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AIMA News

President's Report

AIMA Scholarship

Applications close 26 April 2002

Do you have a great research idea and no money? This edition of the AIMA Newsletter includes a notice of the fourth round of applications for the AIMA Scholarship. The purpose of the Scholarship Program is to encourage innovative research in the field of Maritime Archaeology. Ideally, the outcome of the scholarship is that resulting reports published in the AIMA Bulletin will challenge, stimulate or provide interesting insights in relation to the practice, interpretation or promotion of maritime archaeology. The grant for up to \$2,000 is provided on the basis that the project can be completed within 12 months of the receipt of the grant. Scholarship Application Kits are available from the AIMA Secretary.

AIMA/NAS in NZ

Congratulations to the team that conducted the inaugural AIMA/NAS training courses in New Zealand in February/March. Organised by the indefatigable Mary O'Keeffe and with AIMA National Training Officer, Cos Coroneos and recently retired AIMA Senior Tutor, Mark Staniforth, the reports of 28 graduates from the two courses has been very positive. It was a great achievement and AIMA looks forward to this being a base for increased activity – particularly in the lead up to the proposed joint AIMA/ASHA conference in NZ in 2004.

National Maritime Heritage Strategy

A draft of the National Maritime Heritage Strategy is expected to be available for public comment shortly. The draft will be released by Environment Australia and it is anticipated that it will subsequently be posted on the AIMA Web Site. AIMA Members who have taken up an AIMA Members Yahoo account, will also be notified of the document as soon as it is available.

I encourage all AIMA members to get a copy of

this important document and to contribute to the discussion about its development. This is the single most important opportunity that has arisen in many years to make a significant change to the way in which underwater cultural heritage in Australia is managed. It is a chance to get politicians to take notice of the potential for positive and productive promotion of maritime heritage in general and of maritime archaeology specifically.

A lot of people have been working hard on this project to date – the Commonwealth through Environment Australia, the States and Territories through the Historic Shipwreck Delegates and the consultants who are preparing the draft. It is very important that AIMA as a body and AIMA members as individuals take an active role in contributing ideas and comments that will shape the outcome. Comments can be made directly to Environment Australia or through the AIMA Executive.

AIMA Conference 2002

The annual conference of AIMA will be held in Townsville in November of this year. The organising committee has decided on a combined conference with the Australasian Society for Historical Archaeology (ASHA) and the Australian Archaeological Association (AAA). This will be a whole new experience as it is the first time that these three organisations have undertaken such an exercise. It may well be the largest gathering of archaeological delegates that has ever met in Australia – (though I have no hard data on this!). It should result in a great exchange of viewpoints and ideas and provide some valuable contacts for future projects.

Being based in Townsville, it will also allow conference delegates to view the new *Pandora* Gallery at the Museum of Tropical Queensland and Viv Moran's current 'home' at the Townsville Maritime Museum. Viv is the Conference Organising Committee member putting in the hard yards for AIMA, along with assistance from Bill Jeffery during his periodic releases from his PhD studies in Chuuk.

Details of the conference, including a Call for Papers are available from the AIMA web site <http://aima.iinet.net.au> .

Secretary's Report

The close of the 2001-2002 financial year is now in sight (three months to go!). That means that it's

time to start thinking about your Membership renewals for the forthcoming 2002-2003 AIMA year.

Enclosed in this *Newsletter* is the new **AIMA Membership Application brochure** with details on how to make your payments. In a world of rising costs and demands, AIMA Members will appreciate that their annual fees have remained the same for the year ahead.

Members of the 2000-2001 financial year will soon be getting their copy of the AIMA *Bulletin* Vol 25, while Volume 26 is being laid up now for forwarding to Members of the current 2001-2002 year.

The AIMA *Bulletin* continues to be a source of fantastic information on the world of maritime archaeology with significant contributions by our Members. The quarterly *Newsletter* grows bigger every issue and is packed with exciting updates of the work being undertaken across the various States and internationally. It remains a great way to keep up to date with "news and views".

The support of Members, through their annual fees, allows AIMA to undertake its various operations throughout the year. Publication of the *Bulletin* and *Newsletter* is supported by this income.

Don't forget to consider a project for the AIMA 2002 Scholarship Program as noted by the President. Contact me on ph (02) 9849 9575 or e-mail smitht@heritage.nsw.gov.au to obtain a Scholarship Information Pack or to discuss your ideas. The Packs are also available on AIMA's web site.

Enjoy this month's *Newsletter!*

Tim Smith
Secretary

AIMA RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM Notice of Fourth Round Applications close 26 April 2002

The *Australasian Institute for Maritime Archaeology* Inc. (AIMA) has been running a Scholarship Program since 1999. Applications for the 2002 Scholarship (fourth round) are now sought.

The AIMA Scholarship Program seeks to encourage innovative research in the field of Maritime

Archaeology. The grant of up to \$2,000 is provided to assist individuals to complete worthwhile research projects. The AIMA Scholarship Committee assesses all applications.

Criteria

Successful funding areas would include:

- original historical or archaeological research
- site-based studies
- site interpretation projects
- artefact studies
- development of materials for publication and exhibition (but not direct publication/exhibition costs)
- development of unique community educational/training activities
- development and application of new u/w survey techniques (including software)

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 AIMA *Bulletin*. The final approved written report is required within twelve (12) months of the granting of funds (released late May 2002)

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 and Membership forms can also be down loaded from the AIMA web site <aima.iinet.net.au>.

Previous Scholarships have been awarded to:

- Ewen McPhee to assist his research focussing on the early pearling industry of Torres Strait.
- Pauline O'Malley for her project entitled: *"The role of the Brahmin (1854) in mid nineteenth century trade patterns"*
- 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."*

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR PAPERS

The Australasian Institute for Maritime Archaeology (AIMA)

The Australasian Society for Historical Archaeology (ASHA)

The Australian Archaeological Association (AAA)

Combined Annual Conference 2002
Land and Sea:

Common ground and contemporary issues for

Australasian archaeology

This first combined conference between the three major Australasian archaeology associations AIMA (Australasian Institute for Maritime Archaeology), ASHA (Australasian Society for Historic Archaeology) and AAA (Australian Archaeological Association) is to be held in Townsville from 17 November to 22 November 2002. This will provide participants with the first formal opportunity to discuss common themes and issues in the world of Australasian archaeology and to consider future directions. It will also be a rare opportunity to become familiar with new and innovative research from the diverse fields of interest of the Australasian archaeological community.

The Conference will be jointly hosted by the Maritime Museum of Townsville and the School of Archaeology, Anthropology and Sociology at James Cook University. The venue is the Southbank Hotel and Convention Centre in Palmer Street, South Townsville (www.southbankhotel.com.au).

The general format of the conference will be as follows:

Morning: 'Common Ground' – daily joint session with a combination of invited papers and / or panel discussions, addressing one of these daily themes:

- Current projects / programs involving archaeology, heritage and tourism;
- Archaeology and Heritage Practices
- Public perceptions, promotion, and interpretation
- Management and sharing of data and resources
- Teaching and training

Late morning and afternoons: 'Contemporary Issues' - three concurrent sessions, each 'sponsored' by one of the societies, but open to any speaker or participant. The sessions will reflect a wide range of innovative research programs and current regional studies from all of the sub-disciplines of Australasian archaeology. Papers are invited for all of these sessions, with preference given to presentations that cross boundaries between the sub-disciplines and/or explore interesting directions for the future of Australasian archaeology. Papers presented in the afternoon sessions that address also the main themes of the conference are especially welcome. Consideration will also be given to proposals for other sessions.

Suggested theme topics**New Directions and Developments:**

- technologies and techniques in the service of archaeology
- theory and practice
- archaeology and the public in Australia
- Museums and Archaeologists
- professional training and opportunities
- Landscapes and seascapes
- Colonisation, Contact and cultural transference
- Frameworks for historic and Maritime artefact analysis
- The Pacific at War
- Marine Parks and heritage management

Regional Australasia: Progress and Prospects

- The Tropics and Torres Strait
- Both Sides of Bass Strait
- Australia: West and Northwest; South and central
- The Pacific and Beyond
- Archaeology of urban areas

Abstract

A 200-word abstract should reach the Conference Organisers **by Friday 21 June:**

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News News

Commonwealth Government**Australian National Maritime Museum****Vasa 1628: Strange fate for a King's warship:**

A Royal warship built for King Gustavus II Adolphus of Sweden when the nation was one of the world's military powers. Sank on its maiden voyage in 1628, relocated in 1956 and recovered in 1961. Currently showing at Melbourne Museum 23 February to 28 April.

Endeavour Draught. 6 March to 23 June. One of only three original plans of HMB *Endeavour* will be displayed for a short time only at ANMM.

Fourth ANMM & Nikon Photo Contest closes 31 March 2002.

Details from Nikon Club Australia (02) 9390 0275
www.nikonclub.com.au

Kieran Hosty

Curator

Australian National Maritime Museum

New South Wales**NSW Heritage Office****Maritime Heritage Online**

Additional research and updates have taken place for the NSW *Maritime Heritage Online* Web site, announced in the last (December) Newsletter.

The site is an exciting and innovative research facility designed to provide wide public access to information about heritage sites related to NSW Maritime History. The site incorporates the *NSW Shipwreck Database* (including the new *Register of Shipwrecks* in NSW State waters). But the site is not just a shipwreck database. Its architecture means that a large range of documents and images are also placed on line, including the provision of a Research Centre targeted towards any HSC syllabus with a maritime heritage component. The URL for the site is <http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/maritime>.

Lord Howe Island Field Project

David Nutley and Tim Smith have just returned from a two-week fieldtrip to Lord Howe Island. The project was a joint venture between the NSW Heritage Office and the Marine Parks Authority. The work had several aims: to assist the Lord Howe Island Marine Park in the management of Historic Shipwrecks located within the Park, to investigate and record located shipwreck sites, to search for and locate the steamer *Ovalau* lost in 1903, and to examine the sites associated with two early whaling losses, George Bay (*George* 1830) and Wolfe Rock (*Wolf* 1837).

The fieldwork included a magnetometer search for an anchor believed lost from HMS *Supply* of the First Fleet on its second visit to the Island on 14 May 1788. Unfortunately, while several anomalies were detected and some dived for visual confirmation, the anchor was not located. Bad weather, high seas and a large search area were

contributing factors. The other was the naturally high volcanic (and therefore magnetic) signature of the underlying reef systems. The plot positions have been provided to the Marine Park and local dive operators who will continue diving surveys of major anomaly positions. The search area also coincided with a traditional mooring ground used extensively throughout the nineteenth century. Research will continue in an attempt to reduce the search area and another opportunity to visit the area of the South Passage (or Man-of-War Passage) will be explored.

The magnetometer, loaned from the Western Australian Maritime Museum, was successfully deployed in a search for the wreck of the iron steamer *Ovalau*, based on Islander information. This large (230-foot, 70-metre) steamer belonged to the Burns Philp Line and sank after a fire in its cargo of copra off the North Passage in 1903. Reports by residents indicated that divers had visited the site in the 1980s, although the marks had subsequently been lost. Two inspection dives were made at the site of the four-cylinder engine and an associated boiler. Spread over an extensive area in 20-30 metres of water, the site is ideally situated for access by recreational divers to the island. Brian Busteed of Howea divers will continue the investigation of the wreckage trail, while local AIMA/NAS graduates will map the site and continue research (see below). The Heritage Office is currently conducting additional research through the Burns Philp and other mainland archives, and surviving plans have been ordered from the National Maritime Museum, UK.

An inspection was also made of the wreck of the timber steamer, *Favorite* (1965), strewn over the reef at the North Passage, including a section of timber hull on the adjacent beach. This vessel is thought to have been an American built and/or owned tuna boat. Large refrigeration tanks form part of the wreck scatter and the associated section of timber hull has been identified as built from North American Douglas Fir (Oregon). Some initial recording was undertaken of the wreck of the steamer *Jacques del Mar* (1954) on the passage's southern side. Weather conditions precluded an investigation of the *La Meurthe* (1907) wreck on the fringing reef. Interestingly, a well-known surfing area near the site is known, unofficially, as the "La Meurthe Break" – another colourful association of a shipwreck event with the local naming of a coastal feature.

A range of sites were also documented on land for possible inclusion in the NSW State Heritage Register. Of particular interest for future study, are

a number of old homes (some ~130 years old) reputedly built from timbers recovered from one or a number of shipwreck events. A number of public lectures were also provided at the community hall as the team's visit coincided with *SeaWeek*.

The involvement of the community in all aspects of the work made the project a great success. The level of local interest generated has provided a focus for ongoing research and site documentation. The Heritage Office would also like to acknowledge the support of Environment Australia and PADI Asia Pacific (through the *Project Aware Foundation*) for funding assistance, and the Western Australian Maritime Museum and Australian National Maritime Museum for equipment support. Brian Busteed of Howea Divers provided much support to the work and important information on the likely presence of the *Supply* anchor.

AIMA/NAS Training

As part of the work on Lord Howe Island, David and Tim conducted a Part 1 and 2 AIMA/NAS Maritime Archaeology Training Course. Three graduates completed the lecture and project components and are now keenly beginning their major project. This will involve the survey of the *Ovalau* shipwreck and the gaining of oral histories from island residents regarding the event as recorded in family histories, and of salvage activities thought to have occurred during the 1930s.

SS Cumberland Mapping and confirmation

The Heritage Office has been liaising with CSIRO Marine Research in Hobart regarding results of habitat mapping exercises conducted off the NSW coast in 2000. That work detected a large shipwreck in Disaster Bay near Green Cape. The Heritage Office in association with local commercial fishing operators has confirmed the site as the SS *Cumberland* lost in 1917. This enormous steamer hit a German mine laid by the raider *Wolf* during World War One, and sank while under tow to Eden. The wreck, lying in 95 metres of water, had been partly salvaged by the team operating *Formost 17* and renowned for their salvage of the *Niagra*. Negotiations are underway to obtain additional site survey data and remote video footage of this extensive mini reef system.

Another PS Collaroy anchor detected

January saw another anchor associated with the PS *Collaroy* grounding of 1881 being detected. Tim Smith led a team that successfully re-located a large (2.75 metre long) Lt Rodgers Small Palm

Anchor and chain at the site off Collaroy Beach (Sydney's Northern Beaches). The anchor is thought to have been one of two located by recreational divers, including Ben Cropp, in 1963 (with one later salvaged). Tim had earlier located another Admiralty pattern anchor at the site in July 2001. Up to four salvage tugs attempted pulling the stranded vessel off the beach, some known to have brought down additional anchors and chain for the work. The beached *Collaroy* remained a significant local landmark for almost four years until it was successfully refloated in 1884. It was converted to a sailing vessel and eventually wrecked off the Californian coast in 1889. Discussions are continuing with Warringah Council regarding the management and future interpretation of the anchors and stranding event. The Heritage Office is completing a Conservation Management Plan.

New Director for NSW Heritage Office

With the retirement of Ms Rosalind Strong as Director, Mr Reece McDougall, currently Assistant Director, has filled the position. Reece will take over Ros's role as Delegate in NSW for administration of the Commonwealth *Historic Shipwrecks Act 1976*. We wish Ros the best for her retirement and thank her for the support of the Underwater Heritage Program since her appointment as Director in 1997.

RAN Dive team at Twofold Bay

The Navy Hydrographic Office has indicated that NAVY Clearance divers will be operating in Twofold Bay, NSW, for six months. Their operations might provide an opportunity to inspect a range of shipwreck sites within the area, both located sites and undetected remains.

AE2 Submarine, Turkey

Discussions regarding the future management of the historic *AE2* submarine in the Sea of Marmara, Turkey are ongoing. Located by a Turkish Museum team in 1998, the site has been inspected by *Project AE2*, an Australian team of specialists headed by Dr Mark Spencer. Recent editorial in *The Bulletin* (18 February 2002) and Turkish newspapers indicate that proposals to recover and conserve the fragile hull are still being muted. Significant ethical, conservation and preservation issues remain and require detailed debate. It is hoped that *Project AE2* may revisit the site in September 2002 as part of a wider underwater archaeological survey of the Dardanelles battlefields being developed by Project Director, Tim Smith.

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Queensland

Museum of Tropical Queensland

***Pandora* Project update**

Things have been pretty quiet of late on this front as far as news is concerned, so an update is more than timely. Fieldwork (postponed in 2000) which was to be carried out as the final season in the Stage 2 series is now definitely no longer being considered. Instead of investing in another major expedition, the decision was made to use remaining *Pandora* Foundation funds to consolidate the collection and enhance public program aspects of the project. So it would seem that major *Pandora* expeditions such as they have been mobilised between 1995-99 are a thing of the past – in the short to mid term at least. The only fieldwork still planned will be a small tidy-up exercise to the wreck (probably in 2004) and the occasional opportunistic visit to the wreck for monitoring purposes.

Andrew Viduka, Alexandra Durani and Alison Mann continue to work on conservation treatments and collection management of the very large assemblage recovered to date and are on track to complete their work -i.e. getting the entire collection stable and 'bedded down' in the appropriate storage environment – by the end of 2003. They will be joined by Megan Absalom in May this year, who will take over from Alexandra after she returns to Canada in July.

Work is also progressing on aspects of curation as well as collection development and interpretation; several improvements are being made to features in the display gallery and a major overhaul of the Artefact Database is being worked on to make its current Internet delivery more user friendly, streamlined (and less 'chunky')

Coleman Doyle and Peter Illidge continue to work on the 'excavation' of the olive oil jar – raised during the 1999 season and found to be a convenient storage place for one of the *Pandora's* tradesmen/specialists tools and impedimenta (probably the carpenter or one of his mates). So far a wide range of fastenings, a sledgehammer and doorknobs comprise most of the finds. An overview of this 'excavation' will shortly be uploaded to the work in progress pages on www.qmuseum.qld.gov.au/features/pandora.

Yongala management

A substantial mooring consisting of four pick-up points will soon be installed at the *Yongala* wreck site. It is hoped a marine engineering contractor will finish work on-site by mid-June 2002. This mooring system was provided for by a grant under the National Mooring Program. It is intended that the mooring will all but eliminate the risk of damage to the wreck's fabric from anchors and chain deployed by visiting dive charter vessels. Installation of the mooring will bring about a change in permit conditions which apply to people wanting access to the wreck. The protected zone will be divided into two circles: an inner circle and an outer circle. Deploying anchors inside the inner zone will no longer be permitted.

The **oral history recording program**, focusing on the pearl shelling industry of Torres Strait, and funded through the Historic Shipwrecks Grant, is nearing completion. Ewen McPhee has been undertaking the program on a part time basis. The program was successful in obtaining oral histories from a range of individuals who were involved in both the collection of shell and the construction of vessels in Torres Strait. An archive of the pearl shelling industry within Torres Strait and Northern Australia was generated encompassing historical primary documents, photos and oral histories from throughout Australia. It is expected that this archive will allow for both the generation of museum displays (both museum based and travelling) and as a valuable research asset for future research to be conducted into the industry.

Recommendations to be made from the program include the need to continue oral histories of those involved in the industry, the undertaking of a 'research gap' analysis on the industry across Northern Australia, and the generation of museum displays to ensure the wider community is aware of the industry and those involved in it.

During September and October 2001 the Maritime Archaeology Section continued with their documentation of pearl shelling in Torres Strait with a specific focus on the luggers that operated within the industry. A field trip was conducted and funded through the HSP to Torres Strait with both underwater and terrestrial archaeologists present. A number of suspected lugger wrecks were located and surveyed with samples taken to enhance the available knowledge of lugger design and construction. Terrestrial archaeology was also conducted into the pearl shelling station on Wai Weer Island enabling a complete picture to be developed of the industry within Torres Strait, especially during its *floruit* between ca 1885 - 1920.

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James Cook University

Five Australian and International students have enrolled in the new **JCU Post Graduate Diploma/ Masters in Maritime Archaeology**, run in conjunction with the Western Australian Maritime Museum and Flinders University. First semester will be spent in Townsville with several months of intensive theoretical and background study, both in maritime archaeology and general archaeological principles, with a number of introductory field skill sessions including NAS parts 1 & 2. The second half of the year the students move to WAMM for the four-month practicum. The students proceeding on to Masters will return to Townsville to undertake their Masters thesis project, which should be completed sometime in the second half of the year. With Assoc. Prof. Peter Veth's departure from JCU, Dr Martin Gibbs will be coordinating the Townsville end of the program.

Foam Fieldwork

Dr Martin Gibbs and Steve Beck have successfully been awarded a grant for a 10-day field project to investigate the *Foam* shipwreck site. Work is planned for late July, and will include personnel from JCU and the Museum of Tropical Queensland.

James Cook University Maritime Archaeological Field school

An eight-day field school will be run at Magnetic Island from 27 June – 4 July. The course will investigate the archaeological resources of the island, including shipwrecks and jetty sites. NAS parts 1 & 2 will be included in the course, with Part 1 possibly being offered in the weeks prior to the course to increase in field time.

Raine Island

Martin Gibbs and Ewen McPhee have received a small grant from the Raine Island Corporation to research the maritime heritage of the Great Barrier Reef around Raine Island, including the nearby Sir Charles Hardy group. One of the areas being explored is the development of the Inner Route along the Great Barrier Reef, as well as the way that the early passages through the reef acted as 'wreck traps' for shipping.

A recent trip to the Queensland State Archives and John Oxley Library unearthed some interesting aspects of the 1844 Beacon. A trip to the Mitchell Library in mid-March will allow any gaps in the research to be filled. The Museum of Tropical Queensland archives and databases are also being utilised and returning information from past research and site visits. The project is due for completion in May 2002.

PhD Research

The Cultural Seascapes of Bass Strait.

Brad Duncan undertook two months fieldwork in Victoria collecting data for his PhD project. The work adopted a four phase approach. Historic cartographic data was collected from several historic archives, and these will be used to determine possible locations for archaeological sites. Members of the Queenscliff community were interviewed to record their recollection of past use of the area, and several divers also pinpointed the locations of archaeological material discovered in Port Phillip Bay. This information was entered directly into a GIS format enabling comparative analysis of data sources in the field.

A survey was also undertaken to record the location of all coastal/intertidal archaeological sites between Portarlington and Point Lonsdale, and an inspection dive was carried out in the West Channel to assess potential sites reported by divers. The remains of what is probably a lighthouse keepers cottage (shown to me by Peter Ferrier) were also surveyed with the assistance of Ross Anderson. Inclement weather and time restrictions precluded other planned underwater site inspections. Further fieldwork is planned for later on in the year.

Brad is currently interested recording the locations of relics in Port Phillip Bay. Any divers who may have knowledge of underwater archaeological sites (including bottle/ceramic scatters, ballast mounds, navigational remains, anchors, wreckage or any other relics) are invited to participate in a survey to record this information. In conjunction with Heritage Victoria, Brad is currently in the

process of establishing a website, where informants can log on and record artefact information and locations. In meantime, anyone interested in participating can contact him via the addressees given below.

Once again, I am greatly indebted to the staff of the Maritime Heritage Unit for their continued assistance with this project. The MHU provided an airfare, assistance with accommodation, transport to sites (terrestrial and maritime) and ongoing access to their archives and expertise. Many thanks also go to the Queenscliff Community for their assistance with oral history collection, and the MAAV and numerous other divers for sharing their knowledge of the bay. In particular, Peter Ferrier spent many days guiding me around Queenscliff and expanding on the history and archaeological resources of Port Phillip Bay. Thanks also go to Judy Scurfield (State Library of Victoria), Henry Hudson (Queenscliff Maritime Museum) and Jocelyn Grant (Queenscliff Historical Society) for allowing access to their map collections.

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Victoria

Heritage Victoria

Break out the beanies! – the Victorian summer has been more like winter with snow falling in the Alps on New Year's Eve (it rained everywhere else), grey domed skies and mid-July average temperatures.

Rebecca O'Reilly finished six months work at the MHU and has returned to South Australia to resume work with the State Records Office. New

staff member and Commonwealth Shipwrecks Officer Cassandra Phillippou commenced a nine month contract on 4 March 2002.

Recently qualified archaeology graduate James Parkinson has also been employed for two months to assist with fieldwork. Peter Harvey took the MHU boat over to Port Victoria, SA to assist with the running of the Flinders University field school 2-18 February.

The Glenelg Shire/ Portland Maritime Discovery Centre has lodged a \$6 million bid for Regional Infrastructure Development Funding for Stage 2 of the museum development. The proposed development involves a partial excavation of the Indian-built shipwreck *Regia*, following which it is to be exhibited in an enclosed and filtered pool for viewing by the general public as an underwater shipwreck site. Heritage Victoria is on a steering committee for the project to ensure the project meets archaeological and conservation requirements. A Conservation Plan for the site has recently been completed by Coroneos & Associates.

'*The Eye of the Needle*' Victorian shipwrecks and maritime archaeology documentary screened nationally, on 2 March on Channel 7. A full version of the documentary is to be screened on Discovery Channel.

A proposal to create a maritime heritage precinct at Williamstown – the original port for Melbourne – has been put together by a community group Williamstown Maritime Heritage Seaport Inc. The proposal is to create a tourism precinct and permanent base for the state's sail and steam heritage fleet, with working slipway, workshops and maritime trades college to undertake fleet maintenance and replica construction.

Fieldwork is scheduled for March 8 – 18, 2002 at Wilsons Promontory continuing the aims of the Archaeology of Whaling in Southern Australia and New Zealand (AWSAANZ) project. Jeremy Green and Jochen Franke will be attending utilising photogrammetry and Visual Mapper to record details of the *Cheviot* site.

SS *City of Launceston* fieldwork is scheduled for 6 – 21 April 2002.

AIMA/NAS Training

A Part 1 course was run on the weekend following the AIMA conference on 8 - 9 December 2001 with a Part 2 course run on 2 - 3 March 2002. The Part 1 was valuable for the State NAS

tutors to compare teaching styles and materials. The Part 2 survey day school escaped the crowds of the Melbourne Grand Prix and headed for sunny (I mean overcast) Rye, where the *Eivion* site was surveyed by trainees David, Tenille and Carly from Aussie Dive Instruction.

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Call for expressions of interest for inclusion in Heritage Victoria's Directory of Heritage Consultants and Contractors.

To assist property owners, government, community groups and others seeking heritage specialists, Heritage Victoria maintains a Directory of Heritage consultants and contractors. Anyone wishing to be considered for listing in the directory must demonstrate relevant qualifications and heritage experience. Applications are invited from:

- .. architects
- .. builders and associated trades (painters, slaters, plasterers)
- .. engineers (civil, structural and mechanical)
- .. planners
- .. arborists and horticulturists
- .. garden/landscape designers and planners
- .. archaeologists (historic and maritime)
- .. historians
- .. materials conservators
- .. exhibitions and collections management specialists
- .. cultural resource managers
- .. valuers and economists
- .. craftspeople and artisans

For application forms and other queries please contact Angelique Ward on (03) 9655 9766, email angelique.ward@doi.vic.gov.au. Forms may be down loaded from our web-site at www.heritage.vic.gov.au. Please submit completed applications to:

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GPO Box 2797
Melbourne VIC 3001

From the Maritime Archaeology Association of Australia (MAAV) Newsletter *Wreckings*:

Paul Brock has been out to the *J1* submarine and reports damage caused by recent storms.

Remains of two Fairy Firefly aircraft have been located in the bay off Frankston. They crashed there in 1947.

Western Australia

Western Australian Maritime Museum

Gabriella Cossutta of University of Wessex has asked me (together with David Nutley and Graeme Henderson) to join the International Scientific Advisory Committee for the forthcoming Maritime Heritage 2003 Conference to be held in Malta, 24-26 March 2003. I am organizing a special session on the maritime archaeology (I know David Nutley is organizing a session on maritime heritage in Australia). There is currently a call for papers that can be submitted via email to rgreen@wessex.ac.uk (with maritime heritage 2003 in subject, there is a web submission <http://www.wessex.ac.uk/conferences/2003/heritage03/index.html>).

Conference Topics include:

- Heritage architecture
- Maritime History
- Cultural Heritage Issues
- Lighthouses and dockyards
- Wooden ship preservation
- Underwater heritage
- Contribution of archaeology
- Rivers and lakes heritage
- Materials sciences and preservation
- Historic ships and vessels
- Earthquake and vibration problems
- Marine sciences including biological problems
- Surveying techniques
- Virtual reality as marine archaeological tool
- Computer simulation
- Digitisation of archives
- Heritage education and tourism
- Legislation and site protection
- Prehistoric occupation sites

Conference abstracts (300 words) should be submitted to the conference secretariat as soon as possible.

Jeremy Green

The film on the SS *Xantho* project is now available for Research, Educational and Museum purposes.... at cost to practitioners. A product of

the combined cinematographic energies of Jeremy Green/Ray Sutcliffe/Pat Baker/Prospero Productions and the archaeological/conservation team, the film documents the course of the Western Australian Maritime Museum's work over the years 1983-2000 at the SS *Xantho*. This work ranges from pre-disturbance study, through the excavation and raising, into conservation and then on to the exhibition floor.

The release of the film for non-commercial purposes, follows the publication of *Iron and Steamship Archaeology* by Kluwer/Plenum and a positive review of it in the latest edition of the IJNA. Its presentation rounds off a long series of works on the subject, leaving the reconstruction of the engine in the exhibition gallery exhibition outstanding.

Costs are :
\$25AUS within Australia including postage
\$30 AUS overseas including postage.

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Tasmania

No report this issue.

Northern Territory

No report this issue.

Around the World



Steve Foote has set up a discussion group for old (but young at heart) *Mary Rose* project divers.

The website is:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/maryrosedivers/>

This is the place to discuss your *Mary Rose* diving experiences and maybe catch up with friends and colleagues you worked with on this unique project.

E-mail Steve on
stephen.foote@ntlworld.com
to sign up.

The Institute of Field Archaeologists has just made a general advisory paper on the Marine Archaeological Resource available on-line at:
www.archaeologists.com/pubs/maritime_resource.pdf

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Nordic Underwater Archaeology reports that the European Union is financing a three-year project on four historic wrecks. The four vessels are a medieval cog from the 13th century at the mouth of the Prerowstrom, Germany; a shipwreck from the 1650s in the western part of Wadden-Zee Lake, Netherlands; the merchant ship *Vrouw Maria* lost in the south-west Finnish archipelago in 1771; and the paddle steamer *E Nordevall*, sunk in Lake Vattern, Sweden in 1856. Details at:
www.abc.se/~pa/uwa/euproj01.htm

Per Åkesson has also written a report on the USS *Maine*. The wreck has been located and documented by the Exploramor Project run by ADC International Inc. His comments can be found at:
www.abc.se/~pa/mar/ussmaine.htm

The US Department of Defense will provide more than \$US6.5 million from the DoD Legacy Resource Management Program to continue the US Navy's salvage operations on the Civil War-Era **USS Monitor**.

The Association of Underwater Explorers has identified the Islamorada Wreck as the **Queen of Nassau**, formerly the gunboat C G S *Canada*. It sank in the Florida Keys in 1926 in 220 feet. AUE

is working with NOAA to document the site.

Warbirds at the bottom of the sea –
www.divetheworld.com
By Steve Carmichael-Timson

Treasure hunting in the Philippines. The Australian company Archipelago Finance Partnership has entered into an agreement with the Philippines Government to dive two sites said to be a Chinese junk and a Spanish galleon. Beware.

The Advisory Council on Underwater Archaeology, a committee of SHA has a new web site at: www.acuaonline.org

If you're interested in wonderful photographs of the **Batavia replica** have a look at Jaap Roskam's *Batavia* book web site:
www.bataviaphotos.com

Field Work, Further Studies and Internships

2002 Summer Field School in Historical Archaeology
Department of Archaeology
University of Texas
5 June – 10 July 2002
Contact:
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University of Hawai'i
Maritime Archaeology Survey Techniques
10 June - 5 July 2002
Details at:
www2.hawaii.edu/mop/gmahcp/mast2002.html

Associations



The Australasian Society of Historical Archaeology (ASHA):

For further information please contact:
The Secretary
Australasian Society of Historical Archaeology
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The Society for Historical Archaeology (SHA):

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Tucson AZ 85751-0446
USA
www.sha.org

Nautical Archaeology Society (NAS):

Please contact:
The Membership Secretary
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www.nasportsmouth.org.uk

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

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'Unearthing the Invisible People: European Families and Aboriginal People at South Australian Whaling Stations' in Maritime Museum Association of San Diego's *Mains'l Haul* Vol 37: 3 & 4. By Mark Staniforth, Susan Briggs and Chris Lewczak

Forthcoming Conferences

**DEEPARCH RESEARCH GROUP AT MIT
ARCHAEOLOGY, TECHNOLOGY, AND
THE DEEP SEA
26 – 28 APRIL 2002**

Details will be posted on the DeepArch webpage. A call for abstracts is already online:
<http://web.mit.edu/sts/deeparch/>

Questions can be directed to the Program Chair, Dr. Aaron Brody. His email is:
<ajbrody@postmark.net>

Information on the upcoming combined **NASOH** (North American Society for Oceanic History) **University of Hawai'i maritime conference** can be found at:
http://www2.hawaii.edu/mop/gmahcp/mop_symp2002.html

**INAUGURAL CONFERENCE OF THE
SUBMARINE INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIA INC
FREMANTLE WA
5 – 8 JUNE 2002**

Expressions of interest and calls for abstracts for "From *Batavia* to *Collins* – 373 years of Undersea Activity" to be held at the Western Australian

Maritime Museum.

Major topics include submarine *AE2*, facts of the Collins class submarines, off-shore oil and gas industry, maritime archaeology, Australian maritime history, Australian maritime museums.

Conference website

www.congresswest.com.au/submarines

Conference Secretariat is Jodi Brauer

conwes@congresswest.com.au

**ETHICS AND PRACTICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA MUSEUM
PHILADELPHIA
28 SEPTEMBER 2002**

Topics include archaeological practice and rights, intellectual property and cultural heritage; archaeological ethics in economic development; and ethics of sponsorship for archaeological projects.

For further details:

Ethics Symposium

325 University of Pennsylvania Museum

33rd and Spruce Streets

Philadelphia PA 19104

www.museum.upenn.edu/Ethics

**CONFERENCE ON HISTORICAL AND
UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, USA
14 – 19 JANUARY 2003**

Applications of Archaeological Sciences to the Study of the Modern World: Trade and Exchange Interactions Among Complex/Industrial Societies.

For further details

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www.industrialarchaeology.net

**UNDERWATER AND MARITIME
ARCHAEOLOGY THEME AT WAC-5
WASHINGTON DC
21 – 26 JUNE 2003**

For the first time at a World Archaeological Congress there will be an Underwater and Maritime Archaeology theme at WAC -5 in Washington D.C. in June 2003. (At WAC-4 in

Cape Town there was an extended session on Maritime Archaeology within the Cultural Resource Management Theme). The Underwater and Maritime Archaeology Theme rationale is available at:

<http://www.american.edu/wac5/themes.html>

The Theme convenors (Mark Staniforth, Australia and Dolores Elkin, Argentina) are seeking input to the development and extension of the Theme rationale and particularly in the area of suggested sessions or topics. We see this as an opportunity to get participants from around the world to a truly international gathering of people interested in underwater and maritime archaeology.

We are also seeking expressions of interest from interested individuals or groups who wish to propose/convene a session for possible inclusion in Underwater and Maritime Archaeology Theme. Guidelines for proposing a session are available from the Theme convenors:

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The World Archaeological Congress (WAC) is the only representative world-wide body of practicing archaeologists; it supports open dialogue with all people genuinely concerned with the past. WAC holds an international congress every four years to promote the exchange of the results of archaeological research; professional training and public education for disadvantaged nations, groups and communities; the empowerment and betterment of Indigenous groups and First Nations peoples; and the conservation of archaeological

sites.

WAC-5 is the first World Archaeological Congress to be held in North America. WAC-5 will be held at The Catholic University of America (CUA), centrally located in north east Washington, D.C. and accessible to the rest of the city by Metrorail.

For further information about WAC 5 see:

<http://www.american.edu/wac5/wac5home.html>

And finally thank you to David Nutley and Tim Smith who have offered to take over the Newsletter when I retire from being Editor in November. Lindsey