

CAS President's Report 2012

Welcome to the 2012 CAS Annual General Meeting. My apologies for not being able to attend tonight, and many thanks to Helen for presenting this report in my place.

I would like to take this opportunity to briefly summarise the achievements of CAS in 2012. It has been a busy year for our hard working committee.

Perhaps the highlight of the year was participating in the ABC 'Whose been sleeping in my House? Program. Back in May, several CAS Committee members had a once in a lifetime opportunity to excavate a homestead site near Gunning – all while being filmed! I am very much looking forward to seeing their stellar excavating skills on national TV next year. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Committee members Helen and Peter represented CAS at several events this year, including open days at the Ginninderra Blacksmith's Workshop and Duntroon Dairy. These sites reflect the proud and enduring association of CAS with these highly significant ACT Heritage sites.

Field trips this year have included visits to the Tuggeranong Wall, Tuggeranong Grinding Grooves and Percival Hill. CAS members had the opportunity to survey the Tuggeranong Wall and record the present state of the site. Many members of CAS (and their kids) joined in on an exciting and informative visit to the Tuggeranong grinding grooves. Again, we recorded this site and lodged this information with the ACT Heritage Unit. CAS is uniquely placed in the ACT to provide this independent archaeological advice, and educational opportunities to the community. We are looking forward to returning to Percival Hill in 2013 to record another grinding grooves site.

CAS was actively involved in the ACT Heritage Symposium in July. This was the follow up event to the inaugural symposium organised largely by CAS last year, and has once again proved to be an outstanding success. CAS can take great pride in the way our committee members have pushed forward with this event and established it on the calendar of events in Canberra. My sincere congratulations to the hard working committee members who participated on the Symposium committee this year.

The CAS lectures have continued monthly, and once again been a resounding success. I thank everyone for your interest, support and the rigorous debates that we get to share each month. Many, many thanks to all our speakers for so generously sharing your research, expertise and ideas with CAS. We all leave informed, inspired and entertained.

Thank you to everyone for being here tonight, and my very best wishes to the 2013 Committee. I thank you for the opportunity to be President in 2012. Many thanks to the 2012 Committee for your hard work, dedication, support and friendship. I look forward to seeing you all again next year.

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