Australian Archaeology

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The venue for the school this year is the Kulki-Kulki Swan District Camp at Wood Wood, on the Murray, northwest of Swan Hill. The school will run from November 26 until January 8, 1978.

Students will receive daily lectures in excavation, experience in handling materials in our laboratory, and experience in recording archaeological sites.

The school is open to people from all walks of life, but preference will be given to those who plan to attend for two or more weeks. This year we have divided the school into two parts to accommodate the interests of both our accreditisation students who have attended previous summer schools, and new recruits who know little or nothing about archaeology. If you are new to the field then we strongly urge you to attend during the first three weeks.

The school runs on a non-profit basis. If your application is accepted you will be asked to pay a deposit of $20, made up of $10 registration fee and $10 towards your food. The daily allowance for food is $4.50. The registration fees are used to purchase equipment which is necessary to maintain a reasonable standard of existence whilst in the field, and to employ a cook to look after our meals whilst the school is in progress. Duties such as washing and cleaning are done by the students on a roster system. Members of the school are expected to live at the school and most camping facilities are supplied. The venue this year is a scout camp which has the following facilities:

- dormitories, containing beds and mattresses,
- hot showers and toilets,
- a large hall with an annex, and a kitchen.

The camp is electrified so that conditions at the school should be fairly comfortable. Members will of course have to bring their own bedding, clothes, toiletries etc. Here is a warning: conditions at our field school are what might broadly be described as rough. That is, they are not for the comfort loving. Your life will be very hectic, and you will get very little time to yourself. Therefore you should bring as much as you can to make life at the school comfortable.

You may enrol to be accredited. The accreditisation scheme is a special scheme for those people who have a more professional interest in archaeology. There are five grades, and following the successful completion of examinations, certificates are awarded. This enables the holders of the certificates to carry out specified types of archaeological work under the general supervision of the Victoria Archaeological Survey.

General Outline of Summer School Programme

**First Semester**

Three week course: Introduction to Archaeology. This course is designed specifically for people who have not attended previous summer schools.
WEEK 1

25/26 November - 27 November
Formal orientation/field trips/reading programme

28 November - 3 December
Field and laboratory programme.
Saturday is a half day only, afternoon rest and recreation and lectures

4 December
Rest, study and recreation.

WEEK 2

New people to arrive on 2/3 December. Saturday and Sunday to be spent in orientation. However there will be no formal programme.

5 December - 11 December
(Saturday - half day). Field and laboratory programmes. Afternoon lectures

12 December
Rest, study and recreation.

WEEK 3

New people to arrive on 9/10 December. Saturday and Sunday to be spent in orientation. However there will be no formal programme.

12 December - 16 December
Field and laboratory programme

17 December
Preparation for field, laboratory and written exams

18 December
Exams.

Note: Applicants who have not attended previous summer schools are advised that preference will be given to those persons who nominate to attend two, or the full three weeks. Preference will be given to people who have attended previous summer schools, or applied but could not be accommodated.

Lecture Programme

WEEK 1

Introduction to Archaeology
(7 one hour lectures by Dr Coutts)

These lectures cover the basics in archaeology; the relationships between archaeology, history and prehistory, how sites are formed, how archaeologists excavate them and why, and methods of dating archaeological sites.

WEEK 2

Australian Prehistory and Material Culture
(6 one hour lectures by D. Witter)

These lectures examine the development of Australian prehistory, the material culture of Aborigines at contact, current theories on the settlement of the Australian mainland and Tasmania, and the relationships between ethnography and prehistory.
WEEK 3

Case Studies in Prehistory
(6 one hour lectures by R. Luebbers)

These lectures examine specific archaeological sequences in Australia and how they have been interpreted, specific problems in identifying the functions of prehistoric artefacts, curated as opposed to expedient technologies, and regional archaeological studies.

In addition to the main series of lectures there will also be a programme of special lecture topics.

WEEK 1

Site Survey Methods and Techniques (Dr P. Coutts)
Excavation Methods (S. Simmons)

WEEK 2

Map Reading (R. Frank)
Surveying (R. Frank)

WEEK 3

Public Relations (Dr P. Coutts)
Photography (R. Frank)

Laboratory, field and written exams will be held on the 18th December.

Second Semester

Three week course: this course is designed to accommodate the needs of more advanced students, though this does not preclude the participation and enrolment of beginners.

There will be no formal lectures and instead we intend to experiment with a series of workshop seminars. Seminars will commence each night Monday to Friday at 8 pm and continue until 10 pm.

For each respective week, school members will be expected to arrive on either Friday night or Saturday morning. Saturday and Sunday will be spent in informal orientation.

The seminar programme is not rigid and can be altered according to the needs of school members.

WEEK 4

Monday 19 December The Extinction of Animals in Australia (R. Luebbers)
Tuesday 20 December Australian Stone Tools (Dr P. Coutts)
Wednesday 21 December Dating Methods - Archaeology (S. Simmons)
Thursday 22 December Shell Midden Analysis (R. Luebbers)
Friday 23 December The Mesolithic of Northern Europe (S. Simmons)

WEEK 5

Monday 26 December Stone Technology (D. Witter)
Tuesday 27 December Statistics in Archaeology (S. Simmons)
Wednesday 28 December Post-glacial Changes - Northern Europe (S. Simmons)
Thursday 29 December  | Pleistocene Cave and Open Sites (D. Witter)
Friday 30 December  | Physical Anthropology in Australia (S. Simmons)

**WEEK 6**

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Please apply to:

Summer School in Archaeology  
Victoria Archaeological Survey  
1st Floor, 213 Lonsdale Street  
MELBOURNE VIC 3000 (Telephone: 663-1662)

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**FORTHCOMING FIELDWORK**

**Port Arthur**

Finances permitting there will be an excavation season on the site of the earliest prisoners' barracks at Port Arthur during December 1977 and January/February 1978. There will be a break over Christmas/New Year. About 15 people in all are required; experience is desirable but not necessary. Although fares to Tasmania will not be paid, food and accommodation will be provided at Port Arthur. Enquiries to Maureen Byrne, c/- Department of Archaeology, University of Sydney, NSW 2006.

**Victoria Archaeological Survey - Summer Field Programme**

The Survey advises that it will commence excavations of the Keilor archaeological site on 26 November 1977. The Survey requires volunteers to man the excavation for a period of 6 weeks. Enquiries should be addressed to:

State Archaeologist  
Victorian Archaeological Survey  
1st Floor, 213 Lonsdale Street  
Melbourne VIC 3000  
(Telephone 663-1662 - enquiries to Mr Stewart Simmons)

**Blue Mountains/Capertee Area**

Excavations and accompanying environmental surveys are planned for a number of sites in the Blue Mountains/Capertee area between 5 January and the end of February. The aim of these excavations is to investigate the nature of the technological and demographic changes associated with the