

Editorial

This is the first volume during my new editorship. This volume was co-edited with Neville Ritchie who collected and organised the refereeing of all the papers included in this volume. I was responsible for little other than the detail work and meeting the final production targets of publication within the year. When I started editing this volume I knew very little about the overseas Chinese, although I had attended part of the 1999 conference from which this volume arose. My interest in the overseas Chinese was aroused because we recently completed an excavation of an urban site which had some occupation by a Chinese market gardener. We are currently in the post-excavation stages of this project. In addition I am completing a report on an urban site with some remains associated with a Chinese furniture factory in Surry Hills, Sydney. The papers in this volume of *Australasian Historical Archaeology* provide an introduction into recent research on the state of the field in Australia and New Zealand, as well as recent work in the United States. They offer an overview of the literature for

the novice in this field such as your editor. Many of the papers touch on issues associated with ethnicity, and its construction, identification and value as a research theme. Ethnicity has been little studied in historical archaeology in Australia but hopefully we will begin to see developments in this area.

This is not a typical editorial as my co-editor has written a detailed introduction to the papers included in this volume. Many thanks to the authors who were all timely in responding to corrections with updated versions of the text. Thanks to the anonymous referees, to Graeme Challinor for his professionalism and timely work program in the layout and typesetting, to Denis Gojak for the cover image, and to Tony Lowe and Penny Crook for assistance with proofreading.

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