

community, including his mentoring its emerging professionals.” David has long been a supporter and contributor to the AMHA.

### **Archaeological Excavation: Chinese Mining Village, Harrietsville, VIC., 9-28 October 2017**

The following information taken from eBulletin 168-Societies, put out by the Federation of Australian Historical Societies, will undoubtedly be of interest to some of our members:

The public are invited to participate in an archaeological excavation of a Chinese goldrush settlement in northeast Victoria, at Harrietsville in the Ovens Valley, in the foothills of the Australian Alps.

In October 2017, The Uncovered Past Institute, a new not-for-profit organisation established by archaeologists and historians will run a three-week excavation of the site. The institute runs archaeology projects funded by public participation. This will be the first archaeological excavation in Victoria of a Chinese mining settlement. For around thirty years from the late 1850s Harrietsville was home to hundreds of Chinese gold miners. The largely undisturbed site includes mine workings, water races, building foundations, and gardens: a rare survivor of the heyday of Chinese gold mining in Victoria.

The dig is being conducted in collaboration with the Harrietsville Historical Society, and highlights of project participation include:

- Intensive training, and participation in, fieldwork (site excavation, site surveying), and artefact processing (cleaning, recording, identifying and cataloguing).
- A maximum of 4 participants for every supervising archaeologist in our team.
- Guided history and heritage tours of the Upper Ovens Valley, focusing on mining history and the Chinese pioneers of the Valley.
- Daily & evening workshops and lectures.
- Working alongside some of the most

experienced archaeologists & historians of Chinese heritage, and mining heritage, in Australia.

- Learning how to identify Chinese artefacts such as ceramics, coins, bottles, foodstuffs and beverages, medicines & opium-smoking paraphernalia.
- Being a part of archaeological discovery in one of the key areas of 19th century Chinese mining history in Australia.

For more information, visit:

[www.uncoveredpast.org.au/harrietsville-chinese-mining-village/](http://www.uncoveredpast.org.au/harrietsville-chinese-mining-village/)

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 2017 AGM of the Association will take place at the Traralgon Tennis Centre, Cnr Franklin and Davidson Streets, Maryborough at **9.00-10.30am on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**. The Agenda items are as follows.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Cobar AGM, 20 October 2016.
2. President's Report.
3. Consideration of Treasurer's Report from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 to 30 June 2017.
4. Consideration of Auditor's Report.
5. Motions and Changes to the Constitution.
6. Matters Arising from meeting of the Advisory Committee.
7. Election or Confirmation, or Appointment of Officers.
8. Setting of Subscription Fees for 2018.
9. Report by Journal Editor.
10. Determination of Editor's payment for services.
11. Webmasters Report.
12. Future Conferences:
  - a) Progress report on 2018 AMHA Conference, Cromwell, New Zealand.
  - b) Nominations for 2019 and 2020 Conferences.
13. General Business.

### **Current Officers and Committee members:**

President: Dr Ken McQueen

Vice-President: Dr Nic Haygarth

Sec/Treasurer: Mel Davies OAM

ACT Aert Driessen, Barry McGowan.

SA Peter Bell, Brian Hill, Ross Both.

NSW Adrian Hutton and Greg Knapman.  
NT David Carment and Bev Phelts  
QLD Ruth Kerr and Jan Wegner.  
VIC Nick Williams and Mike Williams.  
TAS Chris Boron and Greg Dickens.  
WA Wendy Carter and Howard Tew.  
NZ Lloyd Carpenter and Philip Hart.

Journal editor: Mel Davies

Assistant Journal Editor: Nick Williams.

Webmaster: Stephen Imrie.

## **TRARALGON CONFERENCE – BUSINESS SESSIONS**

### **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

8.00am onwards, Registration

8.50 - 9.00 General announcements,  
David Kippen.

9.00 - 9.10 Welcome by Ken McQueen,  
President of the AMHA.

9.10- 9.20 Welcome from Federation  
University, Professor Leigh Sullivan,  
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research).

9.20- 10.30 – Prof Geoffrey Blainey:

**Keynote address – *Mulling over our Past***  
11.00-11.30 – Geoff Anderson: *Deep  
Quartz Reef Mining in the Gippsland  
Mountains in the C19th.*

11.30-12.00 – Matthew Churchward:  
*“Everything in Good Repair and Equal to  
Requirements”*. *The Engineering Behind  
Australia’s Greatest Quartz Mine*

12.00 - 12.30 Jim Enever: *A Story of  
Cement. The Tangil Gold Field.*

1.30 - 2.00 Gael Shannon: *Repurposing a  
Mining Ground.*

Lloyd Carpenter: *From Goldfields Ruin to  
Pop-Culture Icon: The Cardrona.*

2.30 - 3.00 Nic Haygarth: *The Saga of  
Jewelled Nights, or Gender Identity on  
the Tasmanian Osmiridium Fields.*

3.30 - 4.00 Anne Both: *Slavery’s  
Contribution to Mining: British Company  
Mining in the C19th.*

4.00 - 4.30 Leigh McKinnon: *Protesting  
Protection: Criticism of and Resistance to  
the Chinese Protectorate System on the  
Victorian Goldfields.*

.30 - 5.00 Robin McLachlan: *“Missed  
Too Many Boats”*. *Australian and New  
Zealand Klondike Stampeders Who  
Stayed On.*

### **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

9.00 - 9.30am Erik Eklund: *Gold and the  
Rise of Industrial Mining: International  
and Regional Case Studies.*

9.30 - 10.00 Duncan Money: *‘A Second  
Arizona’: American Mining Engineers  
and the Development of the Copper Belt,  
1926-39.*

10.00 - 10.30 Benjamin Mountford: *The  
Pacific Gold Rushes and the Struggle for  
Order.*

11.00 - 11.30 Peta Belic: *Mining History  
Congestion: Australian Mining History  
Being Compressed Between a Mountain,  
the Sea and a Neoliberal Reality.*

12.00 - 12.30 Lynnette Peterson: *‘There is  
Nothing New’: Mining and the  
Environment.*

1.30 - 2.00 Peter McCarthy:  
*Rediscovering Walhalla 1984-1987.*

2.00 - 2.30 Alissa Flatley and Ian D  
Rutherford: *History of River Diversion  
Designs within Australian Mining.*

2.30 - 3.00 John Warner: *Gippsland  
Mining Man.*

3.50 - 4.30 Gilbert Ralph: *An Illustrated  
History of Western Mining Corporation  
(WMC).*

#### **Poster Presentations:**

Chris Boron: *Whale Strandings and  
Seismic Surveys in Tasmanian waters – Is  
There a Correlation?*

Ross Both: *The Silver-Lead Mines of Glen  
Osmond, South Australia: Take Your  
Pick.*

David Kippen: *The Lady of the Swamp:  
From a Fortune in the Mountains to  
Poverty Near the Sea.*

Elizabeth McQueen: *The Horrific Results  
of Accidental Explosions at the Long  
Tunnel and Long Tunnel Extended  
Goldmines, Walhalla, Victoria.*

### **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

Evening Free, or **Public Lecture**, 7.30 –  
9.00pm, Traralgon Tennis Club.

Lt Colonel Bernard Mulholland, *‘General  
Sir John Monash, Engineer, Soldier and  
Nation Builder’*. MC Ken McQueen.

### **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

9.00 – 9.30 Paul Macgregor, Diann Talbot  
and Andrew Swift: *Chinese Gold Mining*

*in Northeast Victoria – a C19th Success Story.*

9.30 – 10.00 James Lerk: *On the Tail End – Chinese Mine Tailings on the Bendigo Goldfield.*

10.00 – 10.30 Barry McGowan: *Economics, Organization and Society: Chinese Mining Communities on the Braidwood, Kiandra and Adelong Goldfields of Southern NSW.*

11.00 - 11.30 Louise Blake: *Tribute Mining and Family Life on the Upper Goulburn Goldfields, 1870-1880.*

11.30 – 12.00 Lloyd Carpenter: *Living in a Tiny Stone Box: Myths and Miners' Houses.*

12.00 – 12.30 Ross Both: *'It's Lovely Down the Pit My Lad': Songs and Poems from Australian Coalfields.*

1.30 - 2.00 Roger Kellaway: *Alfred Selwyn and the Mersey Coalfield 1851-1855.*

2.00 - 2.30 David Kippen: *Mining Sub-Basaltic Brown Coal Around Thorpdale: 1880s to 1960s.*

2.30 - 3.00 Barry Sykes: *Briquettes: An Overview.*

There will also, of course be the usual full programme of social events. The details can be found on our AMHA webpage.

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