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Minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting of the Australian Archaeological Association Inc.

Sydney University, New South Wales

22 September 2007

1. Welcome

The 2007 AGM commenced at 5:45pm. The President welcomed everyone to the conference and the AGM with a special welcome to Professor Mike Parker-Pearson, Professor Stephen Shennan and Associate Professor Diana di Zerega Wall.

The President commenced proceedings by acknowledging the Eora (Cadigal) nation as Traditional Owners of the land. The President thanked the organisers of the New Ground Conference.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Tim Denham, Judith Field, Pat Gaynor, Paul Greenfeld, Ian Lilley, Angela McGowan, John Mulvaney, John Sherwood, Michael Strong and Sylvia Yates.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2006 AAA AGM

The minutes of the 2006 AAA AGM held at Beechworth Victoria on 9 December 2006 were published in *Australian Archaeology* (64:64-73). Motion: 'That the minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting of the Australian Archaeological Association Inc. as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed'. Moved: Stuart Rapley. Seconded: Val Attenbrow. Motion carried nem. con.

4. Business Arising from Previous AGM

4.1 Northern Territory Archaeology

Northern Territory representative Daryl Guse raised concerns at the 2006 AGM about the treatment of cultural resources in the Northern Territory and the fact that archaeology was no longer taught at Charles Darwin University. The Executive contacted a number of agencies and the university and now has some support for a future forum on the state of archaeology in the Northern Territory. The Executive proposed this be initiated by AAA, although other agencies will no doubt be interested in being involved. The incoming Executive will be briefed on this matter.

5. Reports

The President noted that hard copies of all Executive reports had been pre-circulated during the conference with only summaries to be presented at the AGM (full reports reproduced below).

5.1 President's Report (Alistair Paterson)

Welcome to the 2007 Annual General Meeting of the Australian Archaeological Association Incorporated. I would like to commence proceedings by acknowledging the Eora (Cadigal) nation as Traditional Owners of this land. I thank the organisers of the New Ground Conference and particularly Sydney University for organising this conference.

I acknowledge the Executive and the respective subcommittee chairs:

- Samantha Bolton, Chair, Information Technology Subcommittee
- Richard Fullagar, Chair, Code of Ethics Review Subcommittee
- Sean Ulm, Chair, Prizes and Awards Subcommittee
- Sean Ulm, Chair, Editorial Subcommittee
- Stephen Free, Chair, Indigenous Subsidies Subcommittee
- Jane Balme, Chair, Australian National Committee for Archaeology Teaching and Learning (ANCATL)
- Michael Westaway, Chair, National Archaeology Week Subcommittee

This is my final report to AAA as I am standing down with the remainder of the Western Australian Executive at this meeting, having served two terms. I would like to thank my team during this time, the Executive, the editors of *Australian Archaeology*, the subcommittees, the state representatives, and the numerous members of AAA who assist in the running of the organisation. I have learned that there are some very dedicated people in the organisation who are willing to give freely of their valuable time and expertise. This is a vitally important Association, and as archaeological resources face many challenges in the years ahead I urge members to become involved in whatever way they can. We are run only by the actions of those who volunteer.

When we were elected we had specific aims to improve membership numbers and the financial position, and to improve some of the internal functions of AAA. Tonight your Membership Secretary and Treasurer will report that our membership levels and finances are healthy. I have been particularly appreciative of the significant efforts made to relocate, redesign, rebuild and improve the AAA website which was relaunched in January. I urge members to help make the members-only section a resource for Australian archaeologists. I will briefly report on some of our activities since the last AGM.

Northern Territory representative Daryl Guse raised concerns at the 2006 AGM about the treatment of cultural resources in the Northern Territory and the fact that archaeology was no longer taught at Charles Darwin University. We contacted a number of agencies and the university and now have some support for a future forum on the state of archaeology in the Northern Territory. We propose this be initiated by AAA, although other agencies will no doubt be interested in being involved. We will brief the incoming Executive on this and other matters in our handover.

We have committed financial support to the Australian National Committee for Archaeology Teaching and Learning (ANCATL) for meetings and promotional material given their

important initiatives, particularly since securing funding by the Carrick Institute.

AAA has maintained close contact with the ASHA and AIMA Presidents during the year, normally in the form of regular informal phone calls and email messages. We have been able to work together on several submissions. Joint submissions, where appropriate, are a direct benefit to members of the archaeological community. A joint meeting of all three Executives will be held during this conference.

In September 2007, working collaboratively with the World Archaeological Congress, AAA tendered a submission 'A past for all Australians: Archaeology and Australia's National History Curriculum' to The Hon. Julie Bishop MP, Minister for Education, Science and Training. This proposal was written to encourage the Australian government to develop a new national curriculum that includes archaeological knowledge and methods for understanding the past. Claire Smith, Iain Davidson, Heather Burke, Sean Ulm, Steve Nichols, and others are to be commended for their efforts in preparing this lengthy and detailed submission.

In January 2007, a joint submission was made with ASHA and AIMA regarding 'The inclusion of archaeology in the Cossack (WA) Management Plan' to the Project Steering Committee, Cossack Management Plan.

In March 2007, a joint submission was made with ASHA and AIMA regarding 'Greater protection for the Burrup Peninsula and Dampier Archipelago Rock Art Sites' to the Hon. Malcolm Turnbull MP, Minister for Environment and Water.

In March 2007 a joint submission was made with ASHA and AIMA regarding 'Support for consideration of archaeology in the WA Heritage Review' to the Hon. Michelle Roberts, Minister for Heritage, Western Australian Government.

I congratulate past and present editors of *Australian Archaeology* as the journal has been awarded the highest quality rating possible in the initial listing of the European Reference Index for the Humanities. Other journals that achieved an 'A' ranking include *World Archaeology*, *Antiquity* and the *Journal of Archaeological Science*.

Finally, I will outline plans for future AAA conferences. The University of Queensland has indicated they will host the 2008 conference; it will be organised by Chris Clarkson, Pat Faulkner and Andy Fairbairn. The venue will most likely be in or close to Brisbane. Flinders University has indicated that they can host the 2009 conference. ANU has indicated they will host the 2010 conference.

5.2 Secretary's Report (Fiona Hook)

Further to the matters described in the President's report, the Executive held five meetings over the year where procedural matters and the issues already outlined by the President were discussed. In between meetings members of the Executive generally communicated by email with 561 emails received by the Secretary.

Correspondence

The Secretary received 75 emails and 16 letters during 2007 from members and the public. The main themes to emerge from the correspondence are the same as 2006, including:

- Requests for information from prospective archaeology students.
- Amateurs/students looking for volunteer excavation experience.
- International and Australian archaeologists looking for work.
- Membership and *Australian Archaeology* queries.
- Scientific and alternative archaeology enquiries.

The vast majority of the correspondence relates to the first three themes; however, with the introduction of the members-only webpage requests for employment information have reduced in the last three months.

Telephone Calls

The Secretary received 12 telephone calls from amateur archaeologists and prospective students.

5.3 Treasurer's Report (Adam Dias)

Overview

The AAA financial year ending 31 August 2007 saw a substantial profit, largely due to the influx of new members and a reduction in conference costs. The financial year also saw the successful distribution of a \$20,000 grant from the Department of Environment and Heritage (DEH) to increase Indigenous participation at the Beechworth conference.

Unfortunately, the AGM fell too close to the end of the financial year to allow for the accounts to be audited. As such, the figures presented in this report should be considered provisional pending the final audit (Editors' Note: The 2006–2007 audit was completed on 14 November 2007 and the figures presented below found to be accurate).

The year saw a substantial increase in both expenses and income. Certain costs were carried over from the previous financial year, which artificially inflated 2006–2007 costs, including printing and insurance. Additional costs were also incurred with the formation of the University of Western Australia account to handle online transactions and to transfer and update the website. It should also be noted that both the income and expenses figures include the \$20,000 DEH grant.

Despite the rise in costs, 2006–2007 saw a profit largely due to a substantial rise in real income (Table 1).

Income

The breakdown of income for the year is detailed in Table 2. As with previous years, subscriptions remain the primary source of income for the Association. A sizable proportion (30.8%) of the 2006–2007 income was in the form of a DEH grant to aid in Indigenous participation in the Beechworth conference. This figure inflates the total, and should not be considered true income as it was reserved, and exhausted, fulfilling the terms of the grant.

The combined income from the savings accounts and two investment accounts amounted to \$2430.60, a rise of \$1039. As with the previous year, the Treasurer was unable to investigate the potential for higher returns on the investment accounts due to the demands of fieldwork, and the investments renewed at the default rate.

A small amount of profits (\$382.60) is a carryover from GST erroneously removed by the University of Western Australia account on subscriptions taken in 2005–2006. These funds were transferred in September 2006, and should be considered part of the 2005–2006 income.

Expenditure

As outlined in Table 3, 2006–2007 saw a substantial increase in expenditure. It should be noted that this initial figure is misleading, with \$20,000 coming from DEH funding received expressly for Indigenous conference participation, and a further \$12,000 in costs carried over from the previous year. Removal of these amounts reduced expenditure to \$27,277. This still saw a rise in real expenses of approximately \$6000 from 2005–2006 largely due to increases in printing costs, bank charges, prizes and charges related to the website.

Table 1 Profit and Loss – Summary.

2005–2006 \$		2006–2007 \$
34,625.22	Total Income	64,958.20
9670.62	Total Expenses	59,277.27
24,954.60	Operating Profit	5680.93
46,822.23	Retained Earnings	71,776.83
71,776.83	Total Equity	77,457.76

Table 2 Profit and Loss – Income.

2005–2006 \$	Income	2005–2006 \$
630.70	Copyright fees	0.00
8541.13	Conference profits	1600.00
1910.00	DVD/Back issue sales	2785.00
1391.50	Interest received	2430.60
19,296.89	Subscriptions	37,632.58
0.00	Other Income	0.00
2855.00	Donations	500.00
0.00	DEH funding	20,000.00
0.00	Bank alterations	10.02
34,625.22	Total Income	64,958.20

Table 3 Profit and Loss – Expenditure.

2005–2006 \$	Expenditure	2006–2007 \$
750.00	Auditor's fees	627.00
454.49	Bank charges	923.71
1179.81	DVD production	0
3300.00	Journal printing	25,075.34
400.00	Sundries	684.50
0	Insurance	1732.50
0	Internet fees	1018.40
1092.95	Printing, stationary and postage	6928.56
513.00	Prizes	2250.00
1980.37	Conference	0
0	DEH funding	20,007.26
9670.62	Total Expenditure	59277.27

Expected Expenditure 2007–2008

In the coming 2007–2008 financial year, no new major costs are anticipated. A small amount of costs (\$700) associated with the 2006–2007 audit were delayed and will appear in the 2007–2008 accounts.

Summary of Assets

As of 31 August 2007 the AAA assets totalled \$77,457.76 (Table 4). This does not include \$554.50 in unrepresented cheques, or the contents of the Bruce Veitch Award fund. The memorial fund grew during 2006–2007 due to interest accrued and a generous anonymous donation of \$500.

The details of the two long-term accounts held by the Commonwealth Bank are detailed in Table 5. As mentioned above, due to fieldwork constraints it was not possible to reinvest the term deposit at higher rates of return. Hopefully, this situation will be remedied by the incoming Treasurer. The contents of the long-term accounts continue to represent approximately two years of journal printing, which was the intended purpose of the funds.

5.4 Membership Secretary's Report (Annie Carson)

The 2007 membership year began with a fantastic influx of subscriptions to AAA, reflecting a positive response to the early-bird renewal notices sent to members in December 2006. This procedure was implemented for the first time last year and allows for other targeted mail outs to be arranged in March/April of the New Year to maximise renewals.

As of 6 September 2007 AAA had a total of 547 members, 86 of whom joined for the first time this year (Tables 1–2). This is a

Table 4 Balance Sheet, 31 August 2007.

2005–2006 \$		2006–2007 \$
	Assets	
	Current Assets	
36,878.87	CBA Cheque Account	35,199.97
23,436.61	CBA Term Deposit	24,303.89
18,118.29	CBA Cash Management Trust	19,109.41
3826.89	UWA EFT Account	10,613.92
82,260.66	Total Current Assets	89,227.19
	Liabilities	
	Current Liabilities	
10,483.83	Bruce Veitch Award	11,214.93
0	Unrepresented Cheques	554.50
10,483.83	Total Current Liabilities	11,769.43
71,776.83	Net Assets	77,457.76
	Equity	
46,822.23	Retained Earnings	71,776.83
24,954.60	Operating Profit	5,680.93
71,776.83	Total Equity	77,457.76

Table 5 Investment Register.

Statement Date	Particulars	Amount Invested	Maturity Paid
30/06/2007	CBA Term Deposit	24,303.89	867.28
30/06/2007	CBA Cash Management Trust	19,109.41	997.12

fantastic growth in member numbers from last year's total of 491, with Student members growing more than any other category. A breakdown of memberships per state shows continued growth in memberships from Victoria and Queensland, with steady numbers in the Northern Territory and Tasmania, despite the fact that archaeology is no longer taught at universities in those states (Table 3).

The increase in membership numbers for 2007 can be attributed to a combined effort from the Executive, Editors and State Representatives during the past two years. AAA now offers members more than ever before, much of which has been made possible through the amazing efforts of Webmaster Samantha Bolton. The creation of the online subscription and back issue order facility accessed through the AAA website has significantly improved the efficiency of the subscription process for members, the Membership Secretary and the Treasurer. In addition, the newly-launched members-only section of the website provides members with access to PhD, MA and honours thesis abstracts from all Australian universities, plus job advertisements and *curriculum vitae* postings.

In April 2007, the Membership Secretary began a promotional campaign with newly-designed brochures and posters to advertise the recent developments in AAA and the added benefits of membership. Over 60 posters and 900 brochures were posted to 61 universities and government heritage institutions Australia-wide. Improved membership numbers in 2007 indicate that the promotion was somewhat successful in raising AAA's profile and encouraging people to join. Thank-you State Representatives for helping compile mailing lists for each State and Territory. One suggestion for next year's Membership Secretary would be to use the same promotional material to target more institutions within Australia and particularly overseas.

The other main project for the Membership Secretary in 2007 has been the development of a 'Procedures Manual' for future Membership Secretaries. The manual is designed to

improve the handover process by outlining the requirements of the position and providing clear instructions on how to process and manage subscriptions.

I'd like to thank Alistair, Fiona, Adam, Sam and Kelly for their continued support and help throughout the past two years. It's been a great pleasure to work with you all on the Executive. Thanks must also go to Sean Ulm and Geraldine Mate for friendly guidance and hard work in getting journals to members. Lastly, thanks must go to the members of AAA who have shown much patience and understanding during prolonged periods of delay with their subscriptions or journals during my time as Membership Secretary.

5.5 Editors' Report (Sean Ulm and Annie Ross)

During 2007 Numbers 64 and 65 of *Australian Archaeology* will be published. AA64 was posted in late May and the anticipated distribution date for AA65 is mid-November.

This year we continued to focus attention on improving the quality and standing of the journal. The most significant development in this area was the appointment of an Editorial Advisory Board of international standing. Board members are expected to review up to three manuscripts per 12 month period; advise on Editorial Policy and Procedures; and encourage submission of high quality papers to the journal. Up to five Board members will be changed biennially. Members are invited to make an expression of interest if they would like to be considered for future appointment to the Editorial Advisory Board.

The introduction of the Editorial Advisory Board means that articles and short reports submitted to *AA* are now reviewed by at least four people – a senior and junior referee, a member of the Editorial Advisory Board and at least one of the Editors. This further formalisation of *AA*'s review process ensures that a range of voices are heard in the review process and that contributors are provided with sufficient feedback to improve manuscripts.

Table 1 AAA members and new members, 2000–2007.

Year	Members	New Members
2007	547	86
2006	491	78
2005	482	93
2004	560	110
2003	568	126
2002	497	83
2001	367	67
2000	363	38

Table 2 AAA membership types, 2006–2007.

Type	2006	2007
Ordinary	309	325
Student	68	96
Overseas	19	19
Retiree	29	30
Institutional	59	68
Life Member	7	8
Non-Member Journal	0	1
Total	491	547

Table 3 AAA membership by state, 2005–2007.

State	2005	2006	2007
NSW	155	132	128
QLD	93	92	110
WA	64	57	64
VIC	60	75	92
ACT	50	43	47
SA	38	34	36
NT	14	12	13
TAS	7	4	7

The quality of *AA* was recently recognised in its ranking in the top band of journals in the initial listing of the European Reference Index for the Humanities. The journal was awarded an 'A' category listing by a panel of experts chaired by Lin Foxhall (University of Leicester) and jointly sponsored by the European Science Foundation and the European Commission ERA-NET 'Humanities in the European Research Area' (HERA) project. Other journals that achieved an 'A' ranking include *World Archaeology*, *Antiquity* and the *Journal of Archaeological Science*. This is a significant achievement for the journal.

The June 2007 issue of *AA* was the first of three consecutive issues to be submitted for evaluation to Thomson Scientific (formerly ISI) for possible inclusion in the Web of Knowledge. If successful, inclusion of *AA* in the Web of Knowledge will significantly increase the visibility of the journal and allow tracking of citation rates and impact factors.

During the year we also continued to investigate a range of online options for *AA*. The key issues of concern are affordability and visibility, combined with a commitment to making at least some of *AA*'s content open access. We hope to have online arrangements in place in the near future.

During the year we promoted *AA* at various conferences and workshops and entered into reciprocal promotion arrangements with *Antiquity* and *The Artefact*. These initiatives, along with the more substantial efforts of the Membership Secretary and AAA Executive to increase membership levels, will require us to increase our print run in future. Such increases will require a modest increase in the budget allocated to the production of *AA*.

We take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work of the other members of the 2007 Editorial Committee consisting of Geraldine Mate (Editorial Assistant), Chris Clarkson, Lara Lamb and Catherine Westcott (Short Reports Editors), Ian Lilley and Jill Reid (Book Review Editors) and Stephen Nichols (Thesis Abstract Editor).

There will be several changes in the composition of the Editorial Committee for 2008. Ian Lilley is standing down as Book Review Editor. He will be replaced by Chris Clarkson who will move sideways from his current position as Short Reports Editor. Editorial Assistant Geraldine Mate, who has been the glue keeping the *AA* roadshow together for the past two years, has reluctantly had to redirect her energies elsewhere. We thank Geraldine for her hard work, energy and enthusiasm in helping get the journal settled in its new home. Geraldine will be replaced as Editorial Assistant in the near future.

In closing, we would like to thank contributors, referees, the Editorial Advisory Committee and the AAA Executive for their support.

5.6 Media Liaison Officer's Report (Kelly Fleming)

There was limited movement on the media front for 2007. The following is a list of media releases, and other activities, for 2007.

Media Releases 2007

26 April – National Archaeology Week

UWA Media Office released a statement of activities taking place and the details of the national website which was picked up by a few WA news sources.

27 August – Archaeology Education in the Spotlight

UWA Media Office released a statement about the two-year project set up by the Australian National Committee for Archaeology Teaching and Learning (funded by a grant from the Carrick Institute for Learning and Teaching in Higher Education) to develop national benchmarks for archaeology degrees. Also posted on AUSARCH-L, ASHA and AACAI listservers.

Other Activities 2007

27 April – Call for Media Items

Due to the completion and launch of the new website and media statement page a message was posted on AUSARCH-L, ASHA and AACAI listservers calling for media items to be sent to the AAA media officer.

22 June – Media Links on AAA Website

The potential for creating a media links page on the AAA website was discussed with the AAA Webmaster. This would allow links to media items, and other stories of interest to the organisation, to be added to the site on a regular basis. Work is ongoing.

27 June – AAA Award Nominations

Details and calls for nominations sent to UWA Media Office but unfortunately it was not picked up. Also posted on AUSARCH-L and ASHA listservers.

5.7 Webmaster's Report (Samantha Bolton)

The new website, hosted at the University of Western Australia (UWA) was launched on 6 February 2007. It has the same basic structure as the previous website, with an updated look and a few new features.

The new features include the Register of Archaeology Work Experience Partners, an initiative of the Australian National Committee for Archaeology Teaching and Learning (ANCATL), a members-only area, and access for the AAA Executive to view the membership database and add media releases.

The members-only area was launched on 29 June 2007. The features include:

- latest news and announcements for members;
- jobs currently available in archaeology;
- list of current cvs of people looking for work in archaeology;
- list of honours and postgraduate theses in archaeology submitted to Australian universities; and
- volunteer opportunities currently available.

There is also a facility to allow members to update their membership details, submit a job advertisement, post their cv, and advertise volunteer positions in archaeology. There are plans to add a discussion board at a later date.

Usage of this area, in particular the jobs page, has been a little disappointing. Members are strongly encouraged to advertise jobs here, and help build this page and make it a major resource for archaeology in Australia. There will be more active promotion of this section of the website over the next 12 months.

Other plans for the website are to improve the layout of the front page, in particular the news section, and continue adding features, so that the website is current and relevant, and visitors, particularly members, have reason to keep visiting the site.

The other major addition to the website is an area allowing Executive access. This is mainly used by the Membership Secretary who is able to manage the membership database through the website and the Media Officer who can add media releases as required.

Viewing statistics apply from 24 May 2007, when Google Analytics was applied to the website, until 30 August 2007. During this 3 month period, which included the launch of the members-only area, there have been 6900 visits, at an average of 33 visits/day. 48% of these viewed the front page only. 68.60% are first time visitors, and the average time spent on the site is seven seconds, at an average of five pages per visit. After the front page, the next four most popular pages are *Australian Archaeology*, member pages, study options and the work experience register.

The total hits on the National Archaeology Week website since December 2006 was 527,000, peaking in May, just before and during National Archaeology Week, with an average of 4000 hits a day. The new NAW website, also to be hosted at UWA, will be launched in time for NAW 2008.

The transfer of the website to UWA caused problems for the email addresses user@australianarchaeology.com, as the university does not have the capability to successfully manage and forward a number of email aliases. As a result, the email addresses are now being managed through our domain name hosts, MelbourneIT. We have increased the number of email aliases, with all State Representatives having their own addresses, as well as the Executive. Thus as the people in the positions change, the email addresses will remain the same.

The launch of the new-look AAA website has been very successful, with the addition of new features and facilities for members. I am constantly aiming to make this resource useful and relevant to members and non-members alike, and am open to any suggestions as to how to improve the site.

5.8 Australian National Committee for Archaeology Teaching and Learning Report (Jane Balme)

As it is clear from recent postings on email groups that some members are not aware of the origins or previous work of this subcommittee, I thought that I would start this year's report by briefly outlining its history and previous activities. I will then turn to our activities over the last year.

ANCATL stands for the Australian National Committee for Archaeology Teaching and Learning and it is a subcommittee of the Australian Archaeological Association Inc. Originally called JISCATL, it formed in 2002 at the Townsville joint conference with ASHA, AIMA and AACAI. The role of the committee is to provide a forum for discussion of archaeology teaching and learning and related issues, and to provide a conduit for involvement in these issues for other archaeological associations and interest groups. The main direction for the activities of this subcommittee was provided by a workshop held in Redfern, Sydney, in 2003 that was attended by a variety of archaeologists from all major associations, universities and industry. At this workshop a charter (known as the Redfern Charter) of purpose for the committee was created consisting of five items:

- i. Better coordination of opportunities for students and early career graduates to gain vocational experience.

- ii. Accept the principles of the UK benchmarks for teaching and learning as a step towards the development of a model for Australian undergraduate archaeology degree structures.
- iii. Support for greater interaction and exchange in teaching and learning between universities on the one hand and regulatory authorities and industry on the other.
- iv. A commitment to gathering reliable data for benchmarking of a variety of archaeology activities similar to UK survey instrument.
- v. Develop mechanisms to tell the archaeological story to the public that own and relate to that archaeology.

Various members of the committee separately and together have undertaken a variety of activities to fulfil our charter. One of the first of these was the study 'Australian Archaeology in Profile: A Survey of Working Archaeologists 2005'. This was based on 301 responses from Australian archaeologists in a variety of professions to document the kinds of work done by archaeologists in Australia as well as the skill areas that these archaeologists identified were important in their profession and that they believed were important in training students. The results of this survey were published in a special teaching and learning volume (61) of *Australian Archaeology* and we have drawn on this survey to identify skill gaps in university teaching and think about how students might obtain these skills.

In 2006, Wendy Beck, with the help of Catherine Clarke and ANCATL, applied for and received a Carrick Institute grant to investigate benchmarking of honours degrees in archaeology. The purpose of this project is to produce a document that will make explicit learning criteria, levels of achievement and assessment practices in archaeology honours programmes. We began work on the project this year by creating an advisory committee and surveying university teachers about current practice in Australian universities. A workshop attended by a group representing all the relevant universities was held in Melbourne to discuss the results of the survey and to devise a set of draft benchmarks based on these results, the United Kingdom benchmark document, the results of an updated version of the 2005 working archaeologists survey and the results of discussions at the Redfern workshop. The benchmark project is not due for completion until the end of 2008 but will continue to draw on a variety of sources of information in the production of the final document, including broad consultation across the discipline.

The other major project this year directed at the first of the Redfern Charter objectives was the creation of the Register of Archaeology Work Experience Partners. This is a list of organisations willing to consider placement of students and graduates and is available through the AAA website. The list has been available since March this year and so far we have been receiving very positive feedback from both employers and students. We have just begun to advertise this register with posters and bookmarks. We will shortly be sending posters to all university archaeology departments and encourage members to draw students' attention to the list as an important source of practical training.

There have been other smaller projects (such as providing comments on the new K-6 NSW Science and Technology syllabus) as well as continuing projects (such as Sean Ulm's constant update on the profession's profile in Australia).

Most of these activities of ANCATL are organised by a very few people and anyone that would like to have input in the work of this subcommittee is most welcome.

5.9 Prizes and Awards Subcommittee Report (Sean Ulm, Val Attenbrow, Fiona Hook and Ken Mulvaney)

The Prizes and Awards Subcommittee was formed in 2005 to manage the awards offered by the Association. In total, there are 10 awards in seven categories, including the Rhys Jones Medal for Outstanding Contribution to Australian Archaeology, John Mulvaney Book Award, Bruce Veitch Award for Excellence in Indigenous Engagement, Life Membership for Outstanding Contribution to the Australian Archaeological Association Inc., and conference paper and poster prizes. The subcommittee also manages the Laila Haglund Prize for Excellence in Consultancy on behalf of the Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists Inc. In 2007, nominations were received for all award categories.

During 2007 the subcommittee reviewed descriptions and selection criteria for the assessment of each award and added to entries of previous awardees on the website. We also liaised with the New Ground Conference organising committee to establish paper and poster judging procedures for the joint conference format.

The subcommittee would like to thank President Alistair Paterson for active participation in the committee. In 2008, Sean Ulm will stand down as the chair of the subcommittee and be replaced by Val Attenbrow.

5.10 Code of Ethics Review Subcommittee (Richard Fullagar)

The review process for the Code of Ethics is complete, however, the role of the subcommittee has changed to encompass the complaints process of the Association. Thanks to Sean Ulm for his advice. The President suggests the rewording of subcommittee title to take into account role of the ethics subcommittee in assisting the President with Code of Ethics complaints.

Motion: 'That AAA change name of the Code of Ethics Review Subcommittee to the Code of Ethics Subcommittee.
Moved: Chair. Motion carried nem. con.

5.11 State Representatives' Reports

5.11.1 Queensland Report (Lara Lamb)

During the past year, there were no issues brought to me as State Representative by any of our members.

As State Representative I did act in a minor capacity to assist in the bolstering of our Association numbers, by providing our Membership Secretary with the contact details of several state and educational institutions for mail-out purposes. At an individual level, I distributed several dozen membership pamphlets to my first year introductory archaeology course, and I believe there were several resulting applications for membership as a result.

I would like to suggest to the incoming Executive that the role of State Representative be more clearly defined and communicated to both incoming and incumbent State Representatives.

5.11.2 New South Wales Report (Val Attenbrow)

My report is the same as Lara's for New South Wales.

5.11.3 Northern Territory Report (Daryl Guse)

I would like to thank the Executive for their assistance through the year and, as outlined by President Paterson, the proposed meeting in the Northern Territory to discuss archaeological issues with the University, Government and Indigenous organisations.

5.11.4 Western Australia Report (Stuart Rapley)

My report is the same as Lara's for Western Australia.

Motion: 'That the reports as presented are accepted as read'.
Moved: President. Motion carried nem. con.

6. Appointment of Auditor

Addition Bookkeeping Services was appointed as the auditor for the 2006–2007 financial year. However, given the change of Executive, the incoming Executive will appoint an auditor for 2007–2008 as per Item 9.4 of the Constitution.

7. Other Business

7.1 Review of NSW Heritage Act

Val Attenbrow raised the issue of the proposed review of this Act and requested that the Executive prepare a submission on behalf of AAA with assistance from the NSW State Representative. The President suggested that it should be a joint submission with ASHA. Marilyn Truscott advises that she is willing to assist in this submission.

7.2 Council for Australian Archaeology

Sean Ulm discussed the proposed establishment of a peak disciplinary body comprising the Presidents of AAA, ASHA, AIMA and AACAI. He noted that AAA is always supportive of joint submissions given their larger impact. Sean proposed two motions:

1. 'That AAA support the establishment of a Council for Australian Archaeology'; and
2. 'That AAA provide annual contribution to assist in the running of the Council'.

Peter Veth strongly supported the first motion, arguing that such a body will increase the lobbying power of the individual associations and formalise the process of joint submissions that already exists.

Annie Ross suggested that the Council have the power to coopt members to assist the Council to allow for specific expertise. Ken Mulvaney suggested that the membership of the Council needs to be broadened to include the Presidents of AURA, AIATSIS and the archaeology section of the Australian Academy of the Humanities to increase the lobby base. Josephine Flood reiterated the need for the involvement of AURA.

Luke Godwin asked what the basis for the establishment membership of the Council was, such as the percentage of membership base, and what mechanisms would be used for each group's participation? Sean Ulm indicated that the organisation and operation of the Council was yet to be discussed. Luke asked what were ASHA's and AIMA's thoughts on the establishment of the Council? Phil Bowman indicated that AIMA had given its in-principle support. Luke suggested that we don't provide our

support until more details are available. Sean Ulm reminded the membership that the Council isn't a separate organisation and is just a collective body.

The meeting then discussed the processes for the running of the proposed organisation and whether the President could, without going back to the members, participate in the Council. Annie Ross stated that the Executive could call a general meeting at any time to discuss any issues. However, Ian Johnson pointed out that the Executive is elected by the membership and trusted to work in the interest of the Association, therefore, issues do not need to be brought back to the membership for decision unless they involve constitutional change.

The President reminded the membership that the executives of the different groups will meet to formalise and discuss the process for improving a process that is already in place. The formation of the Council is to try and set it up to do the best possible job. Val Attenbrow pointed out the commitments discussed in the plenary session and hoped that they would also be raised in the closing plenary session.

Motion: 'That AAA support the establishment of the Council for Australian Archaeology'. Moved: Chair. Motion carried nem. con.

Motion: 'That AAA allocate an initial amount of \$2500 for the Council of Australian Archaeology, if established'. Moved: Chair. Motion carried nem. con.

A general discussion ensued as to what the money would be used for. Suggestions included correspondence, teleconferences and possible travel for the President to attend meetings.

8. Election of Officers of the Committee

The following AAA Officers were elected for 2008:

Executive

President – Ian McNiven

Secretary – Tim Denham

Treasurer – Bruno David

Public Officer – Sally Brockwell

Editors – Sean Ulm & Annie Ross

Committee

Membership Secretary – Liam Brady

Media Officer – Peter Veth

State and Territory Representatives

ACT – Helen Cooke

NSW – Jodie Benton

NT – Daryl Guse

QLD – Lara Lamb

SA – Lynley Wallis

WA – Stuart Rapley

VIC – Nikki Stern

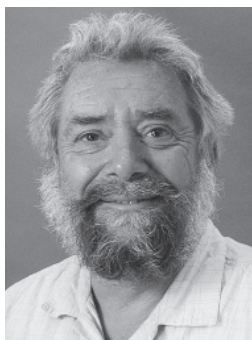
TAS – Denise Gaughwin

9. Close of Meeting

The President thanked members for attending the AGM. The meeting was closed at 6:32pm.

2007 AAA Conference Awards

RHYS JONES MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO AUSTRALIAN ARCHAEOLOGY: JEREMY GREEN



Jeremy Green has been awarded the Rhys Jones Medal for 2007 in recognition of his pioneering work in the development of maritime archaeology in Australia.

Jeremy was instrumental in the initiation of the field of maritime archaeology in Australia. Following his pioneering excavations on the Dutch wreck *Batavia* in the early 1970s, he established

the Department of Maritime Archaeology at the Western Australian Museum and has helped lead the department since that time. He has been involved in research in over 15 countries, and has developed training programmes, including UNESCO Regional Workshops to advance underwater cultural heritage in countries, such as China and Sri Lanka. Since 1994, Jeremy has been head of the Australian National Centre for Excellence in Maritime Archaeology.

Jeremy's career includes a long span of field and academic experience around the world. From 1967, he worked at the Research Laboratory for Archaeology at Oxford University on

the development of an underwater metal detector, a proton magnetometer, and underwater photogrammetry. These techniques were investigated in field conditions in England and the Mediterranean. After joining the Western Australian Museum in 1971, Jeremy developed programmes involving pre-settlement, post-settlement and wreck inspection. In 1973, he co-founded the Maritime Archaeological Association of Western Australia (MAAWA). He also helped to found the Australasian Institute for Maritime Archaeology (AIMA), was made foundation President, and has been Editor of its bulletin since 1977.

Jeremy holds numerous positions and awards, including membership of the Council for Nautical Archaeology, Honorary Fellowship of the Centre for Prehistory, University of Western Australia, Fellowship of the Institute of Archaeology, and Fellowship of the Australian Academy of the Humanities and Research Associate of the Institute of Nautical Archaeology. He is Adjunct Associate Professor at Curtin University of Technology and James Cook University and Advisory Editor of the *International Journal of Nautical Archaeology*. Jeremy is a recipient of the Keith Muckelroy Prize for Achievement in the Field of Maritime Archaeology,

The Rhys Jones Medal is the highest award offered by the Australian Archaeological Association Inc. It was established in honour of Rhys Jones (1941-2001) to mark his enormous contribution to the development and promotion of archaeology in Australia. The Medal is presented annually to an individual who has made an outstanding and sustained contribution to the field.