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Perth to Host International Congress on Underwater Archaeology in 2016

Perth has been selected as the host city for the International Congress for Underwater Archaeology in 2016 (IKUWA 6). This conference, the sixth Congress for Under-water Archaeology, will have the theme of 'Sharing Heritage in Maritime Archaeology' in 2016.

It will be the first time that the International Congress for Underwater Archaeology will be held outside of Europe. The conference venue will be the Perth Convention Centre, and a welcome reception will be held at the Western Australian Maritime Museum, Victoria Quay. The Premier of Western Australia and the Lord Mayor of Perth will officially welcome delegates.



The Western Australian Maritime Museum, Victoria Quay, Fremantle. Source: AMSA

The Congress is scheduled for three days in late November 2016, and will include sessions on shipwrecks, maritime-related rock art, shipwreck survivor camps, submerged cultural landscapes and prehistoric sites, and seascapes. The year 2016 has a special significance as the 400th anniversary of VOC skipper Dirk Hartog's landing on the west coast of Australia, the Congress will allow a celebration of the

joint maritime heritage of Australia and the Netherlands. In the 1970s these two nations led the world in establishing a bilateral agreement to protect their shared underwater cultural heritage. The year 2016 also marks the bicentennial of the sinking of the Portuguese-China trader *Correio d'Azia* on 26 November 1816. IKUWA 6 is tentatively scheduled in the week of the bicentenary of the sinking of the *Correio d'Azia*.

The Australian Association for Maritime History congratulates the team behind the successful bid: Wendy van Duivenvoorde, Michael Gregg, Jennifer Rodrigues, Andrew Viduka and Arianna Traviglia.

HMB *Endeavour* Welcomed to Western Australia

The replica HMB *Endeavour* has reached Western Australia during the course of the 2011-12 circumnavigation of Australia. After departing Darwin on 14 August 2011, *Endeavour* visited Exmouth and Geraldton, where the ship was open to the public between 30 September to 4 October. The historic replica arrived at Fremantle on 12 October 2011 to a warm reception at Victoria Quay.



Endeavour welcomed at Victoria Quay, 12 October 2011. Source: ABC

public at Bunbury 9-13 November, before returning to Fremantle for the ISAF World Sailing Championships in December. The last West Australian port of call

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The Australian Museum in Sydney has put on display a samurai sword given to a NSW scientist in 1911 by Lieutenant Nobu Shirase, commander of the first Imperial Japanese Antarctic Expedition. The expedition, which left Japan to compete with the Amundsen and Scott expeditions in the race to the South Pole, visited Sydney en route to the Antarctic. The sword has recently returned from a loan to the Shirase Antarctic Expedition Memorial Museum in Japan. In return, the Shirase Museum has sent a collection of photographs that show crew members meeting Sydney locals during their stay at Parsley Bay, Sydney, between May and November 2011.

HMAS *Australia* Shipwreck Report Now Online

A report on a photographic survey of the wreck of HMAS *Australia*, Australia's only Battlecruiser, is now available online. Scuttled on 12 April 1924, the former flagship of the Royal Australian Navy was discovered in 1990 in 400 metres of water around 50km east of Sydney Heads. The report presents the history of the vessel, the reasons for its sinking as part of the terms of the Washington Naval Treaty, and the results of the survey and analysis of the wreck. To view the report visit:

http://maritime.heritage.nsw.gov.au/documents/HMAS_Australia_Part1.pdf

Governor-General Unveils Plaque to Historic Sub *AE1*

The Governor-General of Australia, Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC, unveiled a plaque to commemorate the Australian WW1 submarine *AE1* at the Heritage Precinct of Sydney's Garden Island on 14 September 2011. The event marked the anniversary of the loss of *AE1* in 1914, when the submarine was lost after leaving Rabaul Harbour in German New Guinea with orders to patrol east of Cape Gazelle. A total of 35 crew perished in the *AE1*, which has never been located. The unveiling of the plaque was also attended by the Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Ray Griggs AM, CSC, RAN.



Built by Vickers-Armstrong in England and launched in May 1913, *AE1* was the first submarine to serve in the Royal Australian Navy. Along with her sister ship *AE2*, *AE1* was manned by Royal Navy officers and a mixture of British and Australian crewman. Both submarines arrived at Sydney in May 1914, and were sent with the Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force to seize and destroy German wireless installations in New Guinea and the South-West Pacific. The disappearance of *AE1* was the first significant loss that Australia suffered during the First World War.

Historic QLD Shipwreck to Remain Undisturbed

A 130-year old shipwreck, found in January 2011 at Ramsay Bay, near Caldwell, south of Cairns in far north of Queensland, will remain undisturbed following a recent decision by the QLD Government. The wreck, now confirmed to be the *Belle*, was uncovered after Cyclone Yasi shifted hundreds of tonnes of sand off the beach. The wreck is around 30m long and partly exposed. The *Belle* was lost in 1880 when it attempted to enter Ramsay Bay on Hinchinbrook Island to recover a cargo of cedar from another wreck. There was no loss of life in the sinking. The QLD Environment Minister has declared that the wreck will remain as it was found as an undisturbed record for posterity.

National Library of Australia Acquires Rare *Batavia* Book

The National Library of Australia has recently acquired a rare 1649 edition of an early Dutch account of the 1628 *Batavia* shipwreck and mutiny. The acquisition of book, which translates as *The doomed voyage of the Batavia*, is believed to be the only copy of this particular edition in an Australian Library collection. It completes the National Library's holdings of all six early editions of the volume. Built in Amsterdam in 1622, the VOC vessel was wrecked at the Houtman Abrolhos Islands en route to Batavia. Of the 322 passengers and crew, 40 died in the wreck and a further 100 perished in the mutiny which took place amongst the

Frank Broeze Memorial Book Prize and Vaughan Evans Memorial Lecture

The Australian Association for Maritime History, in conjunction with the Australian National Maritime Museum and the Western Australian Museum's *Batavia* lecture series, is holding the 2011 Vaughan Evans Memorial Lecture and the 2011 Frank Broeze Memorial Book Prize at the Western Australian Maritime Museum, Victoria Quay, on the evening of 9 December 2011.

The event is open to the public. An entrance fee of \$12.00 is payable.

Vaughan Evans OAM (1924-1993) was a founding mem-



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North-West Shipping Theatre,
Western Australian Maritime Museum,
Victoria Quay, Fremantle.

6:00pm, 9 December 2011.

Entry: \$12.00

ber of AAMH, an early adviser to ANMM and donated his extensive personal maritime library to become the core of our public research facility the Vaughan Evans Library (named after him in 1991). This year Professor Iain McCalman (UNSW) will deliver the memorial lecture, 'Lost in the labyrinth: Re-enacting and rethinking James Cook's En-

deavour voyage through the Great Barrier Reef'. The Frank Broeze Memorial Maritime History Prize for 2011 will be awarded to a book treating any aspect of maritime history relating to or impacting on Australia, written or co-authored by an Australian citizen or permanent resident. The biennial prize is named in honour of the late Frank Broeze (1945-2001) Professor of History at the University of Western Australia, a founding member of the AAMH, the inaugural editor of *The Great Circle*, and the author of numerous books and articles on Australian Maritime History.

From the Editor: Report of a Visit to the Island Institute, Rockland, Maine, USA

In October 2011 I travelled to Rockland, Maine, to participate in the conference *Final Frontiers: Exploring Oceans, Islands, and Coastal Environments*. The conference was supported by the Rachel Carson Centre for Environment and Society, Munich, Germany. Participants were drawn from North America, Europe, and Australia. The conference themes were: *Beyond the Atlantic World: Perspectives from Other Oceans; Reimagining Oceans: Marine Arts and Literatures; Historicizing Seas and Marine Life; Oceanic Epistemologies: Science and Local Knowledges; Waterlands: Islands,*



Participants at the conference enjoyed a tour of a 'working waterfront' fish processing facility.

Coasts, and Estuaries; Finding a Place for Oceans: Geographies of Seas, Shores, and Islands. My paper, on the history of the North-West Australian pearl shell fishery, was presented as part of the session on 'Beyond the Atlantic World'. Eminent Australian scholars in attendance at the conference in-

cluded Michael Pearson, author of *The Indian Ocean* (2003), and Paul D'Arcy, author of *The People of the Sea* (2006). The conference was convened by John Gillis, Rutgers University, and Franziska Torma, Rachel Carson Centre. Social highlights included dinners in local restaurants, a public reception at the Island Institute, a Public Session at the Farnsworth Auditorium, Rockland, and a tour of a nearby 'working waterfront' and local fish processing facility. The Island Institute is a non-profit organisation founded in 1968 to serve the interests of the communities that inhabit the islands and coasts of the state of Maine.

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All Contributions Welcome

Australian Association for Maritime History— 2011 AGM

10 December 2011, Shipwreck Gallery, Western Australian Maritime Museum, 11:00am.

The 2011 Annual General Meeting for the Australian Association for Maritime History is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Shipwreck Gallery, Western Australian Maritime Museum, on 10 December 2011 commencing at 11:00am. All members are invited to attend the meeting. Confirmation of the date, time and venue should be obtained beforehand from the Secretary, Joseph Christensen, by emailing J.Christensen@murdoch.edu.au or by telephone (08) 9360 6659. The AGM will be held on the day following the award of the Frank Broeze Memorial Prize and the Vaughan Evans Memorial Lecture, which will be held at the Western Australian Maritime Museum, Victoria Quay, on 9 December 2011 commencing at 5:00pm (cost: \$12.00).

International Conferences. Call for Papers: History of Fish&Fishing and History of the Indian Ocean World

Oceans Past IV: Multi-disciplinary Perspectives on the History and Future of Marine Animal Populations

The University of Notre Dame, Fremantle, 7-9 November 2012.

Visit the website:

<http://www.hmapcoml.org/oceanspast/>

The objective of the international and interdisciplinary History of Marine Animal Populations (HMAP) initiative has been to assess and explain the diversity, distribution and abundance of marine life in the world's seas over time. As the historical component of the Census of Marine Life (CoML), HMAP's achievements have contributed major advances to our knowledge of the interactions between humankind and marine environments, and in the methodologies available for studying changes in marine populations, since the earliest times. This conference, the first in the Oceans Past series to be held in the Southern Hemisphere, will showcase the latest global research in marine environmental history and historical marine ecology in a location accessible to people from across the Indo-Pacific region.

Dimensions of the Indian Ocean World Past: Sources and Opportunities for Inter-disciplinary Work in Indian Ocean World History

Western Australian Maritime Museum, 12-14 November 2012.

Visit the website:

http://www.arc.murdoch.edu.au/research/iow_conf.html

This conference provides a forum for a rare interdisciplinary discussion between archaeologists, historians, ethnographers and geographers about the materials, problems and opportunities for interdisciplinary work on the Indian Ocean World (IOW) from the 9TH—19TH centuries. Stretching from the coast of East Africa to the China Seas, the IOW had by the 13th century developed what economic historians have called the world's 'First Global Economy', shaped by the distinct winds of the monsoons- a sophisticated durable system of long distance exchange of commodities, ideas, technology and people. The papers and interdisciplinary discussions will focus upon three main research thrusts: archeological, economic and environmental. Participants will explore the emergence of aspects of the IOW economy from archeological and historical records.