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NOTICE OF SPECIAL RESOLUTION

To all Members of AIMA:

Resolution to alter the Institute's name.

At the recent AIMA Annual General Meeting held in Adelaide on 30 November 2000, the elected Executive and State Councilors for 2000-2001 passed a motion to consider altering the name of the Association. This was considered important to reflect AIMA's important work in promoting sound management of underwater heritage throughout the Australasian sphere. It was proposed that the name be amended to *The Australasian Institute for Maritime Archaeology (AIMA)*. The motion to consider the name change was carried unanimously (See Agenda Item 7.1 in the AIMA AGM Minutes included in this *Newsletter*).

A **Special Resolution Voting Form** is included separately with this *Newsletter*. AIMA Members are requested to consider the name change as outlined and to vote to accept the change or not.

Please note that this **Special Resolution** is being conducted as a postal vote. The President, Treasurer and Secretary will assess the decision and notify all Members in the subsequent *Newsletter*. A majority decision of over 75% of the voting Membership, in favour of the change, is required for the vote to be effective. Your vote is very important. Members are requested to return their signed voting forms to the AIMA Secretary no later than **FRIDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2001**.

Minutes of the 2000 AIMA Annual General Meeting

Date: Thursday 30 November 2000
Time: 5:30pm
Venue: St Marks College, North Adelaide, South Australia

1. Present

S.A. Bill Jeffery, Terry Arnott, Mark Staniforth, Nathan Richards, Cassandra Philippou, Peter Bell
QLD. Viv Moran
W.A. Jeremy Green, Corioli Souter, Myra Stanbury, Mike McCarthy
VIC. Peter Harvey, Ross Anderson, Paul Brock,
N.S.W. David Nutley, Tim Smith, Cos Coroneos,
N.T. David Steinberg
TAS Mike Nash
Visitors:
NZ Mary O'Keeffe

2. Apologies

S.A. Rick James
W.A. Pat Baker, Dena Garrett, Brian Richards
VIC. Malcolm Venturoni
N.S.W. Mike Lorimer, John Riley, Antonia Syme
C'wlth: Kieran Hosty

3. Confirmation of Sydney 1999 A.G.M. Minutes

Moved Terry Arnott, seconded Jeremy Green that the minutes of the 1999 AGM be accepted. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Reports

4.1 President's Report (David Nutley)

The last twelve months have seen AIMA members active on a number of fronts.

The continuing decline in Commonwealth funding for the management of historic shipwrecks has reached critical levels and is a major concern for AIMA. AIMA has been supporting the Commonwealth's Historic Shipwreck Program for many years through the development of publications, historic shipwreck policy, and promotion of education and training in general.

AIMA members have actively and voluntarily given their time and resources to site survey, research and contributions to various forums. However, without a continued level of appropriate Commonwealth support, historic shipwreck research, survey, and management will fall away and become increasingly sidelined. The States, Territories and AIMA cannot be expected to carry the major burden for the management of cultural heritage under Commonwealth jurisdiction.

As a result of these concerns, AIMA has been actively lobbying the Federal Government. This has been achieved through direct letters to the Federal Minister, Senator Robert Hill, discussions with officers of Environment Australia, a press release and through a paper presented by Bill Jeffery at the National Cultural Heritage Forum in early November. It has been reported that the Minister has begun to hear these calls and it is important that the case for increased Commonwealth support continues to be made.

These heritage items are in waters controlled by the Commonwealth. They are not on private land. They are on a National Register for which the Commonwealth has statutory obligations. They are a Commonwealth responsibility. State heritage agencies, State and Territory Museums and community groups such as AIMA take a large and often disproportional load in supporting the investigation and management of historic shipwrecks. The Commonwealth has a moral responsibility to pull its share of the weight. AIMA members are urged to take every opportunity to draw the Commonwealth Minister's attention to this issue. Contact details can be obtained from the AIMA Executive.

The AIMA *Newsletter* has continued to be produced through the dedication and hard work of Kieran Hosty and Lindsey Shaw at the Australian National Maritime Museum. The quality of the articles contributed and the actual production is a credit to all concerned. There are also prospects for adding new dimensions to the *Newsletter*.

The AIMA *Bulletin* for the 1998-1999 year unfortunately fell behind schedule. However, it is getting back in full swing. The next *Bulletin* is in Press at this time and the second *Bulletin* will be published in February. The *Bulletin* in which this year's conference papers appear will then be back on schedule for later in 2001. Thanks to those who have worked so hard to get this back on track and, in particular, Jeremy Green and Myra Stanbury.

The introduction of the GST provided much confusion and uncertainty. In the end AIMA opted to obtain an ABN and not to register for the GST. In short, this enables us to 'do business' with the Commonwealth and other suppliers (grants, publications, etc) but frees us from the unwieldy chores of submitting Business Activity Statements at regular intervals. AIMA will review the situation at the end of the financial year to determine the extent of lost 'tax credits' through not registering for the GST.

The AIMA training courses continue to increase AIMA's profile in the community and to introduce a significant number of people to the ethics and procedures of maritime archaeology. This is an important service that AIMA members are supplying and acknowledgment is due to the various tutors who have been contributing so much to the success of this program. The quality of some of the Level II individual projects is of a very high standard and a welcome addition to the body of published work on maritime archaeological sites.

The AIMA website continues to provide additional means for access to information about Maritime Archaeology. There is still much work to be done in improving the functionality of the shipwreck database. Jeremy is continuing his work in this area and will report with additional information shortly.

The need for a logo to provide visual identification of AIMA has been discussed off and on for some years. This is again on the agenda for this meeting and some very competitive designs have been submitted for consideration at this AGM. The AIMA Executive will then take this comment onboard and further instructions will be provided to one or more of the designers for further refinements. The design or designs will then be published in the first AIMA Newsletter of 2001 for comment by the wider membership. The Executive will consider these comments and a final selection made.

At last year's AGM, it was agreed that AIMA would include a Definition of a Maritime Archaeologist in the introduction to the AIMA Code of Ethics based on the draft tendered at that AGM. The purpose of this is to provide much clearer guidelines to Government and other employers seeking formally trained Maritime Archaeologists. This has been completed and was published in the AIMA Newsletter earlier this year.

For a long time, various AIMA members have been seeking closer links with other archaeological

associations in Australia. The current joint conference with ASHA is a welcome example of this objective being put into practice. AIMA and AAMH are also discussing possibilities for a joint conference and for exchange of membership privileges. There are no firm commitments at this stage but it is a move that could have positive outcomes for both AIMA and AAMH in terms of information exchange, research projects and cost effectiveness of conferences through increased attendance. Similar relationships may also be possible with other groups such as ASHA and the Australian Archaeological Association. Hopefully, it may be possible to establish an umbrella group or 'Council' that would provide Australasian archaeology with a much more influential community and political voice.

AIMA is an organisation of people with a wide range of skills, interests, professions and geographical bases. We have in common one central interest and that is the relationship of maritime activities to the broader evolution of Australian culture and how that relationship is preserved in and can be derived from physical remains on the sea, river or harbour bed. We have links to many related fields and interest groups. I would encourage us, as a group and as individuals, to foster those links over the coming 12 months. It can only be in our best interest to do so.

4.2 Treasurer's Report (Mike Lorimer)

Account Balances: The balance of all accounts is rather healthy; this is due to the very limited expenditure on publications. It is my understanding that there are number of publications nearing completion which will make a substantial dent in the balance of the General Account.

Taxation Reform: Following some delays at the Australian Taxation Office AIMA has been allocated an ABN. We decided not to register for GST. The implication is that AIMA is not able to recover GST it has paid but at the same time does not have to charge GST on its services and products. This decision was made to reduce the amount of day to daybook keeping conformance especially in training courses. I recommend that the committee review the operation of this in early 2001 on the basis of expenditure to date.

Audit: Due to the huge amount of work for the accounting profession brought about the introduction of GST it has proved difficult to arrange the audit of the accounts. In an attempt to get the audit done in a timely manner I have been forced to change the auditor

from the previous auditor to Peter Wesley of Wesley & Rollo Accountants, Allambie, NSW. He is progressing the audit (for the previous 1998-1999 year and the current 1999-2000 year), as fast as possible but has been unable to complete the report for the annual general meeting. As soon as the report is received we will forward it to all current members. A number of preliminary meetings have been held which have highlighted some issues which may need to be addressed including the satellite accounts such as the conference accounts, consistency in training course accounting. I am confident these and others, which may arise, can be addressed without too much bureaucracy.

It should be noted that we have not had an unqualified audit report for quite some years and there is a growing need to achieve an unqualified report. Federal grant applications have been hindered by the lack of an unqualified audit report.

Increase in Membership fees: The Executive and Council discussed the current Membership levies and decided to increase fees across the board in order to cover impacts of the GST and general Institute costs.

Resolution: To increase Membership fees across the board by 10%. Moved: Terry Arnott, seconded by Jeremy Green. Moved unanimously. Membership fees for the forthcoming 2001-2002 financial year will now be: Ordinary (O) Membership \$45.00; Institutional (I) Membership: \$85.00; Student (S) Membership: \$35.00 and Associate (A) Membership: \$25.00.

4.3 Secretary's Report (Tim Smith)

External correspondence has remained relatively light over the 1999-2000 year with the bulk dealing with membership and publication matters, federal funding submissions, etc. Executive and Councillor communication via e-mail remained a popular way of discussing emerging issues and news. Two teleconferences were held in the 12-month period on demand, and when the availability of a quorum allowed. The Secretary has continued to handle all membership banking/receipting together with the regular role of updating the Membership Database.

There were 172 paying members for the 1999-2000 year, eight of which were new members to AIMA. This comprised membership fees of \$7, 540 paid into the AIMA General account. This comprised 19 institutional memberships (largely major libraries, museums and Associations), 23 student memberships and 134 Ordinary memberships. In addition, 57 people enjoyed one year's Associate

Membership having completed an AIMA/NAS training course.

This is in comparison to the previous 1998-9 financial year which had a total paying membership of 148, comprising 14 Institutional, 15 Student and 117 Ordinary members. There were 21 new members who signed up for that year. This came to a total membership income of \$6, 347.00 for the 1998-9 year.

The support of Members, through their annual fees, allows AIMA to undertake its various operations throughout the year. Publication of the *Bulletin* and *Newsletter* are made possibly directly from this income. Members have been patient awaiting their *Bulletins* for the 1998-1999 and 1999-2000 years and temporarily delayed in production. With the impending release of these two *Bulletins*, members will be back on track with their membership entitlements.

The 1999-2000 year saw a second round AIMA Scholarship being offered. Ewen McPhee was awarded the inaugural 1998 AIMA Scholarship with his project entitled, "*The early pearling industry in Torres Strait: A comparative study of ethnicity and technology*". Ewen completed his field surveys in 1999 and prepared a draft final report for inclusion in a future *Bulletin*.

The current scholarship round resulted in two successful projects being accepted: Pauline O'Malley's entitled: "*The role of the Brahmin (1854) in mid nineteenth century trade patterns*"; and Brad Duncan's entitled: "*The East Gippsland Shipwreck Resource: development of a predictive model for shipwreck locations based on archaeological and historical data*". Both are due for completion by the end of April 2001.

The 2001 Scholarship round will be advertised in December 2000 for awarding in early 2001. Options for the research focus of the scholarship will be decided upon at the 2000 AGM, before applications are announced through the website and Newsletter.

In conclusion, the Secretary again thanked all AIMA Members for their keen support of AIMA throughout the 1999-2000 financial year.

4.4 Publications Editorial Committee (Myra Stanbury & Jeremy Green)

Bulletin 23 (1999) will feature the papers presented at the AIMA 1999 Sydney Conference and

forwarded to financial members for the 1998-1999 year. All papers have been reviewed and the publication is with the printers. The Bulletin is intended for distribution by late December 2000. *Bulletin 24* (2000) will feature the papers presented at the AIMA 1998 Darwin Conference and be forwarded to financial members for the 1998-1999 year. Papers have been partly reviewed and are awaiting final editorial corrections for initial lay-up. The Northern Territory Museum will assist with the editorial costs undertaken by Myra Stanbury at the Western Australian Maritime Museum, and typesetting by Jeremy Green. The Editorial Committee will decide which of these papers will be included in the volume. It is envisaged that the edition will go to the printers in early 2001 for release to 1999-2000 financial members by the end of February 2001. Special Publication #13 - La Perouse will be forwarded to the printers by early 2001 pending the receipt of author's final corrections.

4.5 Newsletter (Kieran Hosty - in absentia)

The production and distribution of the quarterly *Newsletter* met its target with all (4) editions disseminated within the 1999-2000 year. Contributors are requested to forward copy for *Newsletters* well in advance of final deadlines where possible. The AIMA Executive will explore options for delivering all future *Newsletters* electronically to members with e-mail; hard copies being posted to non-e-mail based members. This should considerably reduce publication and distribution costs. All copies of the 1999-2000 *Newsletters* were made available in electronic form on the AIMA Website, with a significant number of back issues. The AIMA/NAS Senior Tutor will examine the potential of including additional editorial on completed courses and ongoing student projects, with a view to incorporation in alternate editions of the *Newsletter*.

4.6 National Shipwreck Database (Jeremy Green)

It was pointed out that significant problems have arisen with the database where some States and the Territory have not all been consistent with agreed field names and data entry. Some States have not yet forwarded new data since 1995/6. The development of the national database as a key priority of the CHSP was reinforced. It was also noted that with the cessation of funding to the National Centre of Excellence for Maritime Archaeology, all State's must supply their data correctly formatted, to reduce demands on WAMM

staff resources.

4.7 AIMA/NAS Training Program (Mark Staniforth, Cos Coroneos)

During the 1999-2000 financial year, the allocated Environment Australia budget of \$14, 000 has been allocated against the State Tutor position, teaching resources and course development/implementation. Courses have been run in all States except the Northern Territory. Mark Staniforth noted that there is allocated money to assist in deploying tutors to run independent courses. AIMA's licence to run the NAS courses in Australia has been extended for a further three years from the end of 1999 at no cost. It has been determined that AIMA would have the opportunity to extend its operations within the Australasian sphere. The logistics of running a test course in New Zealand will be considered and the need to tailor courses and teaching aids.

Cos Coroneos tabled a draft AIMA/NAS brochure developed with the assistance of Stirling Smith and editorial support from the NSW Heritage office. The brochure is aimed at dive training organisations and dive shops. A meeting of State tutors has addressed the needs for streamlined accounting/banking arrangements, while a database of graduates and enquiries has been maintained. The Training Officer position was renewed for a further twelve-month period totalling 289 hours of work. This has been divided principally between Cos Coroneos and Stirling Smith. To date there have been 23 part 1 courses held with 210 graduates: the equivalent of 70 graduates per year. A stocktake of training manuals and cards has been held, while enquiries have been made with PADI regarding insurance cover for Part 2 courses - PADI Watertight Insurance scheme. Stirling Smith has been examining a PADI AIMA/NAS Specialty Course, while the University of Sydney Continuing Education Program have determined to run a Part 1 course in 2000-2001. The opportunity for further developing the web page was discussed in an attempt to provide greater publicity, together with a potential CD-rom of images to be used in individual courses.

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7.0 Appointment of Auditor

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8. Discussion

8.1 AIMA media release (Peter Bell)

Peter Bell discussed the outcomes of the AIMA press release targeted at key media outlets in September 2000. The impact of the release, to raise the awareness of AIMA, the CHSP and funding concerns, proved disappointing. It was agreed that each State should seek regional media opportunities where they arise.

8.2 NCHF Meeting of 9 November 2000 (Bill Jeffery)

Bill Jeffery discussed the outcomes of the National Cultural Heritage Forum at which he represented AIMA. A briefing with Senator Hill was successful in raising issues of the shipwreck tourism potential, community participation numbers, required changes to the HSA 1976, and the impact of changes to the RNE. Senator Hill noted the reduction in available commonwealth funding at this stage, but noted opportunities under the CHPP scheme. Bill Jeffery suggested that AIMA submit a program application, the closing date being 14 January 2001. David Nutley indicated that he had a copy of the application form and will advise.

8.3 Bulletin format review (Jeremy Green)

Jeremy Green re-iterated that the past series of AIMA *Bulletins* have become primarily conference proceedings and suggested that the Editorial Committee be more selective in terms of the number and range of papers accepted for publication.

Resolution: That the Editorial Committee be selective in the choice of papers published in future *Bulletin* editions. Moved: Jeremy Green, seconded by David Nutley.

Resolution: That the *Bulletin* be more self-supporting. Moved: Jeremy Green, seconded by

David Nutley. Jeremy Green will request the Committee to seek equivalent commercial printing costs, with the Western Australian Maritime Museum then determining a suitable fee to be charged to AIMA for compensation of staff resource contributions.

Motions carried unanimously.

It was noted that draft manuscripts are sometimes received in totally unacceptable formats outside of *Bulletin* guidelines. Suggested that authors be notified in writing when their papers have been accepted, other articles being directed towards the *AIMA Newsletter*. Mark Staniforth noted that several papers were more “maritime history” focussed and could likewise be forwarded to the Great Circle, ASHA and AAA journals for review and possible acceptance. Jeremy Green suggested that individuals be targeted to provide research papers based on individual project merits. David Nutley suggested that the *Bulletin* guidelines be incorporated into an *AIMA Newsletter* along with a message inviting contributions.

All suggestions were endorsed for immediate implementation.

8.4 Special Millennium Publication (Jeremy Green)

Jeremy Green discussed a proposal for a special AIMA Millennium Publication (MP) to showcase the combined successes of AIMA, the CHSP, State-based agency operations, consultants and community groups. A stock-take of successful projects, programs and publications, the publication could be in a Special Publication format or similar. By creating a public product, AIMA, EA and State-based agencies could use the publication for promotion, while creating a review of combined successes. Jeremy Green indicated that he could provide the initial coordinating role, while each State would be required to supply copy and images. David Nutley suggested that AIMA write to each interest group to confirm their commitment to the project. The next targeted Special Publication covered the *Eglington* shipwreck.

The concept was endorsed and agreed that the President seek individual commitments as soon as practicable.

8.5 Members Listserver/Teleconference

Business & Discussion Items (Jeremy Green)

Jeremy Green tabled concerns over the Agenda items with previous teleconferences. It was noted that teleconferences have become general forums for practitioners to discuss issues that are sometimes outside of the operations of AIMA and its members. It was suggested that a range of forums be developed to target discussion needs:

- 1) E-group for general AIMA membership discussions
- 2) Agency e-group or teleconferences for Practitioners discussion
- 3) possible AIMA/NAS discussion group

Agreed that options are developed and that the Secretary maintain e-mail discussion group details and changes to contact information.

8.6 AIMA/NAS – gaining a national identity (Corioli Souter)

Discussed the need to establish uniformity in AIMA/NAS courses across the country, the urgency in developing a suitable brochure and advertising media, and a forum to discuss emerging issues such as banking arrangements and accounting. Mark Staniforth indicated that AIMA/NAS Training Account monies could be directed towards the production of brochures, etc.

9.0 General Business

9.1 AIMA Scholarships (Tim Smith)

Tim Smith summarised the state of the current AIMA Scholarships awarded in 1999 and 2000.

The Inaugural 1999 Scholarship valued at up to \$2000.00. Recipient: Ewen McPhee. Project entitled, *“The early pearling industry in Torres Strait: A comparative study of ethnicity and technology”*. The broad aim of the project is to undertake a critical and structured examination of the archaeological and historical evidence associated with the land based pearl shelling stations of Torres Strait. It focuses on the different cultural and ethnic groups that were involved in the pearl shelling industry and highlights the socio-economic, cultural and maritime technological transformations that these cultures brought to Torres Strait. This research forms part of the authors’ PhD that is being undertaken within the School of Anthropology, Archaeology and Sociology at James Cook University, Townsville.

Archaeological surveys have been and are currently being conducted on a number of islands where historic pearl shelling stations have been located. The initial focus has been within the Prince of Wales Island Group which is comprised of Thursday, Wai Weer, Good’s, Hammond, Friday and Prince of Wales Islands. An initial field season, funded with the assistance of the AIMA scholarship, has documented various features as boat slipways, and building equipment, wrecks of luggers, substantial rock groynes, signal station, managers’ and workers’ living quarters, wells, garden areas and substantial graves. Due for completion: end of 2000.

Two joint \$1000.00 scholarships were awarded in the 2000-year.

2000 Scholarship (1). Recipient: Pauline O’Malley. Project entitled, *“The role of the Brahmin (1854) in mid nineteenth century trade patterns”*. This project looks at the wreck of the trader *Brahmin* lost on King Island in 1854. A case study of the cargo and the vessel is being undertaken to obtain information on mid-nineteenth century trade patterns between Great Britain and Australia. Discovered by divers in 1976, no formal excavation has taken place at the site. The research involves the documentation of relics recovered from the wreck site and located at various repositories and in private collections. An investigation of the survivor’s camp forms part of the brief, together with an analysis of the interaction between the survivors and the local Aboriginal population. The fieldwork component is now complete with the cataloguing of artefacts and their analysis at a draft stage. Work has begun on the written component of the project. Due for completion: end of April 2001.

2000 Scholarship (2). recipient: Brad Duncan. project entitled, *“The East Gippsland Shipwreck Resource: development of a predictive model for shipwreck locations based on archaeological and historical data”*. This project seeks to examine factors affecting the shipwreck event to be used for developing new predictive regional methodologies and models for shipwreck relocation. It will use as its test data set the spatial clustering of shipwrecks around nodal points in the Port Albert region of Victoria. The availability of existing GIS data coverage of environmental, bathymetric and cultural information will be examined in relation to the proposed model. Due for completion: end of April 2001.

2001 Scholarship Program

Tim Smith indicated that the 2001 scholarship will be announced in the December AIMA *Newsletter* and be awarded up to \$2000.00. He suggested that applications be sought to develop a research project aimed at obtaining data on the benefits and successes of AIMA and the CHSP since inception. This could include the range of sites investigated, publications produced and public programs developed, etc. It could also draw statistics on the size of relevant client groups such as the diving industry, the size and potential of the diving/tourism sectors and develop strategies for increase the awareness of AIMA and the CHSP generally. This could provide useful background data for the proposed Special Millennium publication and for media enquiries. Agreed that Tim Smith develop a suitable brief and kit, and that general projects also be sought.

9.2 2001 AIMA Conference – Port Fairy Victoria

Peter Harvey indicated that the 2001 AIMA annual conference will be held in Port Fairy, Victoria. A date and venue will be advised.

9.3 Jack Loney Award – a national focus? (Ross Anderson)

Ross Anderson again congratulated Terry Arnott for his successful receipt of the Jack Loney Award at the Adelaide AIMA/ASHA Conference. The AIMA Executive and Councillors seconded this congratulation. Ross Anderson raised the issue of raising the award to a national status, perhaps to be presented by Senator Hill. Now managed by the Victorian Shipwrecks Committee, a national committee could be established and include an AIMA representative. Agreed to consider the proposed changes.

9.3 Financial assistance President/Treasurer/Secretary (David Nutley)

David Nutley tabled a proposal that AIMA assist the President, Treasurer and Secretary to attend future AGM's in order to fulfil their obligations.

Resolution: That AIMA will cover the conference attendance fees for the President, Treasurer and Secretary, in order that they may attend the annual AGM. That these funds be drawn from the AIMA General Account. Moved: David Nutley,

seconded by Terry Arnott. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial assistance would offset the contributions made by Agencies supporting their AIMA duties and assist private individuals should they hold one of these three key administrative positions.

9.4 Proposal to alter name of the Institute (Terry Arnott)

Terry Arnott tabled a proposal to change the name of the Institute to reflect its important work in promoting sound management of underwater heritage throughout the Australasian sphere. It was proposed that the name be amended to *The Australasian Institute for Maritime Archaeology (AIMA)*. Motion carried unanimously. Tim Smith will contact the department of Fair Trading (WA) to determine the protocols for lodging an official name change.

7.5 Reader in Australian Maritime Archaeology (Mark Staniforth)

Mark Staniforth tabled his draft proposed Reader in Maritime Archaeology. Designed for students as a research aid, it has benefits for promotion of the field of Maritime Archaeology generally. With 40% of the content drawn from existing AIMA *Bulletins*, there has been wide interest in the concept. David Nutley confirmed that it was important for contributors, including AIMA, to be officially contacted regarding copyright clearance. The publication of the reader as an AIMA Special Publication was also discussed. David Nutley suggested that the AIMA Executive and Councillors be again contacted by e-mail regarding the concept, as some members were unaware of the lead-up work. Agreed. Mark Staniforth noted that publication was intended by March 2001.

9.7 Thanks to 2000 Adelaide Conference organisers

David Nutley, as AIMA President, congratulated all concerned in the running of the 2000 Adelaide Conference, which was noted to be a great success.

10.0 Meeting closed: 7:10pm.

AIMA NEWS

AIMA President's report: A detailed President's report for 2000 is included with the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting enclosed with this Newsletter.

There are two matters arising from the AGM that I would like members to respond to as soon as possible. One is the question of changing AIMA's name from the *Australian Institute for Maritime Archaeology* to the *Australasian Institute for Maritime Archaeology*. (See details in the 'feature' box on this page and on the enclosed voting form).

In addition, the AGM also approved a new round of the AIMA's Research Scholarship Program. Applications are now invited and should be submitted by 5 March 2001. An Application Pack can be obtained from the Secretary or from the AIMA website.

The year 2001 is now upon us. All debate on whether the new Millennium has yet arrived can now be put to rest. On behalf of the Executive Committee I wish all members and Associate members a happy and rewarding New Year.

David Nutley

Secretary's Report: Thanks to all members who have forwarded their membership fees following the reminder in the last Newsletter. It is through your support of the Institute that the publication of the respected Bulletin and Newsletters are made possible. Please note that Volume 23 (1999) featuring the Sydney Conference papers (1999) is now ready for release to those members paid up for the 1998-1999 financial year. *Volume 24* (2000) will follow in early 2001 and feature papers from the Darwin Conference held in 1998. This volume will be forwarded to members paid up for the 1999-2000 year. If you were not a financial member for any of these years and wish to receive the *Bulletins*, contact me to arrange payment in arrears. I hope that you all have a happy Christmas and New Year and get in a bit of reading with the *Bulletin* between holidays, diving, travel, etc!

Don't forget to vote for the Special Resolution to decide on changes to the Institute's name. Please sign and return the attached Special Resolution voting form, together with your decision, and return it to me by fax or post by Friday 16 February 2001.

The AIMA Executive is exploring options for setting up a discussion group (E-group) site for AIMA Members with E-mail. This will allow members to discuss projects and individual research, to obtain electronic editions of the *Newsletter*, and to be quickly advised of conferences and AIMA/NAS training courses, etc. If you have not previously supplied me with an E-mail address, or if it has changed, please

contact me to advise at smitht@heritage.nsw.gov.au.

Check out AIMA's Website at <http://aima.iinet.net.au> to learn more about your Institute, its aims, role and activities.

Tim Smith
AIMA Secretary

Aima Research Scholarship Program

Notice of Third Round Applications sought now for submission by 5 March 2001.

This is the third scholarship round and aims to encourage original and timely research on maritime archaeological themes in Australia. The scholarship of up to \$2000 is unique and assists key research in needed areas. This year, scholarship proposals will be accepted for two distinct research areas:

- 1) a project that encourages original historical and archaeological research, fieldwork, the practical application of different techniques, training and community educational activities, the development of materials for wider publication and exhibition, or the development of computer software.
- 2) a special project identified by AIMA – "Historic shipwreck management in Australia: community perceptions, promotion and target audiences". This project would seek to establish base level data for use in estimating the value of Australia's tourism industry in general and dive industry in particular in relation to maritime heritage.

The successful scholarship holder is required to write up a report on the work suitable for publication as an AIMA *Special Publication* or an article in the well regarded AIMA *Bulletin*.

To obtain a **Scholarship Application Pack**, contact the AIMA Secretary, Tim Smith, on (02) 9849 9575, by Fax (02) 9891 4688, or E-mail at smitht@heritage.nsw.gov.au. The kit can be down-loaded from the AIMA website.

The inaugural scholarship was awarded in 1998 to Ewen McPhee at James Cook University to assist his PhD research focussing on the early pearling industry of Torres Strait. The 1999 Scholarship was awarded to Pauline O'Malley's for her project entitled: "*The role of the Brahmin (1854) in mid nineteenth century trade patterns*"; and to Brad Duncan for his project entitled: "*The East Gippsland Shipwreck Resource: development of a predictive model for shipwreck locations based on archaeological and historical data*". Both are due for completion by the end of April 2001.

 **NEWS NEWS NEWS** 

Australian National Maritime Museum

Sydney University Internships: As part of a second year unit in archaeology at Sydney University (ARPH 2604) three students participated in archaeological internships at the Australian National Maritime Museum.

The students Peta Knott, Jarrod Hughes and Nicholas Heiler worked on a number of projects at the museum. These projects included an archaeological assessment of military and commemorative buckles from the wreck of the *Dunbar* (1857); assessment and recording of artefact material from the *Julia Ann* (1855) and archival research into and recording of artefact material associated with unidentified shipwrecks in Tonga and Fiji.

The internship was a great success - mainly due to the enthusiasm of the three students.

Endeavour 2000: Work is progressing on the report for the 2000 fieldwork season.

Analysis of the timber samples taken from the Gamma site (see Newsletter Vol. 19:3) has been carried out by CSIRO in Melbourne. The Museum is currently waiting for the results of the coal, stone and sediment samples.

Consultant Reports

Cosmos Coroneos and Stirling Smith aka *Cosmos Archaeology Pty Ltd*

This year has been a very busy one from the perspective of maritime archaeological consulting. A brief review of the contracts completed, and underway, in 2000, follows:

Pier 6/7 Re-development, Walsh Bay, Sydney Harbour: Continuation of an on-going inspection program in Walsh Bay. In this instance an inspection was carried out under Pier 6/7, prior to its demolition, to search for the earlier remains of nineteenth century jetties. That no such remains were found was due to the extensive ballast mound present. The size and extent of this ballast mound caught the project engineers by surprise and a return dive was commissioned to quantify the amount of ballast present.

Proposed enlargement of port facilities at the mouth of the Brisbane River, Brisbane: A preliminary desktop assessment was conducted identifying all actual and potential submerged cultural resources that may be impacted by the proposed development.

Port Arthur Maritime Archaeology Survey, Tasmania: The first of an anticipated 3 year project, this season was successful in the amount of area covered in 3 weeks, the discovery and recording of extensive remains of maritime related structures and the concurrent running of AIMA/NAS training courses. The second season is planned to run from the 22nd January to the 16th February.

Proposed Jetty site, Carnarvon Bay, Tasmania: An offshoot job from the Port Arthur Maritime Archaeology Survey. A new jetty location has been proposed within Carnarvon Bay, which is away from the main tourist area of Port Arthur. However the underwater inspection revealed that though not historically documented structures or activities took place in the vicinity of the proposed jetty, cultural material associated with the convict period was present.

Halversen's Shipyard Slipway, Sydney Harbour
Halversen's shipyard was established in the 1930s and specialised in wooden hulled vessels, producing fast patrol and crash boats in WWII. As the site was to be re-developed we were asked to document the remains of the slipway. The camber or curve of the slipway was attributed to a perceived tradition within Norwegian shipbuilding, Halversen's birthplace. The project did not progress any further so this assumption was not tested.

Proposed Jetty, Hunters Hill, Sydney Harbour
This job involved the recording and identification of a sandstone masonry structure on the water's edge, which may be impacted by proposed development. The nicest part of this job was paddling around Hunters Hill foreshore in a sea kayak looking for similar structures. This job is still on going.

Proposed development of Naval facilities at Twofold Bay, New South Wales: A proposed Naval munitioning wharf is to be constructed in the eastern half of Twofold Bay where a number of shore whaling stations operated from the 1840s through to the early 20th century. The objective of this job was to conduct in-water inspections to see if the development will impact on the submerged cultural remains that are associated with the whaling stations. No remains of any whaling station were located within the path of the proposed wharf, but jetty piles, whalebone and brick were located on the seabed, in a small bay immediately to the south of the proposed development.

Duke Gas Pipeline Project, Bass Strait: A desktop study was undertaken to assess the impact of the proposed pipeline on the submerged cultural resource.

The proposed pipeline is to enter Bass Strait near Seaspray, Victoria and exit near Five Mile Bluff, Tasmania. This project is still ongoing.

New South Wales

NSW Heritage Office

SS Keilawarra 1886 research: Additional research has continued into the vessel and its loss. Peter Johnstone from Victoria provided the Heritage Office with a copy of a rare accommodation booking plan of the saloon accommodation – a welcome addition as no ship's plans have survived at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich. Mr Johnstone, whose great-grandfather was the *Keilawarra's* captain, Captain Buttrey, also provided some portrait photographs. Staff at the Clarence River Historical Society in Grafton have forwarded a copy of an original oil painting depicting the disaster, together with local information, while John Riley has tracked down another illusive painting of the event to an art gallery in Sydney. The RAN, on request of the Office, has completed a survey of the wreck site using their newest minesweeper, HMAS *Leeuwin*. While sea conditions were not too kind, they were able to sound over the wreck with forward looking sonar, multibeam and single beam echo sounder.

The Heritage Office, in association with the local diving and fishing industries, Solitary Islands Marine Park and Water Police, are continuing discussions regarding management of the site.

New NSW Shipwreck Brochures available: Four new brochures have been produced for the NSW Maritime Archaeology Program that will assist school and community groups, including dive groups, researchers, councils and river based communities, in interacting with the State's intriguing underwater archaeological sites. The four brochures include *Diving NSW Shipwrecks*; *Shipwrecks and what they tell us*; *Shipwrecks of NSW inland rivers*; and *NSW Shipwreck Heritage*. The brochures are available from the Heritage Office.

Shipwreck Interpretation – K-IX submarine

Discussions have continued on the development of an interpretive plinth to the historic *K-IX* submarine (1922-1945) wreck site near Seal Rocks. In addition to the Dutch Consulate's seed funding for the project, The Great Lakes Shire Council has contributed additional funds through Great Lakes Tourism. Additional funding options are being sought. The anticipated launch of the interpretative plaque is March 2001.

Sydney University Continuing Education Course on Maritime Archaeology: An AIMA/NAS Maritime

Archaeology training course will be run through the Continuing Education Program of Sydney University on 24/25 Feb 2001.

Tim Smith and David Nutley

Tasmania

Maritime Heritage Trail: Work has commenced on producing signage for the maritime heritage trail on King Island through Federal tourism funding. Signs will be erected at 13 locations around the island interpreting shipwrecks, lighthouses, port facilities and early exploration. The local council will be providing greater access to some of the locations and road signage. A brochure will also be produced to accompany the trail. The project is due for completion in mid 2001.

Maritime Museum of Tasmania: Exhibition assistance has recently been given to the Maritime Museum of Tasmania located near the Hobart waterfront. This has included a small shipwrecks display with information and artefacts on the *Sydney Cove* (1797), *Brahmin* (1854), *General Picton* (1888), *Asterope* (1883), *Svenor* (1914) and *Lake Illawarra* (1975).

Sydney Cove: Work is underway to republish a greatly expanded 2nd edition of *Cargo for the Colony* about the *Sydney Cove* historic shipwreck. This will provide further historical and archaeological information as well as a greater selection of pictures and drawings. This hard cover edition will be produced through Navarine Publications and should be available mid 2001.

Port Arthur: An underwater remote sensing project is currently being carried out in waters adjacent to the Port Arthur historic site by a team from the Western Australian Maritime Museum. This will build on work carried out at the site by Cos Coroneous and Stirling Smith in February of this year. The main penal settlement was linked to a series of out-stations, farms and production areas by sea and a series of jetties, small harbour works and discarded material is being surveyed and studied. The project will continue over four weeks during January/February 2001 in conjunction with two NAS courses.

A third diver in Tasmania? Mike and Jo are also pleased to announce the birth of Sean Nash on 9 November to provide entertainment and sibling rivalry for 18 month old Sophie.

Mike Nash

AROUND THE WORLD



News from the Internet

Paulo Alexandre Monteiro on Sub-arch reported on 9 October 2000 that: New Marine Reserve at Lake Huron's Thunder Bay will soon become the nation's 13th marine sanctuary in an effort to preserve its dense concentration of shipwrecks.

On Saturday, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the state of Michigan are to dedicate the 448-square-mile Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary on northern Lake Huron. A cemetery of maritime calamity, this modest bay holds the wreckage of an astonishing 116 ships, maybe more—plus the underwater tombs of unknown dozens of sailors.

Lee Adendorff on the Australian Museum Forum 10 October 2000 reported that: The redeveloped National Exhibition Venues Database (NEVD) was launched last week by Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation, the Hon Peter McGauran MP.

Thanks to a grant from Visions of Australia, AMOL has been able to significantly increase the range and depth of information provided by venues in an extended and user-friendly search interface. Users can browse extensive details on over 300 traditional and non-traditional institutions, which develop and/or host touring exhibitions around the country. Exhibition coordinators can use this information to plan their touring schedule, and venues can advertise their availability to a broad national audience. A new feature of the database includes the possibility to advertise your touring exhibition for hire on the homepage.

Browse the redeveloped NEVD at :
<http://amol.org.au/nevd>

You can update or add your venue details online or by contacting AMOL's National Guide and Education Gateway Coordinator, Sophie Daniel, at: sophied@amol.org.au or tel: 02 9217 0563.

Paulo Alexandre Monteiro on Sub-arch reported on 18 October 2000 that *Sunken Treasure 'Finders Keepers' May Not Be the Rule for Shipwreck Hunters*

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 16 — Finders keepers — the

principle that keeps treasure hunters looking for riches at the bottom of the sea — has taken a broadside hit in court. A federal appeals court ruled over the summer that Spain owns the wrecks of two Spanish warships that sank off the Virginia coast two centuries ago. The treasure hunter at the center of the case plans to appeal to the Supreme Court this week. Some say that if the ruling is allowed to stand, it could put countless shipwrecks and perhaps billions in booty off limits. "It really is a pretty abrupt turnabout to 300 years of traditional admiralty law," said Ben Benson, the disappointed owner of Chincoteague-based Sea Hunt Inc., named for the old TV show."

'Wreckclues' on Sub-arch on 19 October 2000 reported that: The denial of Sea Hunts salvage award was based upon the following:

As sovereign vessels of Spain, *La Galga* and *Juno* are covered by the 1902 *Treaty of Friendship and General Relations between the United States and Spain*. The reciprocal immunities established by this treaty are essential to protecting United States shipwrecks and military gravesites. Under the terms of this treaty, Spanish vessels, like those belonging to the United States, may only be abandoned by express acts. Sea Hunt cannot show by clear and convincing evidence that the Kingdom of Spain has expressly abandoned these ships in either the 1763 Treaty or the 1819 Treaty of Amity, Settlement and Limits, which ended the War of 1812. We therefore reverse the judgment of the district court with regard to *La Galga*, and affirm the judgment of the district court concerning *Juno* and the denial of a salvage award.

Ian Oxley on Sea-site reported on 21 October 2000: *Review of Procedures, Protocols, Technologies and Providers for Nearshore Marine Habitat Mapping*
<http://skyler.monterey.edu/~cahabmap/tech.html>

The paper is concerned with habitat mapping (but who's to say some of those lumps aren't archaeological!) and includes assessment of available geophysical survey technology (high res. sonar, AGDS, optical etc..) comparison of techniques, application to GIS, database of instrumentation, survey capability providers, and a good big set of references.

Summary: The purpose of this project is to enable the Department to expand its Geographic Information System (GIS) database to include and make available to CERES, data from the marine subtidal and nearshore ecosystems. The primary components of the project are: GIS mapping of essential marine habitats,

nearshore reef fish stock assessment, and marine reserve research.

The Early Implementation Phase of this project has focused on accelerating the acquisition of baseline bathymetry and substrate data as outlined in the GIS Mapping of Essential Marine Habitats portion of the project. This effort has included four tasks: Task 1) Data Needs: Identification of departmental needs for bathymetry and substrate data. Task 2) Data Catalogue: Assessment and collection of metadata for currently available data on marine bathymetry and seafloor substrates. Task 3) Procedures, Protocols and New Technologies: A review of current and emerging methods and providers for mapping marine habitats. Task 4) Data Processing: Process and incorporate existing bathymetric and substrate data into Department GIS coverage themes.

Joe Flatman on Sub-arch reported on 31 October 2000 that a fleet of medieval ships had been discovered of England: Go to the Southampton University Centre for Maritime Archaeology homepage for detailed information:

<http://cma.soton.ac.uk/Research/Guernsey/>

The project is directed by Jon Adams, Director of the CMA, and involves current postgraduates and staff of the Department of Archaeology and CMA, University of Southampton, as well as freelance specialists such as the ceramics expert Duncan Brown.

It is fully supported by the States of Guernsey Archaeological Officer Heather Sebire, to whom we all owe a great deal ! (I'm on the team, I should know). Several local divers are also involved, including the legendary Richard Keen and his skipper Dave Parsons, as well as the GNAT (Guernsey Nautical Archaeological Team). The project is supported by Commodore Shipping.

PM reported on Sub-arch on 3 November 2000 that archaeologists were surveying a number of WWII sites off France: DIVERS ARE plundering and looting the remains of a huge forgotten D-Day army lying in the sea off Normandy, according to archaeologists carrying out the first study of the site. A team has been mapping the underwater wreckage for the first time, concentrating on the area off the beaches code named Utah and Omaha for the Allied landings. They have found tanks, lorries, jeeps, landing craft and troop carriers, together with the remains of 5,000 soldiers who never made it to the beaches on 6 June 1944.

But divers have been looting helmets, guns, shell cases,

and pieces of vehicles and boats. One team even salvaged a tank, which probably contained the remains of its crew, and hauled it on to the beach."

For further information see

<http://unisci.com/stories/20004/1030003.htm> or
<http://ina.tamu.edu/neptune.htm>

John Hyett reported on Histarch on 5 November 2000 that An article has appeared in the *Sunday Age*, a reputable Australian newspaper, on the sale of porcelain by an Australian company from the 1822 wreck of the *Tek Sing* in Indonesian waters. The tone of the article is all boys own adventure and stresses the potential \$A100 million to be made from the sale. The article can be read at <http://theage.com.au/entertainment/20001105/A25576-2000Nov3.html>

John suggested writing email letters to the editor at letters@theage.fairfax.com.au protesting about the newspapers coverage of the salvage.

Per Akesson reported on Sub-arch on 7 November 2000 that Abydos Royal Boats: Several large river boats were found, and partly excavated, on land in Abydos, Egypt, in 2000. Dated to c 3000 BC. Are these the world's oldest shipfinds?

<http://www.abc.se/~pa/mar/abydos.htm>

Ned Heite on Arch-L reported on 15 November 2000 There's a project in the Mormon church that might have some impact on future DNA studies. The Mormons, through BYU, are collecting blood samples worldwide in an effort to create a huge DNA database. For more information: <http://molecular-genealogy.byu.edu>

Tony Austin from Archaeology Data Service reported on AUSARCH on 17 November 2000 that The Archaeology Data Service has added a 'point and click' map interface to ArchSearch, its on-line catalogue of nearly 350,000 records.

Point and click map searching is a very exciting development in terms of resource discovery for archaeological research and education. Resources for a specific geographical area that are referenced in the national, regional and local catalogues that makes up ArchSearch can now be accessed through the simple click of a button.

Currently, only a small-scale map of mainland Britain

(England, Scotland and Wales) is provided. Traditional county boundaries are provided for orientation. A similar interface is planned for Ireland. Large-scale maps will also become available in the very near future, which will allow users to define very specific geographic queries.

For further information go to

<http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/catalogue/>

Then click on the 'Search' menu option and select 'Map-based' from the drop down list. In the main screen area select 'Britain' and then 'Map Search'.

We hope you find this new tool for resource discovery useful and even fun. Feedback to guide future development will be much appreciated as always.

Paul Goodall reported on Sub-arch 27 November 2000: USF researchers have found the wreckage of the *Maine* and a possible answer to one of history's questions: Did Spain explode the *Maine* in 1898? By CRAIG PITTMAN © St. Petersburg Times, published November 21, 2000

ST. PETERSBURG -- Remember the *Maine*? Scientists working on a research ship co-sponsored by the University of South Florida sure did.

Last month, while the research team was testing its deep-ocean cameras about 4 miles off Havana, they spotted an oddly shaped wreck on the ocean bottom.

Part of the wreckage had been cut off as if by an explosion, said Paulina Zelitsky, president of Advanced Digital Communications, a Canadian company working with USF on the Cuban exploration. After comparing their find with historical documents, the researchers concluded they had stumbled on the battleship *Maine*, which was sunk under mysterious circumstances in 1898, touching off the Spanish-American War.

"This could put to rest a century of controversy," said Louis A. Perez Jr., a history professor at the University of North Carolina who wrote *War of 1898: The United States and Cuba in History and Historiography*.

The researchers will unveil footage of their discovery today at USF's St. Petersburg campus at the College of Marine Sciences. They will talk about that discovery as well as their work to map the geologically complex and largely unknown sea bottom off Cuba.

"They're finding things nobody has ever seen before,"

said USF marine science professor Frank Muller-Karger, who has worked on the oceanography side of the research project.

High salinity and low temperatures have kept the *Maine* remarkably well-preserved, according to Zelitsky. That news should make historians happy, Perez said.

"The issue of whether the explosion was from within or without could be resolved once and for all," he said.

Sent to Spanish-ruled Cuba to protect U.S. interests during a simmering insurrection, the battleship was torn apart Feb. 15, 1898, by a massive explosion as it lay at anchor in Havana harbor. Of the 350 men on board, 263 died. The survivors were brought to Tampa.

The American public, bombarded with sensationalistic coverage by William Randolph Hearst's and Joseph Pulitzer's newspapers, blamed Spain. A month later an U.S. Navy court of inquiry ruled that a large mine was responsible. On April 25, Congress declared war on the Spanish.

Troops swarmed into Tampa, where the battle cry was "*Remember the Maine!*" After what one U.S. official dubbed "a splendid little war," Spain surrendered and the United States found itself a global superpower, with colonies in Cuba and the Philippines.

There still is strong disagreement about what sank the *Maine*. Cuban schoolchildren are taught that Americans sank their own ship as a pretext for the war. A 1976 board of inquiry led by U.S. Adm. Hyman Rickover labeled the explosion an accident.

But two years ago, *National Geographic* published an article again raising the possibility that a mine could have done the damage, and that led to a vigorous but inconclusive debate at the U.S. Naval Institute.

Although the *Maine* sank in Havana's harbor, that's not where it has rested for most of the past century. In 1911, military engineers built a cofferdam around the wreckage and raised the *Maine*. They towed it to sea, and with an U.S. flag flying on its bow, allowed it to sink again, presumably forever.

Fast forward to the late 1990s, when Zelitsky's company -- after three years of intense negotiations -- persuaded the Cuban government to grant it the exclusive right to explore the largely uncharted ocean bottom around the Communist island.

In about a year of exploration work using the latest in side-scan sonar and remote-controlled robot craft, the

research team has discovered new geological faults in the volcanic sea bottom that might have some influence on Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Ocean currents.

Their high-tech equipment also uncovered a number of shipwrecks, including, on Oct. 18, the one they eventually identified as the *Maine* resting in water about 3,700 feet deep, Zelitsky said.

Because the ship rests in what is considered Cuban territorial waters, the researchers took care to register their find with the National Patrimony, the agency in charge of all of Cuban historical and archaeological finds, she said. But the researchers wanted to make the formal announcement about the finding on U.S. soil because they consider the ship to be American property, she said.

Perez said there might be some argument about that, especially given the precedent of other shipwrecks salvaged for their gold bullion, like the sunken Spanish galleon *Nuestra Senora de Atocha* discovered near Key West by the late treasure salvor, Mel Fisher.

"It's like the Spanish galleons," he said. "If they think this is a U.S. ship that belongs to the U.S., then all of Mel Fisher's stuff should go back to Spain."

Obituaries

DICK SWETE: Sharon Swete asked me to get the word out that Dick Swete passed away on the 5 November 2000 while in Madagascar. He and his team were there to do a site reconnaissance of the presumed *SERAPIS* (of John Paul Jones' fame) site. He evidently contracted a deadly strain of Malaria and died within a day or two.

In sadness, Warren Riess Research Associate Professor History & Marine Sciences Darling Marine Center University of Maine Walpole, ME 04573

JAMES DEETZ (February 8, 1930 - November 25, 2000) All archaeologists will be saddened to hear that James Deetz passed away at the age of 70 on Saturday afternoon November 25th. Deetz was a leading thinker in historical archaeology and between 1960 and 2000 his influence spread far beyond our field into general archaeology, anthropology and history. He also taught several generations of students in the field having been a faculty member at UC-Santa Barbara, Brown University, UC-Berkeley and the University of Virginia.

Deetz served as President of the Society for Historical Archaeology and was a recipient of the J.C. Harrington

Medal from the SHA.

Deetz remained a very active researcher and writer to the very end of his life as seen in the just released book *THE TIMES OF THEIR LIVES; LIFE, LOVE AND DEATH IN PLYMOUTH COLONY* (2000) which he coauthored with his wife, Patricia Scott Deetz.

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Doctoral Scholarship in Maritime Archaeology

Department of Archaeology; James Cook University; North Queensland, Australia

The School of Anthropology, Archaeology and Sociology of James Cook University hosts a maritime archaeology program which is part of a University designated Area of Research Focus. The University has an international reputation for research excellence in marine studies and houses substantial infrastructure, which may support such activities. The School currently offers three undergraduate units in maritime archaeology and has students enrolled in both Masters and PhD theses by research. Staff and/or students carry out collaborative activities with the Department of Archaeology at Flinders University, the Museum of Tropical Queensland and the Western Australian Maritime Museum. The Faculty of Arts, Education and Social Sciences in which the School is located has provided strong and ongoing support to the maritime program. The School owns two research boats (in 2C and 2D survey) and has a range of underwater site recording and photographic/video equipment.

In recognition of high student enrolments and completions, in both the undergraduate and postgraduate streams, the University has provided initiative funding which in combination with Departmental support provides the opportunity for a special Doctoral Scholarship in Maritime Archaeology. The Scholarship will provide \$18,000 per annum for a total of three years. In addition, the School will provide required on campus resources such as computer/software access, secure space and study areas and a yearly research costs allowance. There are likely to be some opportunities for teaching (on a casual basis) into the undergraduate program and incentives provided for the publication of papers during the time of the candidacy. The School's philosophy on maritime

archaeological studies is focused on behavioral and social explanations, which are embedded in wider archaeological and anthropological discourses.

Applicants must hold a minimum qualification of an Honours Degree in Archaeology (2A or First) with special focus on maritime studies or the Graduate Diploma in Maritime Archaeology (Curtin) with an evaluation of course standing. Any relevant industry experience, refereed publications or additional competencies should be outlined in the application. Copies of Degrees/Diplomas, academic record, a substantive piece of research writing (thesis or other major paper), expression of research interests and specialities and names of three referees should be sent by no later than December 8 to the Head of School, School of Anthropology, Archaeology and Sociology, James Cook University, Townsville, Queensland 4811. For further information on the scholarship and the application process please contact either the course co-ordinator A/Professor Peter Veth on 07 47815858 - Peter.Veth@jcu.edu.au or the Head of School Dr David Roe on 07 47814855 - David.Roe@jcu.edu.au

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See Archaeology and Anthropology at James Cook University on our website at
<http://www.foss.jcu.edu.au/profiles/structure/School.cf?OrgUnit=S0002>

See web page for the Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists Incorporated at
<http://www.archaeology.usyd.edu.au/aacai/>

Digital Data Workshop:

I am writing to invite all university based researchers to a workshop on using and managing digital data in archaeological research, organised by the Archaeology Data Service (ADS) and hosted by the Department of Archaeology at the University of York on 31st January 2001.

The use and importance of digital data in research has

expanded exponentially over the last ten years, while the opportunities afforded to facilitate and enhance research have been eagerly exploited.

However, the long-term viability of data produced in this way has been the subject of some concern, not least to the bodies that fund this research. Consequently, the AHRB, the Society of Antiquaries of London, NERC, the British Academy, the Leverhulme Trust and other grant-giving bodies now favour projects with clear and sustainable archival and dissemination strategies where digital data is used or produced as a result of research. These same bodies, along with the JISC and others are investing significant resources in technologies to enhance access to valuable research resources. These bodies look to the ADS and its partners in the Arts and Humanities Data Service to provide formal advice and informal support to the research community, whose work they fund.

The workshop, described in more detail at:

<http://ads.ahds.ac.uk/project/workshop/research.html>

is designed to help you and your colleagues ensure the long-term viability of the data you create, supporting current research projects and enhancing future funding applications. Thus, if you are in receipt of a major research grant for a project that depends on digital data, or a grant to digitise or disseminate existing data, then this workshop will certainly be of interest. The workshop will also provide a clear strategic overview of current policy towards digital research data, enhancing forthcoming grant applications. As such, it is not tied to any one grant making body or competition, but supports applications to an important cross-section of grant-making bodies and their competitions.

It is the goal of the ADS to support the creation and use of digital data in archaeological research projects - most particularly where these are of enduring value to the academic community.

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Associations



Australian Archaeology Association (AAA):

Subscriptions for 2000 are due in January. If you have recently paid for 2000, receipts are normally sent out with the journal. If you need a receipt urgently e-mail Richard Fullagar or the AAA Treasurer Huw Barton:

barton@acl.archaeology.usyd.edu.au

If you have not paid up or wish to join or subscribe to the journal Australian Archaeology, please contact:

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Or contact Richard by email: fullagar@uow.edu.au

Or check out the website

<http://www.archaeology.usyd.edu.au/AAA/>

There is information about the organisation, conferences and membership.

The Australasian Society of Historical Archaeology

(ASHA): For further information please contact:

The Secretary
Australasian Society of Historical Archaeology
Box 220
Holme Building
University of Sydney NSW 2006

Nautical Archaeology Society (NAS): Please contact:

The Membership Secretary
206 Moorview Way
Skipton N Yorks BD23 2TN
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Grants and funding



George Alexander Foundation & Ian Potter

Foundation: Value up to \$100,000. Awarded to Australian organisations for projects in areas including arts, fellowships travel grants and research. Closing dates mid April; mid July. Contact Executive Secretary George Alexander Foundation and Ian Potter Foundation

Level 5, 1 Collins Street
Melbourne Victoria 3000
Ph (03) 9650 3188

Fellowships: Sackler Research Fellowship in the History of Astronomy and Navigational Sciences; Caird Senior Fellowship - 17th century Dutch maritime

paintings - medals - 18th century prints; Caird Junior Research Fellowship in (British) Naval and Maritime History and Associated Studies.

Details from:

National Maritime Museum
Head of Research
Greenwich SE10 9NF England

United States Cultural and Academic Specialist

Grants: Awarded to American specialists to spend two to six weeks at an Australian museum or gallery to work on specific projects or work as consultants. Available on a shared cost basis with USIS (United States Information Service) Contact: Noeline R. Milson, USIS
Ph: (02) 6270 5966
Fax: (02) 6273 3051.

Australia Council Grants: The Council provides grant money for many cultural activities. For comprehensive details and application procedures please see the Australian Council for the Arts Grants Handbook. Available from the Australia Council on (02) 9950 9000
Belconnen ACT 2616

The One Stop Arts Shop: This site provides a single access point to all possible avenues of support available for people in the cultural sector. Access through the website www.artsinfo.com.au

THE W.F. ALBRIGHT INSTITUTE OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH (AIAR), JERUSALEM: 2001-2002 FELLOWSHIPS

Fellowships	Appl. Deadlines
Associate Fellowships	14/04/01
W.F. Albright Associate Fellowships	14/04/01
Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowships	14/04/01
	4/2/01

For information and application forms write to:

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Department of Religious Studies, 20700 North Park Blvd. University Heights, OH 44118
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Or visit the Albright's web site at:

www.aiar.org

United States Information Agency Fellowships:

a. Junior Research Fellowships: \$48,000 for three awards. The stipend is \$9,300; remainder (\$6,700) is for room and half board at the Institute. Open to pre-

doctoral students and recent Ph.D. recipients in Near Eastern Studies who are U.S. citizens. Research period: 10 or 5 months (stipend varies with the duration of the fellowship -- maximum stipend is \$16,000 for 10 months) The research period should be continuous, without frequent trips outside the country.

b. Associate Fellowships: Six senior and seven junior fellowship administrative fee awards. Application deadline: April 14, 2001.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowships: \$34,500 for three awards (\$11,500 each). The fellowships are open to Bulgarian, Czech, Hungarian, Polish, Romanian, and Slovak scholars. Candidates should not be permanently resident outside the six countries concerned, and should have obtained a doctorate by the time the fellowship is awarded. Fellows are expected to reside at the Albright if room is available. Each fellowship is for three months, during one of the following periods: September 1 2001 - November 30, 2001; December 1, 2001 - February 28, 2002; and March 1, 2002 - May 31, 2002. The research period should be continuous, without frequent trips outside the country. Application deadline: April 2, 2001.

W.F. Albright Associate Fellowships: No stipend. Open to senior, post-doctoral, and pre-doctoral researchers. Administrative fee required. Application deadline: April 14, 2001.

New Books, Publications, Videos and Articles



*Iron and Steamship Archaeology
Success and Failure on the S/S 'Xantho'*
by Michael McCarthey
Dept. of Maritime Archaeology, Western Australia
Museum, Fremantle

In the early 1980s the author was asked to investigate the newly discovered wreck of the *Xantho*, an iron screw steamship active off the Australian coast during the period 1848 to 1872, and to develop a strategy to stop the looting that was occurring at the site. This relatively straightforward assignment turned into a long-term research program for applying maritime archaeology to the conservation of iron-hulled wrecks.

Kluwer Academic/Plenum Publishers
<http://www.wkap.nl/kaphtml.htm/HOMEPAGE>
Hardbound, ISBN 0-306-46365-2

September 2000, 240 pp.
NLG 137.00 / USD 59.00 / GBP 41.00

Sacred and Secular: Ancient Egyptian Ships and Boats by Cheryl Ward has just been published in the Archaeological Institute of America Monograph Series. It places over 20 ancient Egyptian watercraft into a cultural context while evaluating construction practices for these vessels which range in age from about 5,000 to 2,500 years old.

It can be found at
<http://www.cr.nps.gov/seac/protectg.htm>.

Also, you may wish to note that Florida State University now offers a Ph.D. diploma in Anthropology that encompasses maritime and coastal archaeology.

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Free Book: "The *Protecting the Past*" book edited by George S. Smith and John Ehrenhard has been out of print for some time. Given that the authors are still receiving requests for it and all rights have been returned to the authors, they have placed in on the SEAC web site.

Richard Gould's new book *Archaeology and the Social History of Ships* I thought it might be worthwhile to let AIMA know about my new book, "Archaeology and the Social History of Ships," which has just been issued by Cambridge University Press. Among other things it discusses several important Australian shipwrecks, including the *Batavia*, *Xantho*, and *Pandora*. Cambridge University Press should be sending a copy of the book to the AIMA Bulletin for review, but in the meantime, anyone that would like to find out more about it can check my website at:
www.maritimearchaeol.com

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Brown University, Providence, RI 02912 U.S.A.

Max Gleeson, 2000, *SS Yongala*:

**Townsville's Titanic. Topan Press. ISBN
0 646 377817**

SS Yongala: Townsville's Titanic is the latest release by well-known diver and underwater photographer, Max Gleeson. Intensive research and interviews with descendants of those lost are a feature of Max's earlier books, *The Vanished Fleet of the Sydney Coastline* and *Shipwrecks, Storms and Seamen of the NSW Coast*. The same level of detective work has gone into this new release featuring Queensland's magnificent *Yongala* wreck site. The colour plates portray the majesty of one of Australia's premier wreck diving sites, whilst the text reveals the drama surrounding this significant 1911 loss.

The text introduced to the tragic Captain William Knight, his previous commands, contemporary shipping disasters and the events leading to the disappearance of *Yongala*. The reader is drawn into the anguish of the time and the frantic failed search.

Abounding in extensive marine life, the management of this stunning shipwreck site requires the assistance of both underwater visitors and heritage management agencies alike.

Copies are available from the author:
Max Gleeson
51 Northcote Avenue
CARINGBAH NSW 2229
Ph (02) 9524 8077
Price: \$30.00 (including postage).

Forthcoming Conferences

13th Annual Symposium on the Maritime Archaeology and History of Hawai'i and the Pacific
February 17-19, 2001 Hawai'i Maritime Center, Pier 7, Honolulu, Hawai'i

The 13th annual MAH Symposium will be held on President's Day weekend at the Hawai'i Maritime Center. This event is co-sponsored by the University of Hawai'i at Manoa's Maritime Archaeology and History Program and the Hawai'i Maritime Center. Individual chairpersons will host separate sessions of related presentations. Two days of presentations will be followed by a day for the field trip. The popular informal receptions following paper presentations will also continue. The conference coordinator will be collecting papers and preparing a conference proceedings, making selected reports available to symposium members and the general public.

The Conference Setting:

Guests and speakers gather in the Pacific Room of the Hawai'i Maritime Center at Honolulu Harbor. This waterfront setting is immediately adjacent to moorings for the Polynesian voyaging canoe *Hokule'a* and the historic sailing ship *Falls of Clyde*. Aloha Tower restaurants and shops are across the quay, and conference accommodations and Waikiki are a short shuttle or bus ride away. All conference guests have free access to the maritime museum at the Center.

The Field Trip:

Last year's trip included an historic water tour of Pearl Harbor, hosted by National Park Service historian Daniel Martinez. A buffet-style prime-rib dinner at the Bowfin submarine museum followed this rare treat. This year's trip is currently in the planning stages. Possibilities include a boat tour of Pearl Harbor's West Loch, the buffet dinner, and/or a guided tour of a nuclear submarine at the sub base.

The Papers:

Students and professionals are encouraged to contribute abstracts and participate in this one-of-a-kind symposium. Each 20-25 minute presentation features the maritime history of Hawai'i and/or the Pacific. This broad category can be represented by historical documents, physical artifacts, and oral recollections, marine artwork, etc. The combined fields of history and anthropology offer a wealth of possibilities for investigation of our planet's greatest ocean. Abstracts should be approximately 300 words, single-spaced, and include title, author, contact address/phone/email.

Paper copy should be accompanied by 3.5" disk (Word format preferred). Email submissions are also acceptable; send to <hkvant@hawaii.edu>.

For more information, contact:

Marine Option Program: University of Hawai'i at Manoa, School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology, 2525 Correa road, HIG 215-A, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96822 USA, Phone (808) 956-8433, fax (808) 956-2417

email: <mop@hawaii.edu>

web: http://www2.hawaii.edu/mop/gmahcp/mop_symp2001.html

**Australasian Archaeometry Conference 2001
Australasian Connections and New Directions
February 5-9th 2001, University of Auckland,
Auckland, New Zealand** The Australasian

Archaeometry conference meets every four years. This year for the first time the conference will be held outside Australia. In 1997 this conference was attended by several hundred scholars with involvement in the fields of Archaeology, Anthropology, Geography, Conservation, Museology, Material Science and Applied Nuclear Science (e.g. dating, materials analysis etc).

For further information contact

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Call for Papers for the Mid-Atlantic Archaeological conference to be held in Ocean City, Maryland, March 23-25, 2001. The working title is "The Historical Archaeology of Identity and Meaning."

I am looking for papers that address: 1) archaeological reflections of socio-cultural identity, 2) the meaning/implications of identity, 3) how archaeologists approach/analyze identity, and/or 4) any other permutations of these themes, broadly defined.

Standard 20-minute papers. Abstracts should run 100-150 words. 2001 membership in the Mid-Atlantic conference and conference registration are required as well.

For further information please contact

John P. McCarthy, RPA
615 Fairglen Lane
Annapolis, MD 21401

Third International Marine Archaeological Conference of the Baltic Sea March 21 - 24, 2001 in Rostock, Germany Life on board of ships as revealed by maritime archaeological investigations - the social cultural aspects of shipfinds and harbour constructions in the Baltic Area

The aim of this conference is to concentrate on socio-cultural developments of the exchange between maritime societies as reflected by investigations of shipwrecks and harbour constructions.

For further information contact The Rostock Maritime Museum, Dept. of Ship Archaeology, Maik-Jens Springmann, August-Bebel-Strasse 1
18055 Rostock, Germany
Phone: ++49(0) 381/25 20 60
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SYMPOSIUM ON MEDITERRANEAN ARCHAEOLOGY FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF POST-GRADUATE RESEARCHERS

The University of Liverpool, Faculty of Arts
School of Archaeology Classics and Oriental Studies
23RD -25TH FEBRUARY 2001

SOMA is a conference aimed to offer the opportunity to all postgraduate students dealing with aspects of Mediterranean archaeology to present and discuss their research and work in progress with their colleagues. The wide variety of topics and approaches presented in the symposium together with its informal character made the former meetings at Edinburgh, Birmingham and Sheffield a notable success. Presentations on any aspect of Mediterranean archaeology may take the form of a read paper of either 10 or 20 minutes length, or of a poster. Abstracts should not exceed 150 words. SOMA 2001

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L69 3BX Liverpool
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<<http://www.pcweb.liv.ac.uk/soma2001/>>

MUSEUMS AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CONFERENCE, 22-26 April 2001 - CALL FOR PAPERS The planning committee of the next national conference is seeking nominations for a range of papers including workshops, parallel sessions and keynote speakers. The conference theme is 'National collections, national cultures?' and will explore the role museums have played and continue to play in contributing to and challenging notions and myths of national, state, regional and local identity.

A number of timely events give the conference particular opportunities to explore this theme: the location of the conference in Canberra, the presence of ANZAC Day in the middle of the conference, 2001 being the Centenary of Federation and the fact that by April 2001 the impact of the Olympics on Australia's perceptions of itself will have been played out. Papers addressing these themes in a national, state, regional or local context could focus on questions such as:

- how have national, state, regional and local museum

collections and programs enhanced or interrogated notions and myths of identity?
 · how has Federation contributed to the fortunes of the museum community?
 · how is the concept of a 'distributed national collection' perceived at the national, regional and local levels and how has it contributed to the museum community's capacity to work together?
 - how has technology impacted on the way in which museums work across state, regional and local boundaries?

The planning committee is happy to consider proposals outside this thematic framework - however topics most likely to be programmed into the conference will be those that address contemporary or 'hot' issues.

Nominations should be sent to Louise Douglas:

Postal: National Museum of Australia, GPO Box 1901, ACT, 2601
 Fax: 02 6208 5148
 Email: l.douglas@nma.gov.au.

The proposal should include a half page abstract of the proposed content, an estimate of the time required to present, a suggested format (workshop, parallel session, keynote address) and contact details including email address.

THEORIZING CANADIAN ARCHAEOLOGY
The following session is being organized for the Canadian Archaeological Association Meetings in Banff, Alberta from May 9 - 13, 2001.

Kelley and Williamson (1996, *American Antiquity* 61: 5-20) have noted that Canadian Archaeology has generally remained skeptical of the 'isms' that form the poles in archaeology's dominant theoretical debates. Instead, they suggest that Canadian archaeologists selectively integrate elements of many paradigms to address specific questions or deal with local problems. In the wake of processual-postprocessualist debate, it is worth reflecting on (1) how well eclecticism has worked in the Canadian context and (2) whether or not it represents a fruitful alternative to the continued use of 'isms' in archaeological theory. To this end, we solicit papers that examine the relationships between global theoretical currents and archaeological practice in Canada.

While the session is open to any examination of theory in Canadian Archaeology, we would ask authors to consider three sub-themes:

Reflections on theory in Canadian Archaeology:

global, national, local: What has been the role of theory in Canadian Archaeology? Is it possible to talk about a "Canadian Perspective", or has theory been defined regionally? How has the archeological record affected the use of theory in Canada?

Bringing the global local: Are there areas in Canadian Archaeology that remains "under-theorized"? Would a greater use of "global theory" help us solve local problems?

Taking the local global: How can Canadian Archaeology contribute more to global theoretical debates?

For the session, we would like to get a diverse cross-section of the archaeological community whose field research or home institution is based in Canada. Contributions are welcome from academics, C.R.M. and museum-based researchers.

Paper titles, abstracts or questions should be sent directly to:

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 Montreal, Quebec, Canada. H3A 2T7
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The 1st annual Florida Underwater Archaeology Conference is a reality. The meeting will take place in conjunction with the Florida Anthropological Society's annual meeting between May 11-13, 2001 here in St. Augustine, Florida.

The conference is being held at the Radisson Ponce de Leon golf & conference resort (904) 824-2821, fax (904) 824-8254, 1-800-333-3333, www.radisson.com, conference room rates are available. (Get in touch with me if you would like alternate lodging.)

Papers will be presented on Saturday, May 12 2001.

Abstracts should be 150 words long and must be submitted by February 15th, 2001.
 Send to:

Jason M. Burns
 Lighthouse Archaeological Maritime Program
 81 Lighthouse Avenue
 St. Augustine, Florida 32080
 (904) 829-0745, x.23 or 24

The Annual meeting of the European Association of Archaeologists 2001 7th Annual Meeting 2001
 19 - 23 September 2001 Esslingen am Neckar,
 Germany Fachhochschule Esslingen - University of

Applied Sciences

First circular and request for program proposals
<http://www.esslingen.de/ea2001/e-q-q-d.html>
 Email: ea2001@Esslingen.de

For the first time, the European Association of Archaeologists will hold its annual meeting in Germany. From Wednesday 19 until Sunday, 23 September 2001 the meeting of European archaeologists will take place in the old Reichsstadt Esslingen am Neckar (Baden-Württemberg). The preparation and organisation of the congress are vested in the Landesdenkmalamt Baden-Württemberg and in the board of the Deutsche Altertumsverbände, which represent all archaeological institutions in Germany. The program of the congress will include on three days (Thursday to Saturday) lectures and discussion rounds (round tables) in three subject blocks in many sections. The meeting of members will take place on Saturday and the congress will end on Sunday with several excursions to significant cultural monuments in Baden-Württemberg.

Program plan

The lectures and discussion rounds will take place from Thursday to Saturday focusing traditionally during the annual meeting of the EAA on the following points of emphasis:

1. Managing the Archaeological Record and the Cultural Heritage
2. Archaeology of Today: Theoretical and Methodological Perspectives
3. Archaeology and Material Culture: Interpreting the Archaeological Record

Congress offices and information

Landesdenkmalamt Baden-Württemberg Kulturreferat der Stadt
 Esslingen am Neckar
 Arch.,ologische Denkmalpflege Marktplatz 16
 Silberburgstr. 193 73728 Esslingen am Neckar
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<http://www.esslingen.de/ea2001/e-a-a-d.htm>

**Preliminary Announcement ARCLING II
 Interdisciplinary conference on the prehistory of
 Australia** September 22-25 2001
 National Museum of Australia, Acton Peninsula,
 Canberra

Next year the second ARCLING conference will be held in Canberra in the new National Museum building, jointly supported by the Australian Institute

of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, the Australian National University and the NMA. Australian and international archaeologists, linguists and others will address issues of mutual concern in the prehistory of Australia and its near neighbours.

Further details of the conference, a call for papers, and a web-site will be announced in August 2000.

Contact: Dr. Patrick McConvell, Research Fellow,
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**First Call for papers: The 2001 Ontario
 Archaeological Society Annual Meeting, Hamilton,
 Ontario, Canada.** The Ontario Archaeological Society presents The Archaeology of Space & Place: New Models in Great Lakes Archaeology, October 12th-14th, 2001 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

The 2001 Conference, hosted by the Hamilton Chapter, requests abstracts around the theme of 'Space & Place'. Presentations are limited to a maximum of 30 minutes, and speakers should indicate their audiovisual requirements when submitting their abstracts. Topics suggested so far include, Spatial modeling and GIS; Ethnic identity and its detection in the material record; Intra/inter-site modeling; Archaeological site prediction; Problems with Archaeological Master Plans; And scape archaeology.

For further information please contact:
 Conference Committee,
 Hamilton Chapter OAS,
 The Ontario Archaeological Society
 452 Jackson Street West,
 Hamilton, Ontario
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AIMA Publications

Back issues of the Bulletin, Newsletters and Special Publications are available for sale.

Publication price lists and order forms may be obtained by contacting Mr. Tim Smith, AIMA Secretary.

Discount prices may apply for multiple orders.

What is AIMA?

The Australian Institute for Maritime Archaeology (AIMA) is an organisation formed to promote the advancement of maritime archeology in Australia and to assist in the co-ordination of national and international programs.

Join AIMA and find out more about what is happening in the world of maritime archaeology.

Ordinary Members	\$45.00
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News from National Training Officer

Seasons Greetings. The third year of NAS in Australia is now drawing to a close. Thank you to all who have taken part. To date 23 Part I courses have been run with 210 students having graduated and things are not slowing down. Already for 2001, Part I courses have been scheduled in February across four States.

One of our objectives for the upcoming year is to concentrate on Part II to Part IV courses. This newsletter contains another contribution from the work being carried out by a Part II student, Donald Kerr. It is hoped that more such contributions will be published in this newsletter in the near future. We want to know what you are up to! Please drop us a line if you have any ideas for a short article.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Cosmos Coroneos

News from around the States

News from New South Wales

The next course to be offered in NSW is a Part I on the 24/25th February 2001. It will be a little different to other courses offered in Australia, so far. This course will be run through Continuing Education at The University of Sydney.

This course has generated a considerable amount of interest and we already have 9 students enrolled. Considering that we still have about two months to go this seems quite a healthy number. The February course will be a bit of a test case. It is uncertain how the course will be accepted. If successful, this may provide an option for running other AIMA/NAS courses through Continuing Education Departments at Universities, but we will have to wait and see.

Stirling Smith

News from South Australia

South Australia will be holding an AIMA/NAS Part 1 Training Course on Saturday and Sunday 3 and 4 Feb 2001. This will be just prior to the Maritime Archaeology Field School (ARCH 3304) offered by Flinders University which has about 16 students enrolled to participate. Former AIMA/NAS students including Chris Lewczak, Lucia Lancelotti (from Victoria) and Cass Philippou will be involved in the Field School as Team Supervisors. The Field School will count towards AIMA/NAS Part 2 and Part 3 qualifications for both the students and those involved in the teaching and supervision of the Field School.

Nathan Richards has taken on the role as SA State Tutor and will be coordinating AIMA/NAS Training in South Australia in future.

Dr. Mark Staniforth

News from Western Australia

A Part I course is being offered on the 3/4 February 2001 at the Western Australian Maritime Museum, with anticipated Part II course to be run on the following weekend.

Corioli Souter

News from Queensland

On 29 May, our first Brisbane based Part 1 course was held in the training rooms at the Queensland Museum. The outdoor session was undertaken in the public (very) arena at the front of the museum, working from one piece of modern art to another. The sound of water splashing at the Art Gallery's entrance however lent us a touch of audio authenticity.

The Part II lectures took place on 15 August, again at the Museum and ran for the morning, with Bill Jeffery, Peter Gesner and myself lecturing to the group.

The Part II field school came the following Sunday, with the group straining at the bit (almost) to get out there and do some real work. We arrived on Moreton Island, south of Comboyuro Point on the first early morning barge trip and set up a pretty significant base camp! From the original group of eight, we were now whittled down to three with Bill and myself - but just the right number for the three wrecks we were to look at: the iron and steel 'Bulwer wrecks' - *Hopewell*, (1900 - 1938), *Kallatina* (1890 - 1931) and the *Mount Kembla* (1885 - 1934). Two of them lie across the intertidal zone, and the third lies across their sterns, just covered at low tide to a maximum of approximately 2.5m. The vessels were scuttled in the 1930s to serve as a small boat harbour, which is still used by small fishing craft.

The site was ideal - protected in the right conditions, and shallow. Each vessel was surveyed, and each participant chose one to look at as the basis for their short report, and directed the measuring activity on their site. The group produced some good work, and was particularly impressive underwater - well done everyone!

One of the participants, Andrew Gillespie attended the AIMA Conference and so is well on the way to completing his Part II.

Thanks to Bill Jeffery, Peter Gesner, and Christine Ianna for her guest appearance in Part I.

Viv Moran

Progress reports on current student projects

The following report is from Donald Kerr. Donald completed the Part I course in NSW last year. He has been most active and persevering in the pursuit of his studies on the Merimbula Wharf. We all look forward to more contributions from Donald in the near future.

The Merimbula Wharf project that I have been studying for the AIMA/NAS Stage II project and recently completed, has revealed insights into an exciting chapter in NSW's maritime history.

The large wooden sea wharf which once stood at Long Point overlooking Merimbula Bay was destroyed in 1979 after it was declared unsafe by the NSW Public Works Department, burned down and dynamited, now lies in ruins on the sea bed. A much smaller fishing platform, erected by outraged local citizens after a public subscription to replace the wharf, now stands on the site of the old wharf. To the visitor there is little

sign apart from a brass plaque at the entrance to the fishing platform that for nearly 50 years Merimbula Wharf was the hub of a thriving trading port from where steamers transported people and goods along the coast to and from Sydney and other ports.

Construction of the wharf began in 1901 and continued until 1904, and a number of extensions were carried out in following years to enlarge the wharf as the steamer trade continued to grow. The wharf's working life came to an end in 1952 as road, rail and air transport ended the steamer trade, which had become unprofitable and the Illawarra and South Coast Steam Navigation Company ceased operations.

Under the direction of maritime archaeologists David Nutley, Tim Smith, Cos Coroneos and Stirling Smith, I carried out a study into the wharf's history to complete the AIMA/NAS Stage II project during 1999 and 2000. The research included an underwater survey of the site to find out the type of remains from the wharf that still existed after it was destroyed in 1979. Timber and metal remains found on the seabed were photographed and compared with plans from the NSW Public Works Department to find out about construction techniques and materials used for the wharf. Remains were found scattered across the seabed in a wide area in front of the site and were extremely damaged by fire and explosions.

An above ground survey was carried out to examine the remains of piles set into rock, brass and iron mooring rings, and a concrete retaining wall that had stood behind the wharf. Records from the Merimbula-Imlay Historical Society including accounts of the wharf's history and photographs also provided valuable information about its role in the town's social and economic development.

The opportunity to carry out this research under the auspices of AIMA, which provided me with theoretical and practical training in maritime archaeological techniques, was an invaluable opportunity to gain experience in this field. Working with professional archaeologists who generously shared their knowledge and enthusiasm with me was also a rewarding experience for which I am extremely grateful and provided the foundation for further academic study.

The experience of attending an AIMA conference and later having the opportunity to carry out training and research through the institute stimulated my interest in archaeology and led me to begin a Graduate Diploma in Archaeology at the University of New England by external study in 2000. I now hope either to work eventually as a professional science journalist specialising in heritage and environmental matters, or

as a consultant archaeologist.

The wharf project appears likely to take an exciting new direction as I have applied to the university to develop management and interpretation strategies for the site as part of a short thesis for the graduate diploma during 2001. Hopefully, more people will be

able to eventually be able to understand and appreciate the vital role which the wharf and maritime structures like it played in NSW's industrial development.

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AIMA/NAS DIARY: TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The diary includes courses and events, which would be of interest to all graduates. This diary will be updated in the next newsletter. For any enquiries do not hesitate to contact your State tutor.

Date	State	Venue	Grade	Subject
February				
3/4	TAS	Port Arthur	Part I	
3/4	SA	TBA	Part I	
3/4	WA	WAMM	Part I	
10/11	TAS	Port Arthur	Part II	One day lectures and one-day field school [date not confirmed - contact Corioli]
10/11	WA	WAMM	Part II	
24/25	NSW	University of Sydney	Part I	

(See *News from South Australia* for Part II and Part III course components being run throughout February)

ANMM Australian National Maritime Museum
WAMM Western Australian Maritime Museum
TBA To be advised

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COURSE STRUCTURE**Part I**

A 2 day introduction to maritime archaeology, which includes at least 8 hours of classwork in addition to practical work underwater and on land.

Being able to dive is not a requirement for attending this course. The cost of Part I varies between \$120 - \$160 depending on the cost of venue hire. Those who complete Part I will receive AIMA Associate membership for one year. This is normally backdated to 1st July but for courses after 1st April participants can opt for membership commencing in the following July.

Part II

The attendance of a Survey Day School, or lecture series, the equivalent of 2 days attendance at archaeology conferences and the completion of a short project.

The minimum requirement for the completion of Part II is the attendance of 7 approved lectures relevant to maritime archaeology, OR a Survey Day school which includes 2 lectures and practical survey work. Some of the Survey Day schools will be carried out above water to cater for non-divers. All participants are required to submit a satisfactory report on a short survey project undertaken by themselves. Participants are also required to attend the equivalent of a 2 day conference in order to gain a background knowledge of current work in the field of maritime archaeology.

Part III

The accumulation of 100 contact hours of tuition in six or seven subject areas.

The 100 contact hours can be accrued through special field schools of one or more weeks and/or through a number of weekend workshops.

Part IV

The presentation of an extended portfolio of work on an approved subject/project, including a report to publication standard.

The Part IV graduate will also have to have done a minimum of 12 weeks total on at least three dive sites since beginning Part II.