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THE AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF CONSULTING ARCHAEOLOGISTS

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AACA, the Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists, but better known to some of our colleagues with tenured jobs as the Australian Association of Commercial Archaeologists, not only exists, but is well into action.

My purpose in writing this note is twofold. In case there are any readers of AA who did not know about the Association, I am outlining our aims and functions. Since it is more likely however that these are already known to most of you, I am placing more stress on our categories of membership, as many members of AAA, even those employed fulltime elsewhere, may wish to join.

AIMS AND FUNCTIONS

AACA exists primarily as an association for people who wish to work as professional consultants or contract archaeologists in all fields of such work. Because of this our aims are directed both towards the discipline of archaeology and towards the welfare of our members. The association, functioning as a body affiliated with AAA, has a code of ethics covering the behaviour of its members towards archaeological resources, the profession and clients.

As a professional association we are attempting to arrange practical help for our members in such matters as technical and professional advice, internal indemnity for contracts, and group insurance schemes etc.

The organisation is a national one. At present the NSW-ACT and Victorian groups have sufficient members to organise local 'chapters', and it is likely that other such groups will later be formed. We have agreed that the national body should be organised by an executive coming from one such group, to facilitate meetings and general organisation. At present the NSW-ACT group forms this executive committee.

CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

As a professional organisation we are inviting people to apply for membership in one of four classes. Membership is decided by an elected committee of 10 people qualified to carry out this assessment, several of whom come from outside the Association.

Members

Qualified people who wish to work fulltime as consultants and who wish to be included in a published register of 'professional archaeologists available for consulting work'.

Associates

Less qualified people who wish to be listed as available to assist in consulting work, and thus build up experience towards full membership.

Affiliates

People qualified to be members but who for various reasons may not wish to be included on the register, but who may wish to carry out specialist tasks or to occasionally work as consultants.

Subscribers

People or organisations wishing to receive information from the Association, but not to participate actively in consulting work.

A newsletter is produced regularly, and those who wish to become subscribers should send \$10 to the Treasurer at the address below.

If you didn't already know about AACA and you would like more information, or if you would like to see our code of ethics, constitution, or the minutes of our activities to date, we can be contacted through

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