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1. January, 1975

At the ANZAAS Congress to be held in Canberra at the end of January we shall hold our first full meeting as an Association, so we hope that as many members as possible will attend. The Association's programme is a varied one, including research papers, a discussion forum on "The State, People and Archaeologists", and social events as well as the business meeting. The business meeting will be on Tuesday 21st at 8.15 p.m.

The ANZAAS archaeology programme is a full one, with sessions on historical archaeology, scientific methods in archaeology, Pleistocene case studies in Australia, and prehistory and ethnography of hunter-gatherers and horticulturalists. We urge members to attend - for enrolment write to the ANZAAS Congress Executive Officer, Australian National University, P.O. Box 4, Canberra, A.C.T. 2601.

A major event will be the Archaeological Association's Forum on "The State, People, and Archaeologists" in which we hope to have full and constructive discussion of the issues of site conservation and protection, legislation on protection, field research and excavation, as these are seen by administrators and state archaeologists, research workers and excavators, and members of the Aboriginal community. Invited speakers will introduce these topics, but there will be ample scope for full discussion from the floor, as the issues are ones vital to all concerned with archaeology in Australia.

2. Membership of the Association

Membership has grown steadily throughout the year since our formation at Perth in August 1973, with close on seventy members at the beginning of October. All parts of Australia are represented, though as yet we do have a weighting to the south, with largest enrolments (70% of members) in New South Wales, the A.C.T. and Western Australia. Over half our membership comes from Universities, (both staff and senior and post-graduate students) with Museum staff forming the next largest group, but we also have growing support outside the professional ranks which we hope will increase further.

To assist members in contacting others with similar interests I append a list of members of the Association.

25th October 1974

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