Parks Association of the ACT web site
www.npaact.org.au under Friends of Glenburn.



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ACT and Region Annual Australian Heritage Partnership Symposium 2013 Program

8.30 to 8.50am **Registration and coffee**

8.50 – 9.00am **Welcome; housekeeping** - *Helen Cooke, Eric Martin*

Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

9.00 – 9.10am **Introduction, history of this event and aims for this collective** - *Helen Cooke*

Theme 1: What happened before the Federal bubble burst on this Limestone Plain?

9.10- 9.30am **Geological heritage around Canberra – genesis of the Limestone Plains** - *Doug Finlayson*

9.30 - 9.50am **The Shumack/Blundell site of Riverview - in the jaws of development** - *Sandra Whichelo and Brian Blundell*

9.50 -10.10 am **Women in Aboriginal history in the ACT** - *Shane Mortimer*

10.10 - 10.30am **The consequences of federation - the changing and interwoven threads of one affected family** - *Anne Forrest*

10.30 - 10.45am **Recap and questions for the whiteboard**

10.45 – 11.10 **Morning refreshments**

Theme 2: How to reach the non-believer - presenting Canberra's (and other) heritage through a range of media

11.10 - 11.30am **Canberra Centenary – message and lessons from New Delhi** - *Meetu Sharma*

11.30 -11.50am **Nominating Canberra for the National Heritage List** - *Ed Wensing*

11.50 - 12.10pm **Archaeology on the walls of the Members' Dining Room: A conservation, access and interpretation conundrum at Old Parliament House** – *Gabrielle Edwards & Edwina Jans*

12.10 - 12.30pm **Art/Sculpture and Archaeology-** *Martin Rowney*

12.30 – 12.50 pm **Artefact Chat: Presenting oral history and museum collections for students using digital media. (ACT Museums and Galleries)** - *Kate Gardiner*

12.50 – 1.00pm **Recap and questions for the whiteboard**

1.00 – 1.40pm **Lunch**

Theme 3: Collections maketh the memories

1.40 - 2.00pm **The design contribution of Frederick Ward in the mid-20th century: Australia's answer to William Morris, Sheraton, Chippendale and Hepplewhite** - *Derek Wrigley*

2.00 - 2.20pm **NAA exhibition, Design29: Creating a Capital** - *Jane Macknight*

2.20 - 2.40pm **Collections, history, meanings and memory** - *Anne Claoue-Long*

2.40 - 3.00pm **There's History In The Bottom Drawers, or Secret Women's Business** - *Elizabeth Burness*

3.00 – 3.10pm **Recap and questions for the whiteboard**

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3.10 - 3.30 **Afternoon refreshments**

Theme 4: Bureaucratic and boring – where's the fun in Canberra?

3.30 – 3.50pm **CS Daley's attachment to the 'city like no other' and his involvement with Canberra's creation over the span of 50 years.** *Jenny Horsfield*

3.50 - 4.10pm **Bureaucratic but certainly not boring** - *Pamela Hubert*

4.10 - 4.50pm **Panel - where to from here?** - Panel members *Pamela Hubert, Pip Giovanelli, Amy Guthrie, Veronica Bullock, Lenore Coltheart*

4.50 - 5.00pm **Wrap up and confirmation of issues to be taken forward.**

5.00pm **Wine, nibbles and warm down.**

For registration form, summaries and biographical notes please check our website www.cas.asn.au



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Percival Hill Artefact Grinding Grooves; Site location and documenting

CAS and ANU Archaeology undergraduates, led by Helen Cooke, Peter Dowling and Daryl Wesley
Lab period **Friday 9 August, 10.30am - 12 pm** at LG29, A D Hope (Building 14) ANU. All participants are invited to this session, but please contact Helen Cooke on 0408 443 243 or email Helen.cooke@anu.edu.au to RSVP.

Field survey **Sunday 11 August, 2 - 4pm** - Meet in Schow Place, Nicholls - access off Gundaroo Drive.

Transport: CAS members can offer lifts to those without their own transport. Please contact Helen Cooke on 0408 443 243 or email Helen.before the day to seek a lift or offer one. If you want to be collected from the ANU campus, for instance, pick up time would be 1.30pm.

Proposal: to relocate these artefact grinding grooves, survey the site and produce a condition report and suggestions for managing any cultural heritage issues, all of which will be sent to the ACT Heritage Unit. Percival Hill is on your left as you turn into Gundaroo Drive from the Barton Highway, at the big roundabout.

Finish: about 4pm and reconvene at the George Harcourt Inn, 3 Gold Creek Road, Nicholls, to discuss the outcomes.

'Shaping Canberra Conference'.

Please do not forget to register for the conference, workshops, dinner and the tours
<http://hrc.anu.edu.au/shapingcanberra-registration>

Canberra & District Historical Society SYMPOSIUM

CANBERRA : 'Hidden Histories and Back Stories'
(Celebrating Canberra 100 and CDHS 60)

Saturday 10 August 2013

Sir Roland Wilson Building, ANU, McCoy Circuit
ACTON

For further information contact

Canberra & District Historical Society Inc

T: 02 6281 2929

Hours: 11.00am – 5.00pm Tuesday & Wednesday
10.00am – 12 noon Saturday

<http://www.canberrahistory.org.au/calendar.asp>.

Book sale

CAS wishes to thank those who have donated books for us to sell to raise funds for our Education Award (exciting initiative to be unveiled later this year). In particular, we thank Maggie Brady for donating some of the late Dr Alan Thorne's library and to Peter Dowling for donating their surplus books. These books include archaeology, anthropology, Australian studies as well as some on art and the Pacific and more, all for sale at reasonable prices. If you want to have a look through the available books, contact me on 0408 443 243 or by email: helen.cooke@anu.edu.au to make to time to visit Room 6005 in the Coombs Building. (Don't panic, my room is easy to find and near the short term car parking at University House). I will also try to bring a few books along to meetings. If you are looking for a particular book, email or phone me with the title and I will see if we have it.

Helen Cooke



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Walter Burley Griffin Society Symposium

Friday 16 August

12.45pm to 4.30pm

The Shine Dome, Australian Academy of Science
Gordon Street, Canberra.

Leading Griffin experts from USA, Germany and Australia will give presentations, at this half day symposium, about the influences and ideals that underpinned the Griffins' internationally significant design for Canberra.

Further information: www.griffinsociety.org

Bookings essential: <http://www.trybooking.com/CHQR>

Visit to historic sites in Goorooyaroo Nature

reserve, Gungahlin: the ruins of Walter Ginn's and John Winter's homesteads

Sunday 25 August 2013; 2pm – 4pm.

Members of the Canberra Archaeological Society and ANU Archaeology undergraduates, led by Helen Cooke.

Meet at the car park for Mulligans Flat Nature Reserve on Amy Ackman St, Forde, Gungahlin

CAS members can offer lifts to those without their own transport. Please contact Helen Cooke on 0408 443 243 or email Helen.cooke@anu.edu.au before the day to seek a lift or offer one. Pick up from the ANU campus, for instance, pick up time would be 1.30pm.

Proposal: to relocate the remains of these pioneer sites as well as evidence of early ploughlands and other mystery sites.

Recording: participants will record locations, contents and current condition and photograph the sites for a report to be sent to the ACT Heritage Unit.

Post visit analysis will commence after 4pm in the George Harcourt Inn at Ginninderra Village (opposite the Dinosaur Museum on the Federal Highway).

Analysis and reporting will continue at a later time to be confirmed.

Hall School Museum



This amazing museum of education in the period between the Wars is open from 10am to 12 noon every

Thursday and on Hall Market Days, the first Sunday of each month, and also by appointment. It is well worth a visit!



<http://museum.hall.act.au/>



The intrepid Friends are going to help CAS to encourage a Ginninderra Pioneers group to keep an eye on archaeological and historic sites in Gungahlin.

Many thanks to the Friends of Hall School Museum for inviting our President to attend a meeting and share our ideas.

Please

*If anyone has some interesting stories or articles that they would like to share with our members please email Di Dowling on Dipetaia@bigpond.com
Thank you*



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ANU Masters of Archaeological Science Program

ARCH 8037 Master Class in Buildings Archaeology
16-20th Sept. 2013

This course is concerned with research methodology relevant to Historic Buildings Archaeologists. It aims to prepare students to conduct archaeological investigation within both academic and commercial environments and to provide them with practical experience of building recording and theoretically informed interpretation. It will introduce and consider various aspects of research investigation through a series of lectures, seminars and practical exercises providing the student with transferable career skills in the planning and management of projects. It will also give insight into some of the legal and ethical issues surrounding historic buildings and structures.

The Master Class is delivered as a five-day intensive workshop held in Canberra in September. Coursework is submitted after the completion of the workshop. Students in the ANU Master of Archaeological Science program should enrol in the ARCH8037 Master Class Spring Session (Class #1629 on study@). A limited number of places are also available to professionals (on a fee-paying basis).

Additional information regarding the course can be found here:

<http://www.australianarchaeology.com/2013/06/master-class-in-buildings-archaeology-at-anu-16-20-september-2013/>

Further information about ANU Master of Archaeological Science Program:

<http://archaeology.anu.edu.au/archaeologicalscience/archaeological-science-anu>

Course and Other Academic Information: Email:
archaeological.science@anu.edu.au

29th Annual Conference of the NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies

Limestone Plains to Marble Halls

Hellenic Club, Canberra

20-22 September 2013

The Conference itself, to be held on Saturday and Sunday, Speakers include Martin Woods from NLA; Kerri Ward from NAA; Robyn Van-Dyk from AWM; Gail Davis from NSW SRO; speakers on findmypast.com and familysearch.org; Cora Num on research tools for the digital age; and specialist topics including Cobb & Co and using Royal Commission and Legislative Council Select Committee papers. There will also be a panel discussing Women in Records. Finally, our keynote speaker is Dr David Headon

The Friday, 20th, will be a Family History Fair which will be free and open to the public. This day will include three optional sessions for Conference Delegates (a TROVE Masterclass, NSW Land Records and a three hour workshop on writing family history), a number of short, free presentations open to the public, and plenty of trade and information tables. Already many NSW societies and quite a few specialist and commercial organisations have booked trade/information tables.

details on their website

www.conference2013.org.au

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Canberra Archaeological Society 50th Anniversary Dinner

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50th Anniversary Dinner

The President and Committee
invite you to celebrate
50 years of hard work and fun with
us.

Wednesday 23rd October 2013,
6pm

Teatro Vivaldi Restaurant,
ANU Arts Centre
University Avenue, Canberra.

Members: \$60 Guests: \$70

Dinner will be preceded by drinks and some reminiscences from our founders and former Presidents. More reminiscences may follow between courses.

After dinner speaker: Prof Colin Groves will explain the relevance of October 23 and Bishop Ussher to the field of archaeology.

Please bring any memorabilia you could donate to the CAS archives which are held in the ACT Heritage Library.

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Sally.Brockwell@anu.edu.au.

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National Archaeology Week 2013

Thanks to all supporters for making this NAW a busy and exciting time. CAS lived up to our constitution and provided several opportunities to promote archaeology,

Thanks to Mike Smith, the Compleat and Desert Archaeologist, for offering to share a conversation with us in the Friends Lounge of the National Museum of Australia. The venue was packed as a lot of Friends joined with us. Mike was his usual unstinting self in revealing how and why he had undertaken the writing of his latest book, the Archaeology of Australia's Deserts, and many more insights into a life of inspiring archaeological adventures.

It was especially lovely to be in the Friends Lounge with its views of the Lake and to enjoy afternoon tea – many thanks to Carisse, our charming host. Also in NAW, for our CAS/CAR monthly talk, Aedeon Cremin intrigued us with her topic 'All the Kings Horses - where did Angkor get its Horses'? We were transported in our minds to exotic locations and intrigued by the images of horses and the painstaking research Aedeon has undertaken to find out when there were real horses in Angkor and the likely sources for importing them. If you remember reading 'A leg at each corner' by Thelwell in your horsey phase, I think you would appreciate these charming stone depictions of ponies. Thanks Aedeon – you drew a good crowd for us!

And finally in NAW, our first CAS event in conjunction with the Students' Archaeology Association and led by Peter, Helen and Daryl Wesley included a field trip to recording significant

sites in the Tuggeranong Valley. We began with a lab session to discuss culturally modified trees, GPS use and recording current condition and threats to significant sites. This was followed by a BBQ outside Coombs Building which attracted a number of passing supporters, including the odd professor (random, not really odd)!

On Sunday 19th May we met again on location in Tuggie and viewed several examples of scarred trees and the Tuggeranong Artefact Grinding Site. These exposures of multiple grooves fire the imagination of how and who and why, but we did record what we could see and admire the view of the Brindabellas. We ended our deliberations in the warmth of Rose Cottage.

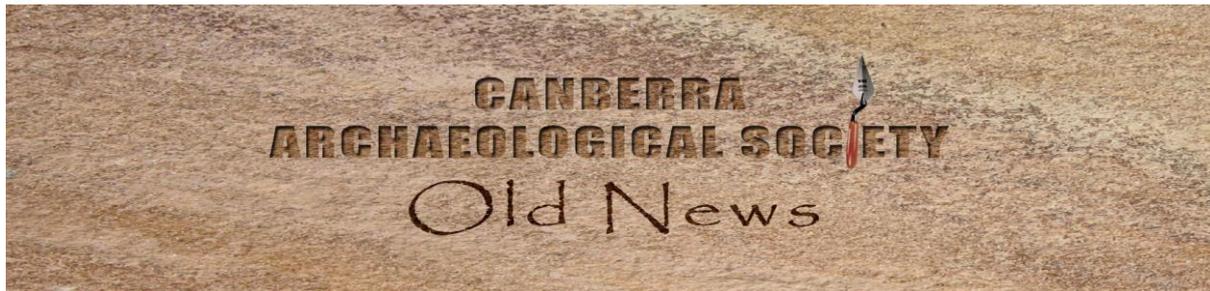
My fond hope is that someone will take on the four known artefact grinding sites in ACT for a post-grad study. Many thanks to the leaders, members and students who came along and completed report forms on our findings.

Helen Cooke

The Vietnam Maritime Archaeology Project Centre.

Dr. Mark Staniforth and a team of researchers, who have been working in Vietnam for the past few years, created the project centre to increase awareness at local, provincial, national and international levels about the extent and nature of Vietnam's underwater and maritime cultural heritage. The site will present material about a range of maritime archaeology projects as well as maritime and underwater cultural heritage investigations that are being conducted in Vietnam today.

<http://www.themua.org/vietnam>



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Giant Australian animals were not wiped out by climate change



Researchers have ruled out climate change as the cause of extinction of most of Australia's giant animals, including giant kangaroos, three metre-tall flightless birds and the

Tasmanian tiger, around 50,000 years ago.

There has been much debate over the cause of the extinction of Australian's giant animals or 'megafauna', says Professor Patrick De Deckker from the ANU Research School of Earth Sciences.

"The extinction happened around the same time as humans moved into the area, which also coincided with a change in the type of plant food available to megafauna," Professor De Deckker said.

"These events have led to several theories of the cause of extinction, including climate change. But the timing of these events was uncertain. We didn't know which one happened first, so we couldn't begin to understand what could have caused the extinction."

Professor De Deckker and his ANU colleagues, in collaboration with a team in the Netherlands, analysed a sediment core taken from the sea bed, off the coast of Kangaroo Island in the offshore canyons of the Murray River.

"Sediment cores provide a record of the past," said Professor De Deckker. "From the core we were able to reconstruct sea-surface temperature over the past 135,000 years, as well as variations in the type of vegetation in the Murray Basin, allowing us to piece together the order of these events."

The team found that sea-surface temperature varied by only 3°C at the time of the extinction – a minor variation compared to other times in the record – indicating that the extinction did not occur in a period of major climate change.

The core also revealed a shift in vegetation type immediately after the megafaunal extinction.

"Before and during the extinction period, 70 per cent of the vegetation was typical of northern Australia today. Immediately after the extinction, this value dropped to 35 per cent," said Professor De Deckker.

"Some people have suggested that this dramatic change in food sources might have been the cause of the megafaunal extinction, but we've shown that this was in fact a result of the extinction. Our idea is that with fewer herbivores around to eat them, substantial fuel remained in the landscape, which eventually led to massive fires.

"Our work unveiled the presence of a compound in the core that is produced as a result of plant material burning. This compound appeared *after* the megafaunal extinction and lasted some 3,000 years."

Professor Tim Flannery predicted this finding two decades ago.

"The nature and relative timing of these events turns out to be exactly as first hypothesised by Professor Tim Flannery in 1990," said Professor De Deckker.

"Professor Flannery suggested that the abrupt extinction of the herbivorous megafauna meant shrubs grew unchecked, increasing the amount of flammable material. This explanation has caused considerable and ongoing controversy, but is now supported by our evidence.

"While clearly demonstrating significant ecosystem after-effects of megafaunal extinction, the evidence from the core does not provide an explanation for the cause of the extinction, it does not support climate change as a cause.

The research is published in the journal *Nature Geoscience*.

<http://news.anu.edu.au/2013/07/01/giant-australian-animals-were-not-wiped-out-by-climate-change/>