



Australian Archaeological Association

Minutes

2016 Annual General Meeting

Crowne Plaza Terrigal, Pine Tree Way Terrigal NSW, 2260

Wednesday, 7 December 2016

1. Welcome

The 2016 AGM commenced at 4:40 PM, chaired by Lara Lamb. The President welcomed all to the meeting and requested everyone to sign on to the attendance sheet.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Jim Specht, Tim Denham, Jim Rhoads, Josephine Flood, Brit Asmussen, Ken Mulvaney, Lucia Clayton-Martinez, Sam Harper, Dave Johnson, Sven Ouzman, Lalia Haglund, Carly Monks.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2015 AAA AGM

The minutes of the 2015 AAA AGM held on Thursday 3 December 2015 at the Esplanade Hotel, Marine Terrace, Fremantle WA, were pre-circulated by email and made available on the website prior to the AGM.

Motion:

“That the Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting of the Australian Archaeological Association Inc. have been circulated, been taken as read and confirmed”. Moved from the Chair: Lara Lamb. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Business arising from the previous minutes

Lara Lamb noted that the business arising from previous minutes would be addressed in the reports.

5. Reports

5.1 President (Lara Lamb)

My first year as President has been greatly facilitated by the hard work of Fiona Hook (Vice President), Lucia Clayton (past Secretary), Jo Thomson (Secretary), Alyssa Madden (Membership Secretary), Ben Smith/Sven Ouzman (past Treasurers) and Aaron Fogel/Kelsey Lowe (Treasurers), Sam Harper (Webmaster) and the journal editorial team Sandra Bowdler, Vicky Winton, Kate Morse,

Joe Dortch and Jane Balme. During 2016, the executive met 12 times to discuss issues pertaining to the operation of the Association.

Of great significance during 2016, as was outlined in the President's report of 2015, was our move to Taylor and Francis as publishers of the journal, and also as administrators of our membership payments as of August 26, 2016. The administration of membership comes at no additional cost to the Association and membership monies are paid directly back to the Association. This move was considered to be worthwhile, as an inordinate amount of the AAA Executive's time has been spent on the administration of membership payment problems; problems which failed to be resolved using three website companies.

During 2016, we were also tasked with finding new treasurers for the Association as the term of the past treasurers Sven Ouzman and Ben Smith concluded half way through the year. After an expression of interest was sent out to the membership email list, Aaron Fogel (Griffith University) and Kelsey Lowe (University of Southern Queensland) were appointed. The Executive recognizes the hard work of the outgoing treasurers; they were instrumental in attaining financial stability and the return of the Association to an operating surplus. We warmly welcome Aaron and Kelsey to the Executive.

You will also know that the UISPP made a unilateral decision to pull out of the planned joint AAA/UISPP congress, scheduled for September 2017. This was profoundly disappointing and we have conveyed our dissatisfaction to the UISPP. We thank the organising committee Tim Denham, David Frankel and Andy Herries for the hard work that they put into the planning of the congress. We also thank our colleagues from La Trobe University for stepping into the breach and agreeing to host the annual AAA conference in 2017.

The organisation of the 2017 conference is underway, and I'm very pleased to tell you that there are a range of potential hosts who have expressed interest for 2018 and 2019 as well. In other good news, the Student Research Grant Scheme was reactivated in 2016, with eleven successful applicants receiving a combined total of \$12,900 in funding.

The last executive, at handover, stressed a number of outstanding matters that they expressed a desire to have us take up – the public perception of heritage, including engagement at the ministerial level, and engagement with the media. In September, 2016, there was a submission regarding the Duty of Care Guidelines (S. 28) of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act (QLD) prepared by representatives of the Queensland members of the Australian Archaeological Association. This was submitted on behalf of the Association on the 16th of September, 2016. With regards to engagement with the public, a number of press releases were made in the second half of the year and we are seeking to be more dynamic in this space; to that end, we are looking to appoint a Media co-Officer to assist the current Media Officer. However, our Facebook page does an exemplary job of engaging with the public and the Executive recognises the dedication of the outgoing Social Media Officer Jacqueline Matthews. We are also continuing efforts to raise the membership base and you will hear more from our membership secretary on this.

On a sad note, I acknowledge the passing of John Mulvaney in September. His passing is a tremendous loss to Australian archaeology and I convey my sincere condolences to his family, friends and colleagues.

Going forward, our goals are to increase our direct engagement with the membership base via the email list, to increase the membership base itself and to remain active/increase activity in the public spheres, both to promote an appreciation of archaeology and heritage in the broader community, and as a means to undertake fundraising. Our Public Fund is now listed on the Register of Cultural Organisations (more on this in the Treasurers' Report), which allows us to receive tax deductible gifts. Our intention is to promote this opportunity widely, through social media platforms, other professional and public networks and importantly, through our engagement with the public during National Archaeology Week.

Also going forward, I encourage the Executive, the Association and future conference organisers to consider some of the limitations that are placed on us, by the generalised downturn in sponsorship from within the private sector. This may have flow-on effects in terms of our capacity to host conferences in some of the larger, more expensive settings. This year saw a significantly reduced commitment from sponsors early on, but after some extremely proactive efforts by Fiona Hook, Aaron Fogel and Peter White, this was rectified. The Association owes a huge debt of gratitude to them for their hard work. I'd also like to thank the Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council and the 2016 AAA conference organisers for their efforts to bring this historic conference to fruition.

Discussion arising: None.

5.2 Secretary (Jo Thomson and Lucia Clayton Martinez)

Secretary duties were undertaken this year by Lucia Clayton Martinez and Jo Thomson. Due to fieldwork commitments and duties as assistant webmaster, Lucia stepped down from the role and Jo was co-opted into the Secretary role in July 2016.

Secretary activities during 2016 were mostly focused on supporting the NEC and the distribution of information to and from AAA members. The actions consisted of:

- Managing the Secretary email account, mostly answering requests for information and other inquiries, forwarding emails to the NEC, and managing requests directed at the NEC. Emails were generally regarding study or work opportunities and membership issues.
- Assisting the NEC by organising monthly meetings and preparing the agenda and minutes. The meetings were held the first Thursday of each month at UWA via Skype with members of the NEC located on the east coast.
- Prompt preparation and circulation of the 2015 AAA AGM minutes.
- Assisting in the SRGS application process (thanks to the AAA student reps and the SRGS committee).
- Liaising with Taylor and Francis for the membership transferral process.
- Sending out general announcement emails to membership regarding AAA matters, including the circulation of the 2015 AAA AGM minutes and emails regarding the 2016 AAA conference and AGM.

Lucia would like to thank Jo for volunteering for the role and the great work she has done since then. Similarly, Jo would like to thank Lucia for her work earlier in the year and the ongoing support and guidance she has offered since then.

Discussion arising: None.

5.3 Treasurers (Benjamin Smith and Sven Ouzman)

This year's report was presented by Benjamin Smith on behalf of the outgoing Treasurers.

Overview

This report covers the Association's 2015/16 financial year (September 1st 2015 to August 31st 2016), and is the third report prepared by the current Treasurers. All figures provided are derived from audited reports. After three years of deficits (\$62,323 in 2012/13; \$32,054 in 2013/14; \$3,587 in 2014/15), we are delighted to report a return to surplus. In this financial year we have an audited surplus of \$19,320. Three changes allowed for this surplus: 1) the agreement by our members to increase membership fees in December 2014; 2) a surplus from the 2015 Fremantle Conference; 3) continued fiscal stringency. Our contract with Taylor and Francis ensures a good prospect for continued surpluses over the next seven years.

Table 1. Surplus/Deficit, 2015/16 financial year (GST Excl.)

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	Variation
Total income	\$113,875	\$105,322	\$108,780	\$3,458
Total expenditure	\$(145,929)	\$(108,910)	\$(89,460)	\$19,450
Operating surplus	\$(32,054)	\$(3,587)	\$19,320	\$22,907
Retained surplus	\$137,713	\$105,660	\$102,073	\$(3,587)
Total Equity	\$105,660	\$102,073	\$121,393	\$19,320

Cultural Organisation and Deductible Gift Recipient Status

After more than 12 months of complex negotiations, the Minister for the Arts and the Assistant Treasurer, on behalf of the Treasurer, approved our application to be entered on the Register of Cultural Organisations (ROCO). With this listing accepted, the *Australian Archaeological Association Public Fund*, became eligible to receive tax-deductible gifts on 29 April 2016. This is a significant milestone in the history of our Association. The conditions are:

- The public fund must be a fund to which the public is invited to contribute and does contribute. Thus, to remain eligible for ROCO, we must promote the Public Fund and receive donations.
- We cannot enter into any agreement with donors regarding the purpose for which donations will be used – donations must be given unconditionally in order to be tax-deductible.
- Donors cannot receive any advantage of a material character by way of return (for example, discounted conference attendance). It may also be considered a material benefit if donors receive a tax deduction for supporting the cultural activities of their relatives (for example, if the children of a donor were to receive a grant or award created from that donation).
- We cannot accept donations on behalf of another organisation or individual – we may only use donated funds exclusively for our own cultural purposes.
- To ensure tax deductibility of donations, receipts issued through the Public Fund must comply with ROCO requirements.
- We are not permitted to use donations to our Public Fund to support the purposes (cultural or otherwise) of another organisation. This means that we cannot provide grants from the Public Fund to other bodies or pass money onto another organisation.
- Money in the Public Fund must be kept separate from our other funds.
- Testamentary gifts (gifts of property made under a will), while exempt from capital gains tax, are not tax-deductible.

We also have new and slightly more onerous reporting requirements: on a six monthly basis we must provide the Department of Communications and the Arts with data on the donations we have received. Returns must reflect the periods 1 January – 30 June and 1 July – 31 December and must be made on the Department’s Statistical Return of Donations form. If we receive no donations in the reporting period we must still submit a ‘nil’ response. We must notify the Department in writing within 21 days of all changes to contact details, contact persons, office bearers, governing documents and the public fund committee, including responsible persons. We need to provide the Department with details of our grant/award/prize policy or guidelines before any new grant is advertised to the public. Our existing grant/award/prize programs are already registered. The Department will periodically review our eligibility for ROCO.

Income

We are reporting a slight income increase of \$3,458 in 2015/16.

Table 2. Income, 2015/16 financial year (GST Excl.)

	2014/15	2015/16	Variation
Conference	\$28,964.98	\$45,477.21	\$16,512.23
Gifts and Donations	\$14,132.23	\$109.61	\$(14,022.62)
Journal	\$2,880.80	\$2,476.60	\$(404.20)
Royalties and back issues	\$3,933.26	\$5,713.46	\$1,780.20
Subscriptions	\$53,671.79	\$53,817.86	\$146.07
Interest	\$1,739.20	\$1,185.54	\$(553.66)
Total income	\$105,322.26	\$108,780.28	\$3,458.02

Items to note:

- All major incomes have remained steady in 2015/16 except our conference income which increased. A huge thanks must go to the organisation committee and sponsors of the 2015 Fremantle Conference for delivering a healthy surplus.

Expenditure

We report a second year of significant decline in expenditure from \$145,929 in 2013/14 to \$108,910 in 2014/15 to \$89,460 in 2015/16. This decline in expenditure is the product of changes in the nature of AAA expenditure and the implementation of stringent cost controls.

Table 3. Expenses, 2015/16 financial year (GST Excl.)

	2014/15	2015/16	Variation
Audit fees	\$(1,184.55)	\$(1,500.00)	\$(315.45)
Bank fees & charges	\$(1,401.32)	\$(1,570.45)	\$(169.13)
Bookkeeping	\$(316.32)	\$(343.62)	\$(27.30)
Conference expenses	\$(13,661.33)	-	\$13,661.33
Donations	-	\$(50,000.00)	\$(50,000.00)
Insurance & regulatory costs	\$(5,270.43)	\$(1,187.26)	\$4,083.17
Journal Production	\$(51,532.32)	\$(11,426.29)	\$40,106.03
Postage & stationary	\$(9,122.48)	\$(3,234.81)	\$5,887.67
Prizes and awards	\$(3,490.00)	\$(11,400.00)	\$(7,910.00)
Subscriptions & back issues	-	\$(3,495.58)	\$(3,495.58)
Sundry expenses	\$(4,286.15)	\$(494.96)	\$3,791.90
Web & IT	\$(18,644.92)	\$(4,807.00)	\$13,837.92
Total expenses	\$(108,909.82)	\$(89,459.97)	\$19,449.85

Items to note:

- Audit fees, bank fees and book-keeping fees saw inflationary rises.

- Our bookkeeper has worked *pro bono* throughout this financial year, but this cannot be expected to continue. We formally thank Dave Thompson of Additions Bookkeeping Services for his diligent work.
- For the first time, all conference expenses were paid by our conference organisers.
- With the shift to the publication of *Australian Archaeology* by Taylor & Francis, the Association paid for the production and postage of only one out of three issues produced in this financial year. All costs relating to the other two issues were paid by Taylor & Francis. We are thus seeing the start of a significant and permanent change to the accounts of the Association whereby a fixed sum is paid to Taylor & Francis each year to cover subscriptions and a significantly greater percentage of Association income is available to be used for other purposes. In this financial year, this surplus income was used to renew the Student Research Grant Scheme and to begin transferring our savings to the Public Fund (the \$50,000 donation).
- Insurance and regulatory costs were unusually low because the 2015/16 insurance costs were paid during the 2014/15 financial year as per insurer's renewal deadlines.
- The 'cost' of Subscriptions is a false cost. We had significant problems with our membership payment portal throughout this financial year and this led many members to overpay their fees. The cost listed here reflects our repayment of excess membership fees that were paid to us in error. It has taken considerable administration to rectify these membership payment errors. This waste of committee time is now removed thanks to our contractual agreement with Taylor & Francis whereby they will administer all our subscriptions.
- As predicted, the cost of web and IT were significantly lower this year because we completed the redevelopment of the website last year and so we had only to pay for routine maintenance and minor improvements.

Assets and liabilities

Current Assets increased for the first time since 2011 and now stand at \$123,529.95. Net Assets have increased to \$121,392.96. Our Net Assets are the total equity of the Association. This increase in our assets of nearly \$20,000 marks a significant improvement in our financial performance - we reported a fall in assets of almost \$98,000 over the previous three years. We are in a strong position to post another financial surplus in 2016/17, thereby returning the Association to financial stability. It should, however, be noted that the years of deficit mean our Assets are still not at the level they should be and continued fiscal discipline must be maintained.

Table 4. Balance sheet, 2015/16 financial year.

	2014/15	2015/16	Variation
Current Assets			
CBA Operating Account	\$1,801.50	\$64,099.28	\$62,297.78
CBA Savings Account	\$105.24	\$105.24	\$0
PayPal Account	\$2,288.46	\$4.27	\$(2,284.39)
Conference Online Trust	\$7,500.00	\$15,000.00	\$7,500
Bruce Veitch Fund	\$14,410.02	\$14,593.89	\$183.87
Prize Fund	\$78,735.49	\$29,727.27	\$(49,008.22)
Accounts Receivable	\$532.34	-	\$(532.34)
Total Current Assets	\$105,458.40	\$123,529.95	\$18,156.70
Current Liabilities			
GST	\$3,385.75	\$2,136.99	\$1,248.76
Total Current Liabilities	\$3,385.75	\$2,136.99	\$1,248.76
Net Assets	\$102,072.65	\$121,392.96	\$19,320.31
Equity			
Retained surplus	\$105,659.71	\$102,072.65	\$(3,587.06)

Operating surplus	\$(3,587.06)	\$19,320.31	\$22,907.37
Total equity	\$102,072.65	\$121,392.96	\$19,320.31

Items to note:

- There have been no major changes in the structure of our major operating and savings accounts.
- Our cash flow strictures have eased. We have carried forward more than \$60,000 to the next financial year.
- Our *Conference Online* account is held by Conferences Online. It comprises held-over surplus from the previous conference and it acts as a float for the next conference.
- We have no accounts receivable. Accounts receivable are monies owed: i.e. monies invoiced and for which we await payment.
- Our only liability is GST and this liability will be significantly reduced in future years by our new status as a Cultural Organisation with Gift Deductable Entity Status.

Looking forward to 2016/17

This is the final financial report by the current Treasurers. Unusually, we have prepared three annual reports. The reason for this is that we have served an extra six months in order to align the Treasurer term exactly with the financial year. Future Treasurers will henceforth serve from 1st September to 31st August. This will ensure that they only report on Association business that has been transacted and overseen by them. Aaron Fogel and Kelsey Lowe therefore took over the Treasurer roles on 1st September 2016. We have held a series of Skype meetings with them to ensure a clear and orderly transfer and we are confident that the finances of the Association are in good hands. We thank Kelsey and Aaron for the time and efforts they have devoted to ensuring a clean and smooth handover.

The Association attained a surplus of nearly \$20,000 in 2015/16 and this should be welcomed by all, but this should not be taken as the moment to jettison fiscal caution. We lost nearly \$100,000 in the three previous financial years and we will need a succession of surplus years to return the Association to our formerly comfortable financial status. The signs are good: our Taylor & Francis agreement guarantees us lower fixed annual expenditure and higher income, but it will remain important in the coming years that our conference also returns a healthy surplus. In other words, our sources of income are limited and we need to ensure they produce income each financial year.

The finances presented here are unusual in that they present a set of incomes and expenditures that lie between two financial models. Our traditional model is one in which we received all membership fees and covered all *Australian Archaeology* costs directly. In the new model, Taylor & Francis will receive all our membership fees and transfer these to us annually (or six monthly as per our instruction). They will also charge us a fixed annual fee per member for *Australian Archaeology*. This gives us great financial stability as our annual costs are now fixed and predictable.

The 2015/16 financial year is the last year in which we have received all membership payments directly ourselves. We ceased taking membership payments on the first day of the 2016/17 financial year (September 1st 2016). From 1st September 2016 Taylor & Francis have administered all AAA membership payments. They will return to us 100% of our income from ordinary and concessionary memberships and 25% of our income from institutional membership fees. Members will now receive annual invoices directly from Taylor & Francis and they will pay their fees via their sophisticated online membership payment portal.

Members are reminded that *Australian Archaeology* now produces three issues per year, rather than two. The cost of the first issue during 2015/16 was borne by this Association and the cost of the other two by Taylor & Francis. Only the costs of the first issue are included in this report. The costs of the other two issues remain to be paid to Taylor & Francis early in 2017. The monies owed to T&F are less than \$40,000 and we have carried over an unusually high cash balance (more than \$60,000)

to cover this cost. Annual payments to Taylor & Francis will, in future, be made in February of each year. There is also some unpaid income due to us. Taylor & Francis are holding our share of *Australian Archaeology* institutional membership fees and all other membership monies paid since September 2016. These monies will be paid to the Association in January 2017.

The future financial management of the Association will henceforth be considerably simpler: the bulk of our historical incomes and expenditures will henceforth be borne by Taylor & Francis. We will receive all income in a single (or twice yearly) payment and all our journal expenses will be paid against a single invoice. This will allow the Treasurers, whose labour is entirely voluntary, to shift their attentions from the pedantry of book-keeping to the task of overseeing the financial health of the Association and the promotion of the aims of the Association. We are delighted to hand over a simplified and streamlined set of Association books in which the long-term stability of the Association is secure. We also hand over an Association that is well positioned to expand its expenditure in the medium-term (but this is not recommended for 2016/17), while still delivering healthy annual budget surpluses.

Discussion arising: None.

5.4 Membership Secretary (Alyssa Madden)

Current Makeup of the AAA

This has been a very busy year for the Membership Secretary (MS). The year started out with a website that was not fully functioning until approximately half way through this year. As a result much of the MS's time was taken up with manually processing orders through the website, and communicating with the membership around this issue. However the good news on the website front is that the early bugs from this new website seem to be completely sorted out; this will be discussed in more detail by the Webmaster.

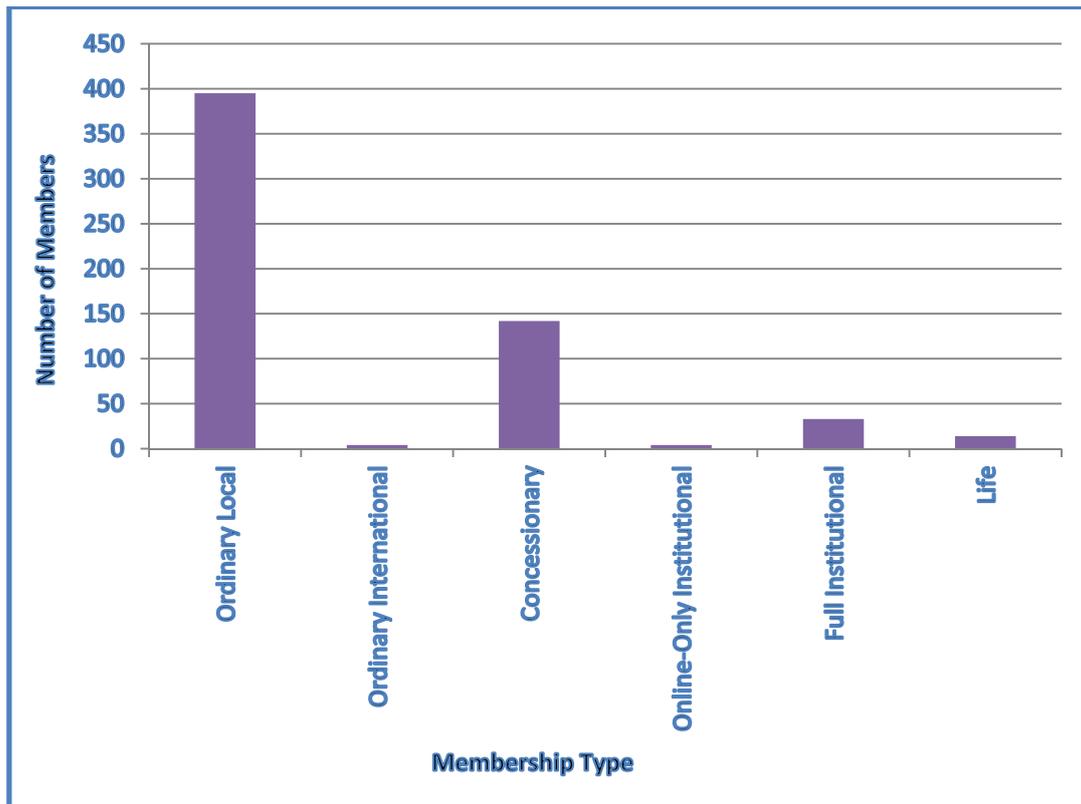
Phishing attacks on the database that were reported by last year's MS left a database that was in desperate need of updating, specifically around identification of who were current members, and their correct details. Previous over-reportage of paid-up members has now been rectified and we now have an accurate picture of the AAA's membership.

Currently, the total number of financial AAA members is 592. This includes 395 ordinary local members, four ordinary international members, 142 concessionary members, four online-only institutional members, 33 full institutional members, 14 life members.

Table 1. Members by Category 2016.

Membership Type	Number
Ordinary Local	395
Ordinary International	4
Concessionary	142
Online-Only Institutional	4
Full Institutional	33
Life	14
TOTAL	592

Figure 1. Membership Breakdown by Category



Other Issues

With the change over to the new publishers, Taylor and Francis (T&F), there were some initial technical issues with the database, and ensuring all the membership files were correctly and fully transferred. The database now appears to be complete and up to date. Keeping the members in the correct category proved to be particularly difficult in the move, as the database kept attempting to reset all members to online only, which was evident in some members not receiving their journal in a timely fashion. However this particular issue seems to have been rectified, with no complaints on this issue for the last two editions of the 2016 journal. As an aside, please note that Concessionary members only get online and will not get hard copy – as per resolution at 2015 AAA AGM. Overall, the move to T&F has proven to be effective in maintaining the membership database, and the files. The Editors and Treasurers detail the effectiveness of this transition relating to the journal and financial side of this move.

2017 Goals

We can look to moving forward with the focus on increasing output of content such as emails, keeping the membership up to date with current material, and increasing the membership in general. We will espouse the benefits of our membership including the AAA conference discount, eligibility for SRGS, standing in the professional community, recourse to the ethics, funding, indigenous, teaching etc. committees and initiatives. Now as a gift-deductible entity we can take tax-deductible contributions. Also please note that membership is for the calendar year and with this members will receive their renewal notification from T&F and can renew on their site, or via AAA’s website.

Through previous years' AGMs it has been noted that the institutional membership is not as high as it should be for a journal of AA's calibre. Currently we have 37, whereas in 2014 we had 39 institutional members, followed by the 2015 total of 46 members. Concessionary memberships are also markedly down from previous years, as far as we can discern. In 2014, there were 294 concessionary members, and 280 in 2015. These particular areas should see a significant improvement from the 142 concessionary members we currently have, in 2017. In order to increase the membership in this area, and in consultation with previously successful AAA MS (Dan Rosendahl and Jacqueline Matthews), next year will see specific marketing distributed to universities with archaeological and archaeologically-related departments. This type of campaign has historically been proven successful.

Discussion arising:

Question from the floor asking if Taylor and Francis are going to send out membership renewal reminders. Alyssa Madden confirmed yes and indicated that as of today members can renew for 2017 through Taylor and Francis.

Peter White asked if Taylor and Francis were expecting a rise in online institutional subscribers. Alyssa Madden confirmed that Taylor and Francis were expecting a rise and that she will follow up with them again.

Robin Torrence asked if Taylor and Francis were bundling the AA Journal with other journals. Alyssa Madden confirmed that yes, the journal was being bundled with other archaeological journals.

5.5 Journal Editors (Sandra Bowdler, Vicky Winton, Kate Morse, Joe Dortch, Jane Balme)

Sandra Bowdler presented a summary of the Journal Editors report and showed a PowerPoint of the cover of the latest AA Journal.

This year saw the transition of *Australian Archaeology* from an independently produced journal to its becoming part of the stable of international publisher Taylor and Francis/Routledge. While there have been some definite teething problems, we think the system is now running quite smoothly, if not quite in the streamlined automated way envisaged. Many of the issues were not really editorial, but to do with the distribution of the journal to members; going by the complaints coming our way, there seemed to be considerable improvement between issues 1 and 2.

Editorial Advisory Board

The current Editorial Advisory Board team was established at the beginning of the year, and largely seems to be settled in to its collective role. We will carry out a review towards the end of 2017, with an eye to maintaining a good balance of old hands and fresh new faces.

Journal Content

A list of the academic papers and reports published in December last year, and the three issues of this year is listed at the end of this report (note that at the time of writing, the issue December 2016, vol 82 No 3 is still in production, so is labelled as "draft"). We hope members will agree that this shows a wide spread, both geographically, substantively and thematically.

In the third issue for this year, you will find an Editorial that shows some general quantitative indicators for topics covered, authors and referees. It will be noted that:

1. Research publications (articles and short reports) are dominated by papers on Indigenous archaeological topics, with a substantial contribution from rock art papers;
2. We have a reasonable gender balance with respect to both authors and referees;
3. We need to improve the number of Indigenous scholars as both authors and referees

Ulm-Ross Prize

With a large field of entries to review, we thank co-members of our judging panel for 2015: Bryce Barker, Daryl Wesley and Val Attenbrow. We look forward to announcing the winning paper at the AAA2016 conference dinner.

Ongoing issues

While this is an opportunity for you to ask us questions, it is also our turn to nag you. We are pleased that the message about short reports seems to have penetrated amongst authors, i.e. that they should be *short*, nor more than 1500 words, and contain essential data, but not necessarily detailed conclusions of interpretations. We would also encourage people to use the *pro forma* for submitting radiocarbon dates, with a minimal but essential amount of information. And, once again, we urge you to refer to our *style sheet* (available on the AAA website), for all the sorts of minutiae which we prefer not to have to correct.

Thanks

We extend our grateful thanks to the EAB and all referees for their unstinting generosity for finding the time to do this essential and not always rewarding task. We are pleased to observe that there are few exceptions to the civilised, fair and really helpful work of our colleagues in this respect.

Journal Content Lists 2016

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ARTICLES

Jacqueline Matthews and Lynley A. Wallis

Broadcasting, listening and the mysteries of public engagement: an investigation of the AAA online audience

Jared Brindley and Chris Clarkson

Beyond a suggestive morphology: were Wardaman stone points exclusively spear armatures?

Trudy Doelman and Grant W.G. Cochrane

A composite model of scraper variation: a case study from the Stud Creek catchment, northwest NSW

Tim Maloney, Rachel Wood, Sue O'Connor and Rose Whitau

Direct dating of resin hafted point technology in Australia

Ian J. McNiven, Joe Crouch, Thomas Richards, Kale Sniderman, Nic Dolby and Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation

Phased redevelopment of an ancient Gunditjmara fish trap over the past 800 years: Muldoons Trap Complex, Lake Condah, southwestern Victoria

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ARTICLES

Peter Hiscock, Sue O'Connor, Jane Balme and Tim Maloney

World's earliest edge-ground axe production is coincident with human colonization of Australia and exemplifies the emergence of novelty during the global dispersion of humans.

Sarah Hayes and Barbara Minchinton

Melbourne's waste management history and cesspit formation processes: Evidence from Little Lon

Duncan Wright, Michelle C. Langley, Sally K. May, Iain G. Johnston, Lindy Allen

Painted Shark Vertebrate Beads from the Djawumbu-Madjawarrnja Complex, Western Arnhem Land

Fenja Theden-Ringl

Aboriginal presence in the high country: new dates from the Namadgi Ranges in the Australian Capital Territory

COMMENT

Darrell Lewis

Welch's, 'Thy Thylacoleo is a thylacine'. Australian Archaeology, 80:40-47.

SHORT REPORTS

Vicky Winton, Colin Hamlett, Vivienne Brown, Matthias Leopold, Belinda D'Ovidio, Emielda Yusiharni, Annie Carson

The first radiometric Pleistocene dates for Aboriginal occupation at Weld Range, inland Mid West, Western Australia.

Tim Maloney, Sue O'Connor, Dorcas Vannieuwenhuysen, Jane Balme and Jane Fyfe

Re-excavation of Djuru, a Holocene rockshelter in the southern Kimberley, north Western Australia

Denis Shine, Peter Hiscock and Tim Denham

The archaeology of Ingaanjalwurr rockshelter in Manilkarr Country, western Arnhem Land

Samuel Dix *New Aboriginal hand stencil discoveries at the Freycinet National Park, Tasmania*

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ARTICLES

Wendy Reynen & Kate Morse

Don't forget the fish - towards an archaeology of the Abydos Plain, Pilbara, Western Australia

Michelle C. Langley, India Ella Dilkes-Hall, Jane Balme & Sue O'Connor

A 600-year-old Boomerang fragment from Riwi Cave (South Central Kimberley, Western Australia)

Jo McDonald & Sam Harper

Identity signalling in shields: how coastal hunter-gatherers use rock art and material culture in arid and temperate Australia

Arthur C. Durband, Ethan C. Hill & Keryn Walshe

Revised stature estimations for individuals from Roonka, South Australia

Meg Travers & June Ross

Continuity and change in the anthropomorphic figures of Australia's northwest Kimberley

Geraldine Mate & Sean Ulm

Another snapshot for the album: a decade of Australian Archaeology in Profile survey data

COMMENT

David M. Welch

That bird is not Genyornis

ARTICLES

Chris Urwin, Ian J. McNiven, Sandy Clarke, Lachlan Macquarie, Terrence Whap

"Hearing the evidence": using archaeological data to analyse the long-term impacts of dugong (Dugong dugon) hunting on Mabuyag, Torres Strait, over the past 1000 years

Jess Reynolds, Joe Dortch, Jane Balme

An actualistic study of dingo scat-bone 'signature patterns': A comparison of wild and captive populations for the interpretation of the bone assemblages at Witchcliffe Rockshelter, south Western Australia.

Bryce Barker, Lara Lamb, Glen Campbell

The Mine Island Aboriginal stone arrangements: spiritual responses to late Holocene change on the central Queensland coast.

Jerome Mialanes, Bruno David, Anne Ford, Thomas Richards, Ian J. McNiven, Glenn Summerhayes and Matthew Leavesley

Imported obsidian at Caution Bay, south coast of Papua New Guinea: temporal trends in long distance procurement

Ingrid Ward, Sean Winter and Emilie Dotte-Sarout

The Lost Art of Stratigraphy? A consideration of excavation strategies in Australian Indigenous archaeology.

SHORT REPORT

Carly Monks, Joe Dortch, Geraldine Jacobsen and Alexander Baynes

Pleistocene occupation of Yellabidde Cave in the northern Swan Coastal Plain, southwestern Australia

Discussion arising:

Sandra Bowdler indicated that the idea of publishing a themed AA issue for this conference has been raised several times recently. She called for written papers from the conference that are focused on the conference theme of 'Interwoven: indigenous and Western knowledge in archaeology and heritage' and exploring the relationships between archaeologists and Indigenous people. Ideally the Journal Editors would like papers that are readily publishable.

Matthew Springs asked Sandra Bowdler to elaborate on the journal's policy on the geographical range of papers published. Sandra confirmed that there is a Melanesian paper in the upcoming journal. She indicated that they consider papers based on merit. It depends on what is received and nothing is rejected because the geographical focus is outside Australia. The general geographical range for the journal is Australia and its neighbouring regions of South East Asia and the Pacific.

5.6 Webmasters (Sam Harper and Lucia Clayton Martinez)

Fiona Hook presented a summary of the Webmasters report on behalf of Sam Harper and Lucia Clayton Martinez.

The webmaster role this year was largely time spent addressing functionality of the new website, to ensure the best platform for the Association. Particularly, time was spent addressing issues with the website around payments and interaction with the membership database. For the first half of the year much time was spent working with the Treasurers and Membership Secretary around user profiles and the payment portals, as this system, as guaranteed by the web developers, was not

automated. Two online payment portals were set up on the website, PayPal – continuing on from the old website – and eWay, an Australian version of PayPal which theoretically allows a user to enter their credit card details securely on the AAA website, avoiding the necessity of going to a third party website to do so. There were software incompatibility issues with Wordpress plugin WooCommerce for these payment portals that the web development team needed to address, as members when signing up were not being redirected to confirmation pages. This led to a number of double-payments and uncertainty, both for AAA members, and time spent rectifying these issues by the webmasters, treasurers and membership secretary. The eWay portal continued to create issues, after a number of attempts at making it functional. Whilst the benefits of this portal are recognised, the difficulties it caused led to a decision by the webmaster to remove this payment option from the website. These payments issues however were temporary, with the impending transition of these responsibilities to Taylor & Francis.

As part of the transferral to Taylor and Francis of membership duties, the website was remodelled to reflect this. The original date for this transition was delayed, however throughout the year all payments and the membership database were moved to the Taylor and Francis team. WooCommerce was removed and it was no longer necessary, and now we have a system that directs people's membership inquiries straight to Taylor and Francis. This meant that the problems that were experienced by members regards to accessing their member pages would no longer occur. The NEC is updated on a weekly basis on new memberships, and these are duly updated on the website.

The website itself has been updated throughout the year with events, news, archaeology courses, jobs, fieldwork press releases and all information relevant to this year's conference, co-managed with Conference Online. Particularly we encourage that archaeology departments share any seminars, workshops, lectures, etc, that may be of interest to AAA members, as well as any current research.

The Forum feature of the website so far has not been taken up by the AAA community, and this is something to pursue in 2017.

Discussion arising: None.

5.7 Social Media (Jacqueline Matthews and Lorna Cooper)

The AAA maintains two social media accounts, a Facebook (FB) page and a Twitter account. On these accounts, we share a range of posts that broadly include: AAA announcements and updates (including promotion for the conference); archaeology and heritage news from Australia; international archaeology and heritage news. These accounts exist to further AAA's aim to promote and publicise the importance of archaeology to a broader public and ensuring also that our members can access important news and updates, while also ensuring that our members have access to relevant news and updates.

Throughout 2016 we have had continued rises in our social media audiences on both platforms. At the time of writing (late November) the AAA FB page had 6767 likers (i.e. individual FB users connected to our page), this is up from the 4181 we had at the end of 2015 (a 62% increase over the past 12 months). The audience for AAA's Twitter account has also risen to 2075 followers (i.e. individual Twitter users who follow our account), which is up from the 1628 we had at the end of 2015 (a 27% increase over the past 12 months). Overall, our audience comprises many

archaeologists (Australian-based and international), but many more non-archaeologists who are interested in the subject (again, both Australian based and international). The growing audience numbers and diversity of people we are reaching should be encouraging for the AAA as this highlights that these accounts are doing their job!

Across the year to date we have shared 1418 posts on FB and 1678 posts on Twitter. Unlike previous years, analytics from Twitter are now freely available to us so we can compare the popularity and reach of our content on both accounts (previously we could only do this for FB). On average our FB posts reach 1559 individuals, which is up from 1106 last year (reach here refers to the number of unique user timelines our posts appear on). While on Twitter our posts garner 407 impressions on average, which is a similar statistic measuring number of timelines our tweet appeared on.

While the AAA Twitter account has less followers and a somewhat lower reach overall than FB, it is engaging a different audience and indeed seems to have a more personal or closer connection between our followers and AAA's core activities and interests. This engagement can be seen in the Top 10 summaries (Table 1) where events organised around archaeology and advertised by AAA gain more impressions than news stories. Conversely on FB, posts generated by AAA (i.e. our announcements rather than posts from news sites) tend to have a much lower reach; therefore, for the conference we have a dedicated event page to help make sure announcements related to that are not lost.

Table 1, below, summarises our Top 10 posts on both social media accounts across the year to date, which highlights the range of content shared on these accounts.

Following the AGM, Jacq Matthews will be stepping down from this position. Lorna Cooper will remain as an active office bearer until replacement officers can take over the role fully. We have created a comprehensive guide to how we manage AAA's social media to assist future office bearers in this role and will facilitate a hand-over of duties once our replacements are confirmed.

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Discussion arising: None.

Table 1. Summary of AAA's Top 10 Posts for 2016 on FB and Twitter accounts. Note that audience numbers, platform algorithms and statistics are different so 'reach' and 'impressions' should not be directly compared. (FB n = 1418; Twitter n = 1678)

AAA FB Post Summaries	FB Reach	AAA Twitter Post Summaries	Twitter Impressions
Australian Indigenous archaeology news – “Evidence of 9,000-year-old stone houses found on Australian island” (Rosemary Island, Dampier Archipelago)	14355	Australian Indigenous archaeology news – “Kimberley's hidden world of Indigenous rock art revealed by researchers”	6285
Australian archaeology-related news – “Giant Flesh-Eating Koala of Legend Was Real” (Thylacoleo)	13780	Australian archaeology announcement – “Free public lecture by Chris Stringer in Brisbane on 8 July”	4602
Australian historical archaeology news – “Major archaeological dig underway in Melbourne's CBD” (Mistletoe Hotel)	12592	Australian Indigenous archaeology/heritage news – “For more info on why the Burrup should to be nominated for #UNESCO World Heritage List” (Our tweet was a quote of one Christine Milne had tweeted about visiting the Burrup)	3897
Australian archaeology-related news – “Scientist debunks nomadic Aborigine 'myth'” (Older story about Memmott’s Indigenous architecture book)	11579	International archaeology/heritage opinion piece – “The Problem With Heritage” (SAPIENS article by Indigenous archaeologist, Joe Watkins)	3866
Australian heritage opinion piece – “Of course Australia was invaded – massacres happened here less than 90 years ago” (Frontier conflict)	9131	International archaeology news– X-rays reveal hidden hieroglyphs inside Egyptian sarcophagus'	3547
Full AAA Statement on the death of Emeritus Professor John Mulvaney	8750	International archaeology news - The 8th World Archaeological Congress is starting today in Kyoto, Japan. Check out the hashtag #WAC8 to follow the event online!	2971
International/Australian archaeology news – “Brought to life, 2000 years later” (Egyptology story from University of Melbourne)	8065	International archaeology news – “How farming changed the dog”	2883
Australian archaeology opinion piece – “How the discovery of the world’s oldest ground-edge ax in Australia exposes colonial assumptions” (Related to new find from Carpenter’s Gap)	7525	Australian Indigenous archaeology news – “Greens MP calls for archaeological survey of Aboriginal site in Perth freeway’s path”	2850
Australian archaeology news – “Oldest known evidence of Aboriginal settlement in arid Australia found in Flinders Ranges rock shelter” (Warraty excavation)	7336	Australian heritage news – The Financial Review is reporting that "800 'historic' houses being demolished every week" in Aus.	2724
Light archaeology fun – #RealisticIndianaJones memes	7210	AAA announcement – Call for sessions AAA 2016 Conference	2581

5.7.1 Presentation of the Award for Life Membership for Outstanding Contribution to the Australian Archaeological Association

As Jacqueline Matthews was unable to attend the AAA Conference Dinner on Thursday evening, Annie Ross undertook a special presentation at this point in the AGM proceedings. Annie presented the AAA Life Membership award for Outstanding Contribution to the Australian Archaeological Association to Jacqueline Matthews. Annie read the following award citation:

"Jacq joined AAA in 2009 and from the outset took on volunteer roles, always displaying enormous energy, demonstrating a significant and sustained contribution to advancing the objects and purposes of the Association.

As Membership Secretary, Jacq's energy in recruiting new members saw membership rise above 1000 members, a feat that has not been replicated since. Jacq has always been a tireless worker for AAA conferences, serving in a range of volunteer positions over several years. But most of you know Jacq through her role as Social Media Officer, which she has made her own. Jacq has overseen the rise of the AAA Facebook page (currently with more than 6600 'likers'), and initiated the AAA Twitter account (with more than 2000 followers). From 2013–2015, Jacq wrote blog posts to provide plain English summaries of AA articles.

Jacq has also been involved in a range of projects to elevate the place of theory in AAA conferences, inaugurating the Students Ethics Debate at AAA 2013, and more recently heading up the AusTAG sessions.

Jacq has worked unselfishly and tirelessly for the Association and for the benefit of its members for the past seven years — she is a worthy recipient of the 2016 Life Membership Award."

Discussion arising: None.

5.8 Media Liaison Officers (Tim Denham and Michelle Langley)

Not much to report. Very little has been coming through to the Media Liaison Officers, they have only had one or two direct inquiries from the media regarding archaeological contacts for their stories.

Discussion arising: None.

5.9 Indigenous Liaison Officers (Sharon Hodgetts and Chris Wilson)

Lara Lamb presented a summary of the Indigenous Liaison Officer's report.

This year, Christopher Wilson (Flinders University) and Sharon Hodgetts (University of New England) occupied roles of Indigenous Liaison Officer (ILO) for the AAA executive. This year was a quiet year with one enquiry which is ongoing. No matters raised by members, however there have been enquiry by undergraduate and postgraduate students to have direct involvement with the Australian Indigenous Archaeologists Association (AIAA).

Report on AAA Conference (Sharon Hodgetts)

The 2016 Annual AAA Conference will be hosted by Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council, the first time the conference is hosted by an Aboriginal organisation or any other organisation apart from a University or Museum.

We hope that this will encourage Aboriginal participation at the conference while also highlighting the integral role that Aboriginal people contribute to Australian Archaeology, and conservation of our heritage.

This year we assisted the AAA Conference Organising Sub-Committee to review the Indigenous participation funding applications for the 2016 AAA Conference. A large number of Indigenous and student applications for sponsorship funding was received and reviewed by the committee. Given the lower than expected sponsorship and donation received for this year, the committee was not able to accommodate all funding applications interested in attending this year's conference although we were able to offer funding to a substantial number of applications.

Discussion arising: None.

5.10 State Representatives

5.10.1 Tasmania (Anne McConnell)

The main Indigenous archaeology matters in Tasmania for 2015-16 are as follow:

Aboriginal Heritage at Risk in the Tarkine

What is happening at present in the Tarkine (northwest coast of Tasmania) is a Tasmanian Aboriginal heritage protection matter of extreme concern.

A few years ago the Parks and Wildlife Service closed off a number of 4WD tracks on the Tarkine coast to protect Aboriginal sites. The decision was highly evidence based, with a detailed Aboriginal heritage assessment being undertaken to help inform the decision. The then Labor government closed those tracks where heritage impacts were considered to be unacceptable, but left a small number open to allow some 4WD use, particularly for access to key areas. The present Liberal government has attempted to re-open these tracks (a 2014 election promise). Their move to re-open the tracks was not based on any new evidence or re-assessment of the impacts.

The Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) however took the State government to court (with the assistance of the Tasmanian EDO) to prevent the tracks being re-opened, and won the case. The State government, who should be protecting heritage, in particular in this area which is a State Conservation Area, is appealing the case. Incomprehensibly and of even more concern, the Federal government has joined with the State government in the appeal – even though the area is listed as an Aboriginal Cultural Landscape (Western Tasmania Aboriginal Cultural Landscape) on the National Heritage Register and there is good research to demonstrate that re-opening the tracks will negatively impact Aboriginal heritage.

Review of the Aboriginal Heritage Legislation

The *Aboriginal Relics Act 1975* is being reviewed yet again. Following from the broad lack of support for the Aboriginal Heritage Protection Bill 2012, the government has decided to amend the 1975 Act rather than develop a new piece of legislation. According to the Aboriginal Heritage Tasmanian website the key changes being proposed are –

- Removing the 1876 date reference;
- Setting penalties for damage to Aboriginal heritage that are in line with the penalties for damage to non-Aboriginal heritage;

- Exploring the potential for scaled offences in association with the removal of the ignorance defence and removal of the six-month time limit for prosecuting offences;
- Establishing a statutory Aboriginal Heritage Council of Aboriginal people to advise the Minister;
- Setting a statutory timeline for a further review of the Act; and
- Considering a change to the name of the Act to the 'Aboriginal Heritage Act'.

These key changes are mostly welcome. The establishment of an Aboriginal Heritage Council however will need to be done with care to ensure that there is broad representation by the Tasmanian Aboriginal communities and it will be able to respond to Aboriginal community views. The government has already established an 'Interim' Council which has a number of review functions, and it is assumed that the government will continue essentially with this model [the Terms of Reference of which are not publically available], which appears to be somewhat ad hoc in its composition and function.

The government website also suggests that extensive consultation was undertaken with Aboriginal and other key stakeholders up to July 2016 in relation to the proposed Act amendment, but is not specific about what stakeholders were consulted. The lack of consultation with local heritage professionals on this matter however suggests that consultation was not as broad as implied. It is hoped therefore that there will be full public consultation on the draft amended Act, due for release in late 2016/early 2017.

Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area Management Planning & Aboriginal Values

Following from widespread concerns with the *Draft 2014 Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area Management Plan*, which allowed for the first time a range of inappropriate development in the WHA, the World Heritage Committee sent a Mission to Tasmania in November 2015 to review the situation. The Mission made a number of recommendations to better protect the WHA values. These were adopted by the World Heritage Committee in mid-2016, and both the Federal Government and Tasmanian Government have said they will observe these recommendations. It is hoped that this will be the case.

The Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area has widespread Aboriginal values that are of acknowledged world heritage significance. One of the issues in relation to these values has been the need to clearly understand and articulate these values, in particular to assess whether the WHA is an Aboriginal cultural landscape. Out of the plan review process the Federal Government has committed funds to undertake this long outstanding work. The funds will be managed by the Tasmanian Aboriginal Heritage Council (currently a non-statutory body and without broad Tasmanian representation (eg, does not include representatives of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre). It is to be hoped that this project will be broadly consultative of the Tasmanian Aboriginal communities, and take into account the raft of archaeological and other relevant research that has been undertaken in the WHA to date.

(Note: This report focuses on Aboriginal archaeology and heritage as historical archaeology and heritage matters is considered to be covered by ASHA).

Discussion arising:

Anne McConnell requested that AAA write to the Tasmanian State and Federal governments and censure them over their appeal against the Tarkine ruling to close the 4WD tracks.

Annie Ross stated that AAA wasn't in a position to censure the governments but could petition or condemn them. Sandra Bowdler suggested that AAA 'call on the government' to drop the appeal. Jacqueline Matthews suggested that the issue and AAA's response be publicised through social media as it has previously garnered a lot of support through this medium. Liz Williams suggested that the list of values of the Tarkine be included in the letter.

Motion:

"Direct the NEC to draft letters to the Tasmanian State and Federal Governments calling on them to drop the appeal to re-open the 4WD tracks in the Tarkine because of the impacts it will have on the Aboriginal cultural landscape and archaeological heritage". Moved: Anne McConnell. Seconded: Val Attenbrow. Motion passed unanimously.

5.10.2 New South Wales (Alan Williams)

In terms of reporting, there has been little activity in NSW this year. We are still awaiting further information on the proposed Aboriginal heritage reform for which we are a key stakeholder. The reform began in 2013, and we provided submissions in early 2014. These were reported on, along with other submissions later that same year. We have been invited to an information session on where the process is up to with other key stakeholders (including AACAI and ICOMOS) in mid-December 2016, and I will report back to the members following this.

Discussion arising: None.

5.10.3 Western Australia (Wendy Reynen)

As state representative for WA I received one email this year, from a mother enquiring what subjects her son should study in year 12 if he wanted to become an archaeologist. There were no other matters arising for 2016. There has been little progression of the proposed amendments to the WA *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* in parliament. Heritage consultancy work, which has seen a downturn in the last few years, appears to be picking up in some areas. A significant number of research projects are currently being undertaken throughout the State. These projects involve fantastic collaborations between researchers, Traditional Owner groups, cultural heritage organisations and other stakeholders. Exciting results have been broadcast via media and social media throughout the year and have resulted in increased public interest in both historical and Aboriginal archaeology in WA.

Discussion arising:

Liz Williams queried what was happening in WA in regards to the legislation amendments. Peter Veth responded that the Government has currently shelved the amendments and there would potentially be a new review if a new government was to get into power in the state election next year.

5.10.4 Northern Territory (Malcolm Connolly)

No report submitted.

Discussion arising:

Aaron Fogel contacted Malcolm Connolly and he had no news from the Northern Territory.

5.10.5 Victoria (Georgia Roberts)

I had several enquiries from members of the public about Victorian archaeology this year through the society email for Victoria. Many were about heritage listed houses (and how to get them deregulated) and from students enquiring about study options.

The Victorian Aboriginal heritage legislation was also updated this year (Aboriginal Heritage Amendment Act 2016). For full details of the relevant changes, please see the following webpage:

<http://www.dpc.vic.gov.au/index.php/aboriginal-affairs/aboriginal-heritage-amendment-act-2016>

La Trobe University will be hosting the AAA conference next year in conjunction with the 50th birthday celebrations for the University. We hope that many of the UISPP sessions will be rolled into the conference, potentially attracting attendees who would not ordinarily come along to AAA. Jillian Garvey and I will be convening the conference overall and welcome input from members of AAA who have ideas of workshops or sessions that they might like to contribute.

Discussion arising: None.

5.10.6 Queensland (Luke Godwin)

The major issue this year has been a call for submissions from interested parties in relation to the Duty of Care Guidelines – gazetted under provisions of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act* and the *Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage Act*. Submissions were made by various individuals and by AAA itself (Annie Ross took the lead in this matter but received comment from a wide range of individuals). Comment has also been provided by Indigenous organisations and individuals, the mining and natural resources sector, and public and private development proponents among others. The Cultural Heritage Unit is now considering all submissions. We can expect some commentary from them at some stage in the first half of next year.

Discussion arising: None.

5.10.7 South Australia (Sean Freeman)

No report submitted.

Discussion arising: None.

5.10.8 Australian Capital Territory (Michelle Langley)

There is very little to report. I have not had any emails from students or the public. No other issues.

Discussion arising: None.

5.11 Student Representatives (Rebekah Hawkins and Carly Monks)

Rebekah Hawkins presented a summary of the Student Representatives' report.

2016 got off to a busy start, with the return of the Student Research Grant Scheme (SRGS). Budget issues meant the scheme was not offered in 2015, and we would like to acknowledge the hard work of the previous student representatives and Executive for advocating for the return of this important funding scheme. Drawing on feedback from the Executive, SRGS subcommittee, and previous student representatives, the conditions of the award were tightened up to keep them in line with the rules for the Public Fund. For the first time, we were able to expand the SRGS to include Higher Degree by Research (HDR) and Masters by Coursework and Research students, in addition to Masters by Research and PhD students. The total funding allocation was also increased, from \$7200 in 2014, to \$12,900 in 2016. Eleven grants were awarded in 2016; 2 x Honours/HDR, 3 x Masters

(Coursework and Research), 1 x MPhil, and 5 x PhD. Successful projects covered a range of research areas in Australia, the Pacific, and Turkey. See Student Awards Subcommittee report for list of recipients. The diversity of students awarded grants in 2016 illustrates the importance of providing funding opportunities to research students across all levels of study. We hope to see the SRGS continue to grow in 2017.

The National Archaeology Students' Conference (NASC), an independent conference intended to encourage undergraduate and early degree graduate students to present their research, was held at the University of Western Australia in the middle of the year. As might be expected for a conference held in Perth, attendance was relatively small, but feedback from student attendees was that the conference was very valuable, particularly for undergraduate students who were considering research careers. While AAA is not affiliated with NASC, we consider the conference to be a great way to encourage undergraduates to get involved in research and share their fieldwork experiences with others. Throughout the year, we shared information and encouraged students to attend the conference via the AAA Students Facebook and twitter accounts. NASC is still looking for a group of students to hold the next conference and as a result of the lack of interest an Advisory Board of past organising committee members has been set up to continue to contact possible interested groups. We would like to see continued encouragement from the association and will make sure to keep up to date with the conference.

In contrast to previous years, this year we have received very few email enquiries from students regarding avenues of research or employment in archaeology. This may reflect the increasing availability of information online. Many university departments now maintain their own social media accounts on twitter and/or Facebook, making them easier to contact directly. The few enquiries we have received have asked for advice on graduate options, mostly from people seeking a career change, rather than a first degree.

Another aim of the new student representatives is to make relevant information available for archaeology students. We wrote up an article that summarises the many ways that students can get involved in the discipline of archaeology from joining their local archaeology society to attending conferences. We also created an inventory of the university related archaeology societies across Australia which will compliment this document. These two documents will help inspire and provide information for archaeology students to get involved, network and gain skills outside their degree and have been made available on social media and the AAA website.

We aim to continue building the material available to archaeology students to encourage more students to get involved and in turn create a more vibrant, active and diverse archaeology network across Australia. More ideas for advice articles are currently being discussed and written up and we hope to make these available soon.

Discussion arising: None.

5.12 Australian National Committee for Archaeological Teaching and Learning (ANCATL) (Georgia Roberts and Melissa Marshall)

This year has seen ANCATL foundering a little, with the group on the whole unsure of what role the committee needs to currently play. This is something that we are looking to address over 2017, with a more structured plan and staged goals throughout the year.

We are currently looking to increase the membership of the committee. We are seeking anyone who is interested in the teaching of archaeology, be that theoretical and/or practical. We would also like to get people involved who are passionate about communication of our discipline more broadly. You do not need to be actively teaching to be involved with this committee.

A project currently earmarked for next year is a series of workshops directly reflecting the needs identified by Mate and Ulm (2016) in their *Profiling the Profession* survey. This may be run in conjunction with AAA next year (TBC).

The proposed inclusions for the workshop, currently entitled “Effective Communication and New Skills in Archaeology” would be:

DAY 1

AM: Discussions on ways that archaeologists are currently communicating in their field – both theoretical and practical information. This might take the form of a series of presentations and round table discussions.

PM: The option to have a workshop on effective communication by a professional presenter – providing new skills and techniques to utilise, including specific content on working with community.

DAY 2

A series of workshop options would be available, aligned to the key areas identified in the recent survey of archaeology professionals. This may be run in conjunction with ACCAI. Workshop possibilities would be circulated around the members of ANCATL and ACCAI to establish a) which workshop options could be provided by existing members and b) which workshops would be in most demand from potential attendees. Workshops may include:

Non-archaeology specific skills

Report writing
Computer literacy
Time management
Project management
Critical thinking
Library/archival research
Field survey techniques
Field survey techniques
Knowledge of legislation
Conservation of artefacts

Archaeology Specific Skills

Residue and use-wear analysis
Floral analysis*
Geographical information systems (GIS)
Human skeletal identification and analysis
Sediment analysis*
Faunal analysis
Rock art recording and analysis
Statistical analysis
Advocacy/public relations

Discussion arising: None.

5.13 Code of Ethics Subcommittee (Luke Godwin)

I can advise that nil new issues have arisen in the last year in relation to the ethics committee.

Discussion arising: None.

5.14 National Archaeological Week Subcommittee (Helen Nicholson)

National Archaeology Week (NAW) in 2016 saw an engaging range of events and activities in Queensland, South Australia, New South Wales and Western Australia. What was on offer showcased archaeology both here in Australia and the work of Australian archaeologists overseas. It also provided opportunities for the public to engage with archaeology and meet archaeologists. What was on offer in 2015 included hands-on archaeology, tours led by archaeologists, along with

workshops, seminars, lectures and exhibitions. There were other more informal NAW talks that were given in schools by archaeologists and archaeology students.

NAW programs, events and activities listed on Facebook and the NAW website are listed below and reflect the diversity of archaeology in Australia today. My apologies for any omissions.

New South Wales

- An Indigenous heritage tour of the University of Sydney
- The Big Dig Artefact Workshops
- First Footprints along the Parramatta River
- Sydney Historical Archaeology Practitioners Workshop
- The Big Dig Archaeology Weekend
- Fire Temples and Towers of Silence: Zoroastrian Architectural Legacies
- Community Collaborations – Public Outcomes for Aboriginal Archaeology
- Sieving in Sydney
- Guided tour of the Nicholson Museum’s exhibition “The Sea and The Sky: Ancient Cypriot Art”
- Archaeology and Heritage in the Tropical Pacific
- Sunset Walkabout Workshop – Discovering the Archaeology of Calga
- Archaeological Site, Prospect Reservoir (Veteran Hall)
- Breaking New Ground
- Historical archaeology of the Dwyer's Site, Wollongong
- Archaeomeet 2016 Conference

South Australia

- Unearthing Kapuda’s History
- Walking tour: Mitcham Water Works and Ellison’s Gully: Archaeology and Future Plans
- Introduction to Archaeological Geophysics at St Jude’s Cemetery
- Meet the Archaeologists
- Meet the Archaeology Students
- From Banksy to Barunga: Graffiti as Modern Material Culture
- Torrens Island Quarantine Station Tours
- Inner Harbour History Cruise

Queensland

- Public archaeological excavation at Toowong Cemetery
- 2016 Hall Annual Lecture – Droughts and Attacking Oceans: An Archaeologist Looks at Climate Change
- The Raymond Dart Lecture with Professor Bernard Wood
- Queensland Museum public engagement with artefacts

Western Australia

- A Journey of Rediscovery in the Hamersley Range
- The Dynasty That Didn’t Speak Egyptian: Encountering the Ptolemies

The NAW logo and posters were created by Liz McGrath ten years ago. The original design files need to be updated in order for more bookmarks to be printed. There are still plenty of A3 and A4 posters.

Thank you to everyone who made NAW 2016 a success and spread the word. Luke Kirkwood deserves special thanks for his ongoing work with regard to the National Archaeology Week website and Facebook page.

Discussion arising:

Helen Nicholson stated that it was difficult to get reps from each state – not every state has representatives on the committee. She confirmed that SA, VIC and QLD have representatives. Helen reminded everyone that there was a NAW committee on Thursday 8 December during the AAA Conference and invited interested people to attend. She also called for members to get involved even by just giving a talk about archaeology at your local school – this is something that individuals can do to help raise the profile and understanding of archaeology. Helen also raised the issue of the NAW posters – the digital files of the poster artwork needs to be upgraded into current formats to prevent future degradation of the image quality. She requested that AAA undertake this upgrading. Helen also thanked Luke Kirkwood for his dedication to NAW.

Lara Lamb suggested the idea that AAA state representatives sit on the NAW subcommittee as part of their role. Some discussion from the floor indicating that state representatives felt that they did not want this to be part of their role and the suggestion was made that instead state representatives would help identify a NAW representative from their state.

Recommendation:

AAA organise the upgrading of the NAW digital graphic files for the NAW posters.

5.15 Student Awards Subcommittee (Peter White)

Peter White summarised report.

The Australian Archaeological Association Student Research Grant Subcommittee met on line several times to discuss the applications for the 2016 AAA Student Research Grants Scheme awards. We initially ordered the applications individually, then conferred over the inevitable differences. None of these were very great. Thanks to the Association's improving finances, we were happy to award a total of \$12,900 in funding. The 2016 selection panel consisted of Dr Peter White (chair), Prof. Bryce Barker, Dr Lynley Wallis, and Dr Sally May.

The SRGS subcommittee is pleased to note the range of student research at all levels, which demonstrates the strength and diversity of archaeological research being undertaken by students across Australia. Congratulations to the eleven successful applicants (out of fifteen), who received funding (though not always as much as they asked for!) to support their fieldwork and research in Australia and overseas.

- **Kasih Norman** *UQ Bachelor of Arts Honours*. Modelling Sahul Intra-continent Migration Patterns: an agent based modelling (ABM) and GIS approach.
- **Karen Horn** *UWA HDR preliminary*. Paint Recipes: can near infra-red (NIR) analysis detect anthropogenic, organic materials added to ochre to make paint?
- **Phillip Parton** *ANU Master of Archaeological Science*. Acquisition and analysis of multi-spectral satellite imagery of the ancient capital of the Tongan state (AD 1200-1800).
- **Lorna Cooper** *UWA Master of Professional Archaeology*. Relocating a forgotten Asian market garden in Historic Perth (1839-1936): using geospatial and geophysical techniques to integrate excavated and archival information within a historical, archaeological and heritage management context.
- **Chantal Wight** *Flinders Masters in Archaeology and Heritage Management*. What was the seasonal use of shell mounds in Weipa and surrounding areas, for north Queensland, and the implications for mound function and formation.

- **Shimona Kealy** *ANU PhD*. A new phylogeographic approach for determining faunal translocations by early modern humans.
- **Melissa Hetherington** *UWA PhD*. Through the eyes of Henry Gray: Investigating the influence of the Temperance Movement and Wesleyan Methodism on the Greenough Flats, Western Australia, 1839-1900.
- **David Tutchener** *Flinders PhD*. An investigation into the archaeology of the Wenlock (Batavia) Goldfield and the surrounding areas in the Cape York Peninsula Region of Queensland.
- **Christopher Urwin** *Monash University PhD*. What does the archaeology and oral tradition of Popo Ancestral Village (Orokolo Bay, Gulf Province, Papua New Guinea) suggest about how historical place is constructed in memory and social action?
- **Maurizio Campanelli** *LaTrobe University PhD*. Human occupation and resource use in mid-Holocene inland western Victoria.
- **Antoine Muller** *University of Queensland MPhil*. Lithic Technology at the Early Neolithic site of Boncuklu Höyük, Turkey: Archaeological and Experimental Approaches.

Discussion arising:

Peter White indicated that some reports from recipients on their research have started to come to the NEC. Reports are to be forwarded to the NEC and Awards subcommittee.

5.16 Discussion arising from reports

No discussion arising.

Motion:

“That all the reports as presented are adopted”. Moved: Annie Ross. Seconded: Matthew Spriggs. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Remuneration of servants of the association

Vice President Fiona Hook reiterated that the servants of the Association are all volunteers and receive no remuneration.

7. Other Business

7.1 AAA Conferences (Lara Lamb)

Lara Lamb provided an update on upcoming conferences.

2017 Conference – plans are in place and planning is well underway. The conference will be hosted by La Trobe University. Location and venue are still TBA. Lara Lamb expressed AAA's gratitude to La Trobe for stepping up to host after the late withdrawal of USIPP.

2018 conference – discussions are underway with NZ Archaeological Association for a joint conference in Auckland.

2019 conference – we have received two expressions of interest to host the 2019 conference from Southern Cross University and University of Queensland. Lara Lamb invited representatives from each university to present their case to the members to host the 2019 conference. Renaud Joannes-Boyan presented the case for Southern Cross University, stating the SCU is 1 hours drive from Brisbane, they have cheap accommodation and they also want to co-host with local Indigenous

people in the region. A representative from UQ indicated that whilst they are happy to host in 2019, they would be willing to have SCU host in 2019 and UQ would be happy to wait and host the following year in 2020.

Discussion arising:

Question from the floor about when the 2017 conference was going to be held. Lara Lamb confirmed that it will be held in December 2017 but the exact dates are yet to be announced. Matthew Spriggs raised a plea to conference organisers on behalf of all bespectacled people to please produce the program in a bigger font size next year.

Lynley Wallis said that at a previous AGM the motion was passed that as part of registration members would be given the option to donate some money to contribute to assisting Aboriginal community members to attend the conference. Could future conference organisers be reminded of this. Annie Ross replied that the ATO didn't allow tax deductible donations this year. Now that AAA has tax deductible status, this recommendation will be able to be enacted in 2017.

Judith Hammond raised the issue that there was no call issued this year for members to register for the conference. Annie Ross confirmed that there were several calls for registration. Judith was advised to contact the Membership Secretary to review whether there was a gap in the email distribution list.

A comment was raised from the floor that as part of the 5 year cycle of conferences the NEC should consider another joint AAA-ASHA conference.

7.2 AAA Public Fund (Fiona Hook)

Fiona Hook provided the membership with an update on the AAA Public Fund. The fund received ATO tax-deductible status and they are now ready to accept donations. The next step is for the NEC to develop the guiding operational documents. The legal office holders of the AAA Public Fund are currently Fiona Hook, Benjamin Smith and Jo McDonald. Once the operational documents have been prepared, next year AAA will produce a plan for the use of the funds and other supporting documentation. Funds are only able to be given to individuals and donors can't specify the use of the money they donate.

Discussion arising:

Val Attenbrow queried why the purpose of the fund was so specific in regards to 'immovable'. Benjamin Smith replied that the ATO has a restricted list of things that can count as a charity.

7.3 AAA affiliation with ICOMOS National Scientific Committee for Rock Art (Peter Veth)

Peter Veth stated that there are a number of international and national ICOMOS scientific committees. The international Rock Art committee was formed a while ago but is currently not functioning. Peter Veth and Benjamin Smith have taken on service roles in the international committee. Peter indicated that there is a clear need to increase the number of national committee participants and commitments. Peter suggested that the ICOMOS Australia national scientific committee become affiliated with AAA. This would mean that current ICOMOS committee members can be affiliated with AAA. Sharon Sullivan gave an overview of the ICOMOS international committees and the focus on the Australian role on the international Rock Art committee due to the

number of important rock art sites on the World Heritage List. The international committee uses people on the Australian national committee to advise them. AAA members could feed into the national committee. The national committee would then report through ICOMOS to the international committee. It makes strategic sense to link AAA and the national committee. It was suggested that Sharon Sullivan and Peter Veth write something up about the proposal for AA.

Steve Brown commented that there are also a number of other ICOMOS committee presidents in Australia and for Peter to let them know if they can assist, raise issues or collaborate at the international level.

Motion:

"That AAA affiliates with ICOMOS Australia National Scientific Committee for Rock Art".

Moved: Peter Veth. Seconded: Sharon Sullivan. Motion passed unanimously.

7.4 Site location details on Wikipedia (Annie Ross)

Annie Ross raised a serious issue that has been discussed on OzArch recently regarding the publication of site locations on Wikipedia and queried whether AAA should be contacting or writing to Wikipedia about the inappropriateness of publishing site locations, particularly of Indigenous heritage places. Benjamin Smith stated that anyone is able to take down content from Wikipedia and write a reason for it. Benjamin noted that there is a Wikipedia Manager (Gideon Digby) based in Perth if the NEC wished to take it up with Wikipedia. It was proposed that the NEC put a notice on the AAA website which states that anyone can down take information about site locations Wikipedia and include instructions on how to do this.

Recommendation:

Task the AAA NEC to provide guidelines on how to manage site location information on Wikipedia.

7.5 'Avoidance of impact' as guiding principle for heritage legislation (Annie Ross)

Annie Ross raised the issue that there has also been some brief discussion on OzArch regarding legislation with the suggestions that all legislation should have avoidance of impact to heritage as a guiding principal – is it worth having a policy statement to this effect from AAA and sent to all state governments? Fiona hook responded and stated that the Australian Anthropological Society (AAS), Australian Association of Indigenous Archaeologists (AAIA), AACAI and ICOMOS are in the process of forming a joint working group/sub-committee to produce some best practice guidelines for heritage legislation. Fiona called for AAA's participation and interested participants/representatives. Any AAA members interested in participating in the working group please contact Fiona Hook or Anne McConnell.

7.6 Reminder to AAA members about seeking permission to use images (Sharon Hodgetts)

Sharon Hodgetts read the following statement on behalf of the AAA Conference Committee.

"It has come to our attention that a paper has been presented on sacred ceremonial material and that full prior and informed consent was not received before giving the paper. This caused distress to a Traditional Owner present at the presentation and offence, that jeopardised their cultural safety when images of a gender-restricted nature were shown without permission. This is not culturally appropriate. We remind everyone that we have a code of ethics that requires us to respect

Indigenous people's protocols. We need to value Aboriginal contributions to our archaeological research and if we want to continue on the road to collaboration we need to respect the information that Aboriginal people share with us, on their terms. This is not only part of our AAA code of ethics, it is also central to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples to which Australia is a signatory."

Recommendations:

1. At the call for session abstracts, the AAA Conference Organising Committee remind session organisers of the AAA protocols regarding seeking full informed prior consent from Indigenous collaborators.
2. At call for paper abstracts the AAA Conference Organising Committee and session organisers put out the same reminder.

7.7 Other business arising from the floor

Query was raised from the floor regarding the Australian Research Council and how can the ARC give funding to people not consulting with Aboriginal people or having informed consent? It was stated that at Kakadu a researcher received funding to do research without having consulted with the people at Kakadu. Peter White stated that it should be the role of the universities to ensure consent was given. Sandra Bowdler commented that it is the role of the ARC to assess the quality of the project, the appropriateness of the proposed methodology and the ability of the researcher to do the work. It was recommended that the member speak with the AAA President and potentially raise issue with AAA ethics committee as well as raising directly with the ARC. It was highlighted that if a researcher was a member of AACAI or AAA then it is possible to make a complaint to those organisations. Another member from the floor stated that it was her understanding that the researcher in question did have informal consent.

8. Election of Office Bearers

The following individuals now make up the National Executive in 2017:

- President: Lara Lamb (continuing)
- Vice President: Fiona Hook (continuing)
- Membership Secretary: Alyssa Madden (continuing)
- Webmasters: Sam Harper and Lucia Clayton Martinez (both continuing)
- Social Media Officers: Alyce Haast and Elspeth McKenzie. Moved from the Chair. Elected unopposed.
- Media Officers: Tim Denham (continuing), Megan Gigacz. Moved from the Chair. Elected unopposed.
- Indigenous Liaison Officers: Sharon Hodgetts and Chris Wilson (both continuing)
- Public officer: Mirani Litster. Moved from the Chair. Elected unopposed.
- Student Representatives: Carly Monks and Rebekah Hawkins (both continuing)
- State Representatives:
 - ACT – Vacant. No nominations.
 - Queensland – Rosalie Neve. Moved from the Chair. Elected unopposed.
 - Northern Territory – Malcolm Connolly (continuing)
 - South Australia – Sean Freeman (unconfirmed if continuing)

- Tasmania – Anne McConnell (continuing)
- NSW – Alan Williams (continuing)
- WA – Wendy Reynen (continuing)
- Victoria – Georgia Roberts (continuing)

The following positions were co-opted during 2016.

- Secretary: Jo Thomson
- Treasurers: Aaron Fogel and Kelsey Lowe

The Chair moved to confirm the co-opting of the Secretary and Treasurers. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Close of Meeting

The President Lara Lamb thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting. The meeting was closed at 6:41 pm.