



**CHANGE OF
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2005 Public Lecture Series

Manning Clarke Centre T1

7:30pm Wednesday October 19, 2005.

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Little woman: discovery of a new human species in Indonesia and the consequences

This lecture will describe a collaborative Indonesian-Australian project being undertaken in Indonesia. This 4-year project, funded by the Australian Research Council, aims to tackle some of the fundamental issues in the archaeology and palaeontology of the region.

Associated excavations at Liang Bua in western Flores have yielded the remains of a new species of human, *H. floresiensis*, which has implications for hominid dispersal 'Out of Africa' and colonisation of the area.

Mike Morwood is Professor of Archaeology at the University of New England, and has undertaken a number of regional archaeological projects in Australia, including in the North Queensland Highlands, Cape York Peninsula and the Kimberley. More recently, however, he has concentrated on research in Indonesia, specifically on Flores, Java and Sulawesi. This 4-year project entitled 'Astride the Wallace Line' has been funded by a large grant from the Australian Research Council.

All welcome, entry is by gold coin donation at the door.
Please join us afterwards for light supper and a chat – find out how 'down to earth' archaeologists really are.



Big FISH AND PUBS

Fossil Field Trip

Come and play in the dirt with Prehistoric Fish at Canowindra!

It's not precisely archaeologymore palaeontology, but it's still digging! [and you get to say "YES!" when people ask if you have found any dinosaurs!]

So, what is it all about?

From the Age of Fishes website (<http://www.ageoffishes.org.au/aofm.htm>):

"Long before the dinosaurs the mighty rivers of the Central West teemed with bizarre ancient fishes - fish with armour shells, fish with lungs, and huge predators with jaws like crocodiles. Thousands of their fossils were found at Canowindra and give us a unique glimpse into life during the Devonian Period - the 'Age of Fishes'.

A chance discovery in 1955 revealed an extensive fossil bed dating from the Devonian Period. This 360 million year old formation contained the fossilised remains of over 3500 freshwater fish. Many were new to science. This unique fossil collection is now on public display in the township of Canowindra, only a short distance from the discovery location." The museum runs digs where interested members of the public can come along and help out - you work on real sites with real fossils. If you find anything they already have, you get to keep it - if it's something new and fantastic, well, they put it in the museum!"

The folks at Gondwana (who run the field trips) have arranged a special deal for CAS:

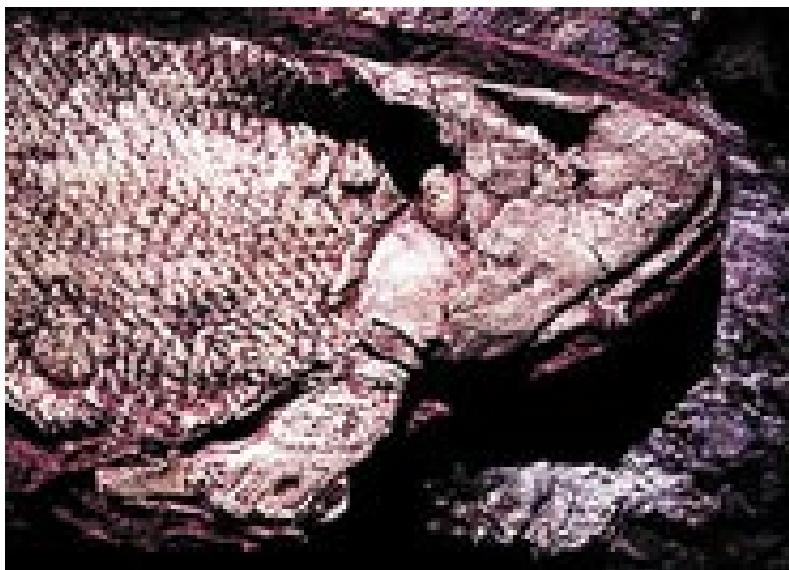
The next dig weekend will be November 12 and 13.

The normal price is \$429 for what is called a "pub package" which includes your accommodation for the weekend (Friday night to Sunday) and food from Saturday morning onwards including a great dinner on Saturday night... the price for CAS members will be somewhere between \$300 and \$350.... There is no exact price yet because it depends entirely how many people go! So, if you are interested in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, then start hassling your friends!! The more the merrier (and no, they don't have to be CAS members, but they can join up when they sign up for the trip!!)



What do you get for this fabulous price?

- 2 nights “pub” accommodation in a shared room (up to 4 people per room)
- meals and snacks including a good old fashioned sit-down-dinner on the Saturday night
- membership to the Age of Fishes Museum (you will receive newsletters, reduced entry, etc)
- insurance
- a folder of notes (share between 2)
- 4WD transport between sites where necessary
- participation at the dig
- expenses so that you have all the scientific and voluntary help you need while working on the sites including lecturers and scientist guides and proper palaeontological tuition
- use of equipment
- entry and land access fees for access to sites



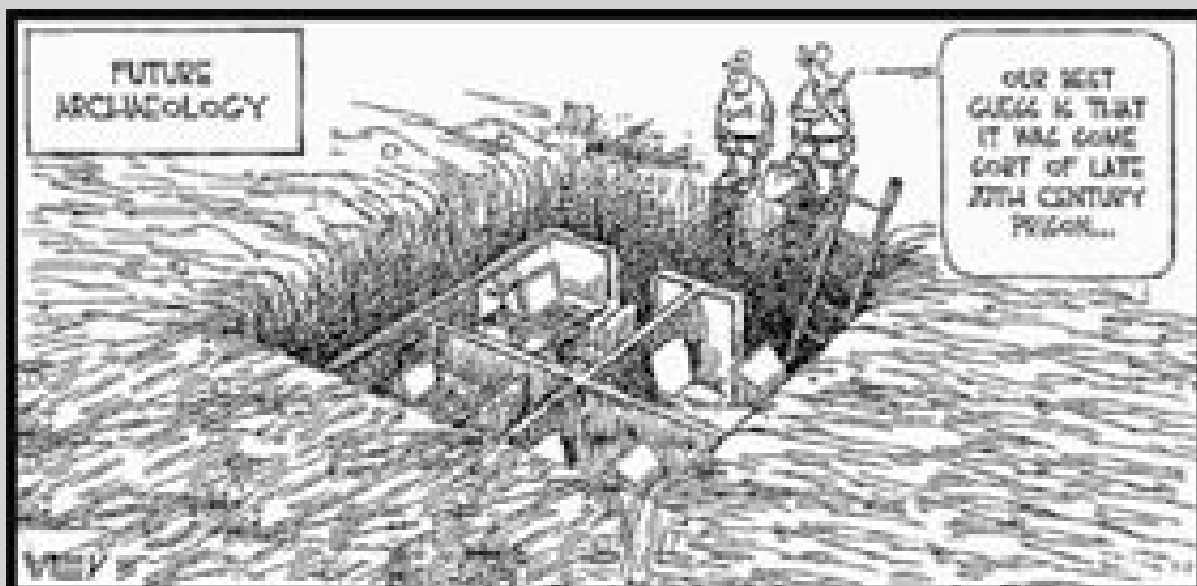
We will probably car pool to get to Canowindra, so when you RSVP please say whether you have a car and how many people you are willing to take. If enough people sign up, we can look at hiring a bus.

We need RSVPs by October 19. You must make a commitment to attend by this date, and pay a deposit of 30% of the total price (will update you on this soon). The balance must be paid 14 days before the dig. **BE WARNED:** If you pull out up to 14 days before the dig you will lose all of your deposit unless you find someone to replace you. If you pull out less than 7 days beforehand you will get **NO** refund. These are Gondwana’s rules, not CAS rules!

RSVP by 19 October to:

Sylvia Schaffarczyk (CAS President 2005). At contact@cas.asn.au or sylvia.schaffarczyk@anu.edu.au or 0402 470 611 or speak to one of our committee members at the next meeting. More info will be displayed on the CAS website www.cas.asn.au as it comes to hand.

Joke O' The Week



Namadgi Field Trip

By Cynthja

On Sunday the 9th of October several members of CAS and their guests embarked on a torrid journey of exploration into the depths of Namadgi National Park beyond the southern outskirts of our Nation's Capitol. The intrepid few boarded the coaster Bus of Near-miss (nobody died – so it couldn't be the bus of death), driven by the very outstanding Ladislav (who didn't get bogged this time).

First stop on our voyage of discovery was the Namadgi visitor centre where the taxidermist had been busy at work. We were greeted with stuffed wombats, stuffed possums, stuffed frogs and stuffed magpies as well as the routine tourist-trapping souvenir shop. Yes, Shawna got trapped. After an extensive rescue mission for aforesaid Taiwanese tourist we boarded the Bus of Near-miss for the journey to Yankee Hat Rock-shelter.



On the trek to the rockshelter we gained a valuable lesson in the pitfalls of assumption by Debbie and a very good many pictures of kangaroos. The rockshelter contains Australian Aboriginal rock art of the animal and anthropomorph varieties.

We ate lunch. This was the best part of the field trip. Actually, that's not true, but I was hungry by the time we had walked the 2.4 kilometres to the rockshelter. I was even hungrier by the time we walked the return journey, this time going 'overland'. Gastronomic contentment came after a vegemite roll and then we were off to Orroral Valley.

At the site of the old NASA tracking station we encountered runners, fifties tiles and a distinct lack of adequate signage. Nevertheless, it was almost mind-blowing to imagine the size of the satellite dish that once stood in that sacred square of concrete. An interesting view of how the recent past can still be archaeological. Indecision over the prospect of another hike convinced Lisa to declare "I'm getting back in the bus". Decision over, the rain and biting winds had intensified and we thought it best to drive to Orroral Homestead.

The homestead, rebuilt in 1863 after being flooded out further down the valley, was a welcome respite against the bitter wind and sleeting rain. It also looked really pretty (from an archaeological point of view). It was most interesting to note the different restoration and preservation techniques that had been attempted on the homestead. By this time in mid-afternoon the wind tunnel that is Orroral got too much for the intrepid adventures and we decided to skip the journey to the site of the original homestead. Instead the unanimous decision was made to wrap up the day with coffee at Tharwa.



CANBERRA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY 2005-6 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

The Canberra Archaeological Society was formed in 1963 to cater for the needs of all people interested in archaeology. The Society holds monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month (Feb to Nov). Meetings are held in Lecture Theatre 6 of the Manning Clark Theatres at 7.30pm.

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

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EMAIL: _____

MEMBERSHIP TYPE

Family \$40

Single \$30

Concession \$20

Please return membership form with payment to:

The Treasurer, Canberra Archaeological Society
LPO Box A86
Australian National University
Canberra ACT 2601

Cheques should be made payable to: CANBERRA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY INC.

The monthly newsletter, Old News, is sent out by email by default. Please indicate if you would rather have it mailed, or you can access it via our webpage: www.cas.asn.au

NEW MEMBERS

New members can join up for next year and get the rest of this year thrown into the bargain!

This offer is only open to new members, so tell your friends.

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7.30pm in Manning Clark Theatre 6 (unless specified)

Date	Speaker	Title
16 March	Mal Booth	Fire Support Patrol Base Coral: Using Material Culture to Reveal What Happened One Night in May, 1968.
20 April	Mike Austin	Environmental catastrophes: new lessons from history?
18 May	Dr Josephine Flood	The Aboriginal Story in the ACT from deep past to moth hunting
15 June	Kim Owens	Farmers, Fishers and Whalemens: The settlement landscape of Lord Howe Island
20 July	Peter White	Axes and Are: stone tools of the Duna and their implications
17 August	Richard Hekimian	Edlington's Cottage: The CAS dig at the Duntroon Dairy
21 September	Kath Szabo	The Ebb and flow of tradition in an island world: Shell beads in island Southeast Asia
19 October	Mike Morwood	Little Women: discovery of a new human species in Indonesia and the consequences.
16 November	Peter Dowling	Archaeology and the ANZACs



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Committee members 2006

Want to become more active in what goes on in the society?

Got some good ideas about what we should be doing?

Want to get more contacts or work on your networking within the field?

If you are a student, just remember that this is exactly what future employers are looking for...and it only takes one day a month!

The President organises events and speakers as well as overseeing the general running of the society.

Vice-President helps out the president (and occasionally fills in for them).

Treasurer is just what you would imagine it to be: you look after the money.

Newspaper Editor is dead simple - just cut and paste things into the template and send it out, easy!

Publicity Officer organises posters as well as announcements on community notice boards.

Secretary takes minutes at meetings and does other amazing things.

Members hang around and look cool (and other assorted duties as they arise).

Nominations to these positions will take place at the last meeting of the year (16th November). Ask any of the current members if you are interested and we will tell you all you need to know...and some things you may not want to know!

Call for contributions

We've had a few articles written by CAS members for Old News...have you got something archaeologically interesting to say? An anecdote? A joke!?...contact the editor at the details below....seriously, this is your newsletter, and it can only be as interesting as you make it!

Ad Space

Got anything archaeological to advertise? If you know of, or are running fieldwork this year and you need volunteers, or you want to volunteer for work, then drop us a line, and we'll advertise it for you in Old News. Websites and archaeological events are also welcome!