

# Applied Heritage Management Field School

## *Heritage and Ecology of South Western Australia*

19 January – 14 February 2009

This 27-day field school is delivered by Traditional Owners and specialists from across Australia and overseas. It is part of a six-month research and management project, which aims to develop a best-practice model for sustainable ventures in heritage and land management.

The course is part of an archaeology unit delivered by the University of Notre Dame Australia and it includes participation in an archaeological research programme coordinated by the University of Western Australia.

The field trip is designed to develop solid skills in archaeological methods, with associated outcomes in two-way exchange, cultural awareness and on-ground conservation.



### Benefits

- Gain a real **cultural experience** within a unique ecological landscape.
- Learn **practical skills** in archaeology and geography.
- Contribute to on-ground **conservation outcomes**.
- Explore the spectacular Recherche Archipelago on a week-long **eco-voyage**, on board the STS Leeuwin.

## Overview

During the first session, students will experience a guided tour of the culture and lifeways of the Bibbulmun People as the group travels to unique heritage places and landscapes. At the same time, specialists from the field of maritime archaeology, historical archaeology and Australian Indigenous archaeology will coordinate practical field survey projects, site recording, and excavations at a large, multi-component archaeological site along the Warren River (see

<http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/hotproperty/property/national-parks/warren-national-park.html>).

Daily training workshops and lectures will complement the practical activities. The programme also includes field trips to the local cultural centre and nearby limestone rock shelters that provide evidence of some of the earliest known occupation sites in Australia.



For the second session, the team travels to Walpole, Western Australia, to participate in a survey and archaeological excavation project within the Walpole Wilderness area (see <http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/parks-and-recreation/key-attractions/walpole-wilderness-area.html>). The group will stay in fully-equipped cabins deep within the forest, and participate in an archaeological research programme coordinated by the University of



Western Australia. This programme, titled *Aboriginal Landscape Transformations in South-western Australia*, will examine archaeological, ethnographic, historic and palaeo-environmental evidence for Indigenous land and resource management. It will ask how Indigenous people managed south-western Australian environments and whether past management techniques are applicable to today's environments. The team will carry out archaeological test excavations at selected sites.

During the third session, the group spends a day in Esperance with a Welcome to Country and cultural awareness/experience workshop with the Esperance Traditional Owners. The team then boards the *STS Leeuwin* for a six-day voyage of the Recherche Archipelago (see <http://www.about-australia.com/travel-guides/western-australia/australias-golden-outback/attractions/natural/archipelago-of-the-recherche/>). These islands were inhabited during the last Ice Age, when they were still connected to the continental mainland. With rising sea levels, drifting sands swept across the hundreds of granite domes and outcrops that characterise the Archipelago today, preceding the great flood that inundated the area and created the present day coastline and spectacular Bay of Isles. The team will research and survey ten accessible islands in a systematic manner and document the archaeological and historical heritage, as well as the associated biodiversity values. The final project report will include archival research, field data and oral histories to deliver a public report and video that will share and celebrate the heritage of this unique environment.

The programme will involve specialists from Notre Dame University, the University of Western Australia, the Western Australian Maritime Museum, the Department of Environment and Conservation, the Department of Indigenous Affairs, the Western Australian Museum, Traditional Owners and professional archaeologists. Students will obtain a real cultural experience, within a unique ecological landscape, and learn practical skills in archaeology and geography.

## Itinerary (subject to change)

Day	Date	Topic	Location	Agenda
1	Monday 19 Jan	Introductions, course arrangements and expectations. Regional setting, geology and geomorphology.	Fremantle	Coordinated by Dr. Shane Burke and David Guilfoyle.
2	Tuesday 20 Jan	Ecological setting and social environment.	Fremantle	Workshops and lectures.
3	Wednesday 21 Jan	Review of explorers' journals, historical data, scientific writing	Fremantle	Tour of Maritime Museum
4	Thursday 22 Jan	Bus to Manjimup	Fremantle	Travel to Kin Kin Retreat – settle in.
5	Friday 23 Jan	Lifeways and traditions of the Bibbulmun People.	Kin Kin Retreat, Manjimup	Includes Welcome to Country, presentations, guided works and artefact display, and afternoon visit to the Wardan Cultural Centre. Build a <i>mia mia</i> at Kin Kin session. Visit and hike to local archaeological complexes.
6	Saturday 24 Jan	Lectures – Introduction to the south west and south coast's archaeology. Lecture - European history of the region. Field trip.	Various Places	Includes presentations, hands-on displays, visit to nearby archaeological site for instruction, afternoon tour of several major heritage places in the SouthWest.
7	Sunday 25 Jan	Practical: Surveying, Mapping, and Recording Archaeological Sites	Kin Kin	Practical: Hands-on training in methods of archaeological assessment and excavation, working on a large archaeological site and historic homestead.
8	Monday 26 Jan	Practical: Surveying, Mapping, and Recording Archaeological Sites	Kin Kin Retreat	Practical
9	Tuesday 27 Jan	Practical: Surveying, Mapping, and Recording Archaeological Sites	Kin Kin Retreat	Practical
10	Wednesday 28 Jan	Practical: Surveying, Mapping, and Recording Archaeological Sites	Kin Kin Retreat	Practical
11	Thursday 29 Jan	Practical: Surveying, Mapping, and Recording Archaeological Sites	Kin Kin	Practical
12	Friday 30 Jan	Practical: Surveying, Mapping, and Recording Archaeological Sites	Kin Kin	Practical
13	Saturday 31 Jan	Pack up and review. Travel to Walpole.	Kin Kin	Review
14	Sunday 1 Feb	Recreation day	Walpole (Che Sara Chalets)	Free time. Rest and recovery. Hiking, fishing, and canoeing.
15	Monday 2 Feb	Practical: Surveying, Mapping, and Recording Archaeological Sites	Walpole Wilderness	Archaeological survey and excavation within the Walpole Wilderness. Coordinated by Dr. Joe Dortch and David Guilfoyle.
16	Tuesday 3 Feb	Practical: Surveying, Mapping, and Recording Archaeological Sites	Walpole Wilderness	Archaeological survey and excavation within the Walpole Wilderness.
17	Wednesday 4 Feb	Practical: Surveying, Mapping, and Recording Archaeological Sites	Walpole Wilderness	Archaeological survey and excavation within the Walpole Wilderness
18	Thursday 5 Feb	Pack up and travel to Esperance.	Travel	Travel – Walpole – Albany - Esperance
19	Friday 6 Feb	Arrive Esperance.	Esperance	Welcome to Country and Cultural Awareness with Esperance Traditional Owners. Lecture on the history, ecology and archaeology of the Islands. Field visits and Lecture on the history, ecology and archaeology of the Islands.
20	Saturday 7 Feb	Board the Leeuwin. Sailing workshops. Set sail for Middle Island.	Esperance	Practical sailing workshops.
21	Sunday 8 Feb	Survey of Middle Island.	Recherche	Practical survey; The team will conduct regional archaeological assessments on specific islands to explore the natural and cultural dynamics of the islands and the mainland
22	Monday 9 Feb	Survey of Eastern Islands	Recherche	Practical survey and evening lectures
23	Tuesday 10 Feb	Survey of Eastern Islands	Recherche	Practical survey and evening lectures
24	Wednesday 11 Feb	Survey of Eastern Islands	Recherche	Practical survey
25	Thursday 12 Feb	Survey of Eastern Islands	Recherche	Practical survey
26	Friday 13 Feb	Sail and return to Esperance.	Esperance	Review and free time
27	Saturday 14 Feb	Travel to Perth	Perth	Travel

### There are two options for registration:

- 1). Enrol in the entire 27-day course (costing \$3,500 AUD); or
- 2). Enrol in the 7-day Recherche Archipelago and Esperance trip (costing \$1,500 AUD).

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## Booking Form – Individual

Name ..... Gender .....

Address .....

Date of birth .....

Phone .....

E-mail .....

Special health/ dietary needs.....

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Other requirements .....

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### Payment (Ref. 00180)

**Deposit (\$100 AUD, including GST)**

*(Includes course outline. Deposits are required at time of booking and are non-refundable).*

**Option 1: Full 27-day course (\$3500 AUD, including GST) \***

**Option 2: 7-day Recherche Archipelago trip only (\$1500 AUD, including GST) \***

*I have already paid a deposit; please deduct \$100 AUD (including GST) from the total payable.*

*\* Includes course handbook, all instruction, travel, food, accommodation and transport from/to Perth, Western Australia.*

### Payment options

Please charge \$..... to  Mastercard  Visa

Card number:

Exp:   /   Security code (Last 3 or 4 digits on back of card)

Name on card .....

Signature .....

*Please return your completed registration form to the National Trust of Australia (WA).*

*If you cannot pay by credit card, please contact us for additional payment options.*



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