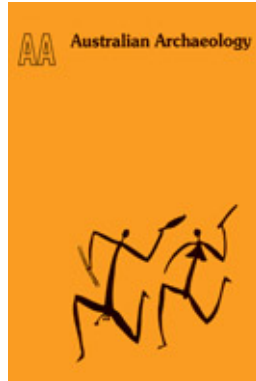


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## EDITORIAL

### Constitution

Members are asked to pay particular attention to the 'Draft Constitution' drawn up by the committee appointed at our last general meeting. The committee points out that their document could be titled, perhaps more correctly, 'Elements of a Constitution', since it seeks only to define the broad interests and organisational outline of our Association. There is a prescribed legal format with which these elements must be made to conform if the Association is to become an incorporated society. Council believes that incorporation is essential, otherwise such individual members as Council or the President may be held legally responsible for Association activities.

Before proceeding to that stage, the Constitution Committee wishes to place its proposals before the members for comment; hence the inclusion of the 'Draft Constitution' in this newsletter. Items 1 to 5 have already been amended according to decisions made, following lengthy discussion, at the AAA General Meeting held on 21st January 1975, during ANZAAS in Canberra. After any further amendments have been made, the Draft Constitution will be submitted to a legal authority to be drawn up properly. Because its content will already have been reviewed by members, the Constitution should then require only formal ratification at a General Meeting. Members are thus asked to send in as soon as possible, but not later than 15th July 1976, any amendments they think are desirable, or other comments they may wish to make. Please reply to the Secretary, Dr I. McBryde, Department of Prehistory and Anthropology, School of General Studies, ANU, Box 4 PO, Canberra ACT 2600.

### Ethics

We look forward to receiving a report from the Ethics Committee for inclusion in our next newsletter (October 1976).

### General Meeting

Council plans to hold our next General Meeting in a field situation in western New South Wales. Workshop sessions, visits to archaeological sites and formal discussion will occupy about three days during the May school holiday period, 1977, in an area chosen for its archaeological interest to both historians and prehistorians. The following sessions are envisaged:-

1. Problems specific to the area, such as excavation of eroded arid land sites. This session will include a visit to relevant sites (Tindale and Tedford's Lake Menindee site has been suggested).

2. Workshop papers on research in progress.
3. The direction and aims of archaeological research in Australia, or, as one Council member put it, 'where the hell is Australian archaeology going?'
4. The role of local societies in Australian archaeology.
5. Two sessions on formal business, including ratification of the Constitution, discussion of the draft Code of Ethics, and election of officers.

#### Anthropological Theses

The journal *Mankind* recently published 'Anthropological Theses in Australia: A First Listing (to 1974)'. It appears as a supplement to the December 1975 issue of *Mankind*, but may be purchased separately at \$1.50 (\$US 2.50) from the *Mankind* Editor (c/- Department of Anthropology, University of Sydney, NSW 2006, Australia). Since it includes all theses presented before 1975 to Anthropology and/or Prehistory departments in Australian universities, the list is a useful reference work. Its compilers hope to update the list about every two years; they will also add to it theses of interest to anthropologists presented to other departments or institutions within Australia and New Zealand.

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