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## **CANBERRA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

**24 April 2019, Meeting**

**Visions Theatre, National Museum of Australia**

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. Introduction**

- **Welcome:** Meeting opened 5:30 pm
- **Present:** Duncan Wright, Meg Walker, Glenn van der Kolk, Bella Shaw, Iona Claringbold, Pamela Ricardi, Richard Morrison, Joel Mason, Angus Harden and Chris Kenna.
- **Apologies:** Iain Johnston, Oliver Macgregor, Guillaume Molle and Eboni Westbury.
- **Previous Minutes:** Minutes of previous committee meeting on 28 February 2019 submitted as being accurate: proposed by Duncan Wright, seconded by all – carried.

#### **2. Treasurer's Report:**

- Bank balances:  
Cheque account: \$9,744  
Term deposit: \$11,697
- Payment approvals sought:  
\$97.98 reimbursement to Meg Walker being for payment made by her on behalf of CAS for printed CAS promotional material. Outcome: seconded by Duncan Wright – approval given.
- Notes
  - Membership payment facility has been enabled through the CAS website which uses the Stripe payment system. This process has an administrative cost associated per transaction, which is not factored into the CAS membership prices. This may need to be addressed before next year's membership renewals as CAS is not earning as much income from membership renewals made through this system.
  - CAS Public Liability Insurance certificate has been issued and a copy of the certificate was placed in the CAS drop box under Important Documents tab.
  - CAS Charity Annual Information Statement has been submitted.

#### **3. Update on events:**

- Canberra and Region Heritage Festival (13 April – 4 May 2019). Richard Morrison provided an update on the 'Contemporary Archaeology' Symposium to be held on 4 May 2019 at the Visions Theatre, National Museum of Australia. The program has been

finalised and 5 speakers have been confirmed including Michael Pearson, Richard Wright, Alice Gorman, Dave Johnston and Iain Johnston. He also summarised the possible costs of the event, including costs of wine for the speakers and the Welcome to Country component - the only probable costs foreseen at this stage.

- **ACTION:** Richard Morrison to email the program to Meg Walker (and Pamela Ricardi too please).
  - Duncan Wright discussed the Blue Mountains archaeology project. The consultation event that was held for the Aboriginal community was successful and preparation for this project (e.g. AHIP permit) is still progressing.
  - National Archaeology Week (9-15 May 2019).
    - Victoria Pearce's conservation talk, and
    - Heritage walk proposed by Mary Hutchinson. Both events are going ahead.
  - Archaeology (Mulvaney) Games organised by ABACUS. This event will occur on 4 October 2019. Permission has been granted by the Mulvaney family for the use of the Mulvaney name for the event. Permissions for the use of venues are currently being sought. The ANU bar is a possible venue for the trivia night. The budget still needs to be prepared and funding for the event to be sought (including possible donations from consulting archaeology companies). Judges for the event also still need to be appointed. A number of games have already been developed. For more information please see Iona Claringbold.
  - School history students event – either a heritage talk or walk in Weetangera.
    - **ACTION:** Chris Kenna will inquire on whether there is still interest for either of these possible events.
  - Public lectures: Duncan Wright asked the committee to think about whether it is worth keeping future lectures at the current venue, the Visions Theatre (following renovation works) or to have all future lectures at the ANU. Meg Walker suggested we wait to see what the next few lectures at the ANU were like before making a decision.
  - Richard Morrison mentioned a potential project at 'Richlands', a rural property in Taralga. It would involve a survey (and possible later excavation if possible under NSW legislation) of a homestead, outbuildings and underground silos. This is an item for the consideration of the committee (preliminary proposal in Attachment 1 and report on the property prepared by Michael Pearson [1997] in Attachment 2).
- 4. Membership update:** Eboni Westbury's main comment on memberships has already been addressed re: the Stripe payments. As for updates, we are gaining on average approx. 1 member per week. Eboni thinks that the advertisements through ABACUS are alerting more students to CAS, and the social media accounts are drawing other members of the community in.

**5. Careers Workshop:** There is the potential for this to be combined with the Archaeology Games event.

- **ACTION:** Duncan Wright and Joel Masson will meet to discuss this possibility further.

**6. Life Member Certificates and recognition of those certificates:** This item was not raised due to limited time this meeting. Item to be carried over at next meeting.

**7. Student Prize/Grant:** Due to no application(s) from students at this stage, the committee decided to roll over the funds and decide on awarding the prize/s once students approach CAS outside the application period.

**Meeting Closed:** 5:55 pm.