

investigations of the parade ground and adjacent Commissariat store site. Excavations are also programmed for the Shipyards precinct and convict-period cemetery on the Isle of the Dead, subject to final Works Approval. The investigations will be run in conjunction with ongoing geophysical remote sensing and a Public Archaeology module, with site tours, family digs and museum displays being offered throughout January and February.

The Archaeology Plan for the PAHS has been finalised and adopted by the PAHSMA Board. Work on the GIS-based Archaeological Management Zoning System and Procedures elements of the plan is ongoing.

VICTORIA NEWS

Andrew Long & Associates have recently completed their excavation at the Jolimont Square site in east Melbourne. The dig unearthed the remains of a collection of cottages dating to the 1850s. The cottages were built on the estate of former Governor Charles La Trobe.

Heritage Victoria's archaeologists and enforcement officers have been travelling around the state meeting staff from Parks Victoria to discuss enforcement under the Heritage Act. The Parks Victoria staff are being made inspectors under the Act. It is hoped that this program will improve the understanding of cultural heritage values in regional areas, particularly in state forests. The issue of bottle collectors and the damage that they cause was discussed at length at the meetings, and it is likely that tougher enforcement actions will follow.

Heritage Victoria will soon be issuing invitations to tender for the City of Port Phillip Archaeological Management plan. Heritage Victoria is keen to develop and implement a management plan that will be similar to the existing Melbourne Central Business District plan.

Jeremy Smith, Heritage Victoria

WESTERN AUSTRALIA NEWS

Report from Archaeology, University of Western Australia

Honours research

There have been six Honours projects completed in historical archaeology in 2003:

- - Anneliese Carson, 'Ah Kim's Garden: Ethnicity in the Archaeological Record at Cossack';
- - Kelly Fleming, 'Hadrill's Cottage: A study of class and status in the Swan district during the 19th and early 20th centuries';
- - Alex Godfrey, 'The faunal remains from Cheynes Beach, Albany';
- - Monica Jimenez-Lozano, 'A fishy affair: a study of the fish remains from Cheynes Beach, Albany';
- - Shoni Lewis 'Historical Shellfish Subsistence: A Cossack Case Study'; and,
- - Jodee Smith, 'Of mills and men: the archaeology of private and public industry in the forests of Western Australia, 1895-1913'

'The historical archaeology of the post-European period in the Pilbara, Western Australia'

Two of the Honours theses completed in 2003 analysed archaeological material from Cossack collected as part of the ARC project 'The historical archaeology of the post-European period in the Pilbara, Western Australia'. These two theses together help the interpretation of archaeological remains of historic settlements surrounding the main settlement. Additionally, Masters student Moss Wilson is analysing glass artefacts from Cossack.

Fieldwork in September 2003 recorded historical sites throughout the Dampier Archipelago, off the Burrup Peninsula. This work was supported by the department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM) whose Karratha office provided a boat and a skipper. Geoff Kregor, who is the Senior Ranger for the islands. Corioli Souter (Maritime Museum of Western Australia) provided invaluable support with the coastal and maritime sites. The project recorded a range of 19th century sites including a pastoral station (West Lewis Island), pearling station (Black Hawke Bay), whalers' trying station (Malus Island), and some burials. 20th century sites were not the focus of this field season, however, a Catalina wreck site from WWII was recorded (Enderby Island), as were military sites (Rosemary Islands). The report to CALM will assist their management of these once remote sites now impacted upon by visitation with an increased population at nearby Karratha and Dampier. Fieldwork in June-July 2004 will record the 19th and 20th remains of pastoral properties in the Pilbara.

'The Goldfields Water Supply Scheme: An archaeological study of regional development and society'

This ARC Linkage project has been awarded to Samatha Bolton from Sydney. Sam already has some experience in remote historical Australia, having completed an Honours thesis (Sydney University) on Aboriginal flaked implements associated with the Overland Telegraph line collected during the Central Australia Archaeology Project (CAAP). She has extensive field experience across several continents and we and our industry partner, the National Trust of Australia (Western Australia), look forward to having Sam involved in this project.

Alistair Paterson

ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

REPORTS FROM 2003 CONFERENCE ON NORFOLK ISLAND

President's Report 2003

The 2003 year got off to a great start with the joint conference of ASHA, AIMA and AAA at Townsville in October 2002. Under the banner "Land and Sea: Common ground and contemporary issues for Australian Archaeology", this was the first time the three Associations have come together and it proved to be an outstanding success. In fact, from a personal perspective, I rate it as one of the best conferences I have ever been to. There was tremendous interaction and networking between the members of the three Associations; couple this with great weather, a fine venue in a semi historic precinct with plenty of bars and cafes, and quality cheap accommodation in close proximity, it really was a most memorable and worthwhile event. I would like to put on record again ASHA's thanks to the Townsville conference organising committee, led by one of our own – Martin Gibbs.