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Members may be interested in a brief indication of developments in prehistoric archaeology in Australia since January 1971. The list, and the bibliography which follows, may not be fully comprehensive; I apologise for any omissions or errors, which will be corrected in later issues. Some current work and recent discoveries have not been listed as published reports are as yet unavailable.

However, it is hoped that the list as it stands may be of some value as a guide to current literature and research. Its size reflects the increasing tempo of prehistoric studies in Australia, while the entries themselves give clues to changing approaches and evidence. We now have further documentation of the Aboriginal culture of the Pleistocene and its human populations, while in research greater concern is given to ecological questions, to past environments, and the adaptation of human culture to these. The main concerns of Australian prehistory of the 'sixties in establishing the antiquity of human occupation on the continent, and the chronology and sequence of certain artefact assemblages, are now yielding place to a greater emphasis on man-land relationships in the past, and on relevant ethnographic studies where these are possible.

Increasing interest in the protection and conservation of sites amongst professional workers, the general public, and governmental bodies, has ensured that these now have stronger legislative protection than in 1971 in most states of the Commonwealth. Another reflection of the same concern was the formation in Perth in August 1973 of an Australian Conservation Association, to promote not only the care of all cultural material but also knowledge of conservation needs and techniques in the field as well as in the laboratory. During 1973 work began on a longterm project under the auspices of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies to record and protect sites of traditional significance and importance to the Aboriginal people. The programme aims to have workers active in all parts of Australia, cooperating closely with Aboriginal communities.
RESEARCH IN PROGRESS OR COMPLETED JANUARY 1971 - JANUARY 1974:

H. Allen
Department of Anthropology, Auckland University, New Zealand. Completed doctoral research on the Willandra Lakes area of western New South Wales, with its important Pleistocene sites, the best known of these being at Lake Mungo.

Mr G.N. Bailey
Faculty of Archaeology and Anthropology, Cambridge University, England. Investigations carried out in 1972 of midden deposits on the North Coast of New South Wales and in the Weipa district, Queensland, as part of a doctoral research programme.

Mr J. Beaton
Department of Prehistory, Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University, Canberra. Reconnaissance of some of the islands of the Great Barrier Reef, Queensland in 1973.

Miss Helen Brayshaw

Miss Sandra Bowdler
Department of Prehistory, Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University, Canberra. Field survey and excavation of sites on the Hunter group of islands in Bass Strait, 1973.

Mrs L. Haglund-Calley

Mr J. Clegg
Department of Anthropology, University of Sydney, Sydney. Studies of Australian rock art.

Mr G.E. Connah
Mr F. Dickson  
University of New South Wales, Kensington, New South Wales. Experiments in stone technology; excavation and survey work at Kurnell, near Sydney.

Mr C.E. Dortch  
The Western Australian Museum, Perth. Reconnaissance and salvage excavations in the Ord River area; excavation of Pleistocene deposits in the Devil's Lair Cave, south western W.A. (with Dr D Merrilees).

Dr Josephine Flood  
Field survey and excavation in the southern Highlands (including excavation of Pleistocene deposits in Clogg's Cave near Buchan, Victoria) as part of a programme of doctoral research.

Dr A. Gallus  
2 Patterson Street, Nunawading, Victoria. Continued excavation work on Pleistocene deposits at Keilor, Victoria.

Professor R. Gould  
University of Hawaii, Honolulu. Ethnographic and archaeological studies in the Western Desert regions.

Mrs Sylvia Hallam  
Department of Anthropology, University of Western Australia, Perth. Excavation and field survey in the Perth district.

Mr P. Hughes  
School of Geography, University of New South Wales, Kensington, N.S.W. Studies of the depositional characteristics of prehistoric occupation sites; the use of silcrete in Aboriginal technologies.

Associate Professor Isabel McBryde  
Department of Classics and Ancient History, University of New England, Armidale. Studies of the petrology of axes and use of quarry sites (with Dr R.A. Binns), field survey and excavation in northern New South Wales including excavations at Moore Creek and Graman, salvage work at Evans Head and Moree.

Mrs Lesley Maynard  
Miss Betty Meehan
Department of Prehistory and Anthropology, School of General Studies, Australian National University, Canberra. Ethnographic work with the Gidjingali of the Blyth River, Arnhem Land. This project (carried out with Dr Jones) aimed at recording the economic life of an Aboriginal group recently returned to their traditional life; the researchers observed the life of the group throughout a whole year.

Mr R.J. Lampert
Department of Prehistory, Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University, Canberra. Reconnaissance and excavation on the south coast of New South Wales continued; excavation on Kangaroo Island, South Australia, in 1971 and 1973, revealed deposits of Pleistocene date.

Mr R. Luebbers
Department of Prehistory, Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University, Canberra. Study of subsistence and settlement patterns in the coastal regions of eastern South Australia. Swamp deposits have revealed wooden and stone artefacts of Pleistocene date.

Mr. D.R. Moore

Mr H. Morphy
Department of Prehistory and Anthropology, School of General Studies, Australian National University, Canberra. Studies of continuity and change in bark paintings during the last century.

Professor D.J. Mulvaney
Department of Prehistory and Anthropology, School of General Studies, Australian National University, Canberra. Direction of investigations (with the Department of Biogeography and Geomorphology) at Lake Mungo, western New South Wales, 1973.

Dr J. O'Connell
Department of Prehistory, Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University, Canberra. Research into the ecology of arid-zone hunter-gatherers in Central Australia, with field investigations at Yuendumu, Docker River, and Macdonald Downs.
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<td>Queensland Museum, Brisbane.</td>
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<td>Dr Andree Rosenfeld</td>
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<td>Mr A.G. Thorne</td>
<td>Department of Prehistory, Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University, Canberra.</td>
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<td>Mr R.S.V. Wright</td>
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