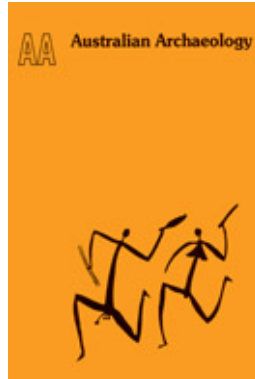


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NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

Unfortunately it has not proved possible to arrange a three-day meeting at a field location for this August/September, the vacation period then being already crowded with conferences and symposia. However, plans are already underway for a full meeting of this kind in August 1978, with Kinchega National Park in western New South Wales as a likely venue. The theme of the meeting will be 'Arid Land Research in Australia'.

In the meantime, it is essential that the Association meet to ratify its proposed constitution and elect a new committee. The last elections of office bearers took place in August 1973. A short business meeting will, therefore, be held during the coming ANZAAS Congress to be held in Melbourne from 29 August to 2 September. Details of time and place will be circulated later.

To facilitate the August meeting, I should be grateful if nominations for office bearers and committee members could be forwarded to me before the end of June. Ballot papers can then be prepared and distributed well before the Melbourne meeting (see *Australian Archaeology*, April 1976). The positions to be filled are:

President

Secretary

Treasurer

Four other members to act as members of council, one of whom shall be the editor of the Newsletter. (Please indicate nominations for editorship.)

Isabel McBryde
Honorary Secretary

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 RESEARCH SCHOOL OF PACIFIC STUDIES, 1976

Introductory

The major themes of departmental research into the prehistory of Australia, New Guinea and the nearer Pacific Islands have been established now for some years. They have been chosen because they are seen as decisive for the personality of the region in prehistory and look to take advantage of the unique opportunities it offers for archaeological research. The region itself forms a distinctive part of a wider Indo-Pacific province, the nature of whose place in the early history of man is only now coming to be appreciated. Initial colonisation, effected over 40,000 years ago by sea from tropical regions north and west and made in