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The Australian Anthropological Society was formed in 1973 to "promote the advancement of anthropology as a professional discipline". Its membership of approximately 300 includes most practising anthropologists in Australia, with some membership in overseas areas such as New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, and Fiji. It also includes a broad representation of people working in related fields.

The A.A.S. Newsletter is published each March, June, September and December. It provides a forum for the discussion of current matters relevant to anthropology and anthropologists. Contributions from all quarters are welcome. Such submissions should not normally exceed 3000 words.

The Newsletter also publishes contents of current Anthropological journals, notices of other new publications, conference notices, notices of positions vacant or sought and a co-operation column. The last mentioned publishes notices of information, materials or equipment sought or offered, free for members.

Membership of A.A.S. currently is \$A5 per annum for students, \$A10 for others. It is open to anyone who is prepared to contribute to the objectives of the Society. Application forms are available from the Secretary:

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November 30th

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AUSTRALIAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Normally renewed annually at the A.A.S. Conference held in August. The membership dues of those who do not attend the Conference are also due in August each year. Accordingly, this is the first call for payment of membership dues for 1983-1984.

1983-1984 Australian Anthropological Society Membership
\$10.00 (student, unemployed \$5.00) -----

AUSTRALIAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE 1983

Conference Fee (\$12.00; student, unemployed \$6.00) -----

Accommodation for Conference:

Bed and Breakfast (single room at Austral Hotel)

\$16.00/night. Number of nights ____ x \$16.00 -----

Bed and Breakfast (twin share room)

\$15.00/person/night. Number of nights ____ x \$15.00 -----

Conference Dinner (7.30pm Wednesday)

'The Abbey' (Wine and Band included) \$20.00/person -----

TOTAL ENCLOSED: -----

Send this form and payment to: Dr. Lee Sackett
Department of Anthropology,
The University of Adelaide,
G.P.O. Box 498,
ADELAIDE, S.A. 5000



THE GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA Aboriginal Land Inquiry

The Government of Western Australia has determined a policy of land rights to Aboriginal people will be implemented. The Aboriginal Land Inquiry is established to examine and recommend to the Government the most appropriate means of fulfilling its commitments.

The Inquiry will be conducted by the Commissioner, Mr Paul Seaman, O.C. A Liaison Committee of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal appointees will assist the Inquiry and provide advice to parties wishing to make submissions.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

- Specifically the Inquiry shall consider the most appropriate form of title over land reserved for the use and benefit of Aborigines or leased for Aboriginal Communities.
- In addition, the Inquiry shall consider the question of what kind of Aboriginal relationships to land should be protected and the ways in which to satisfy the reasonable aspirations of Aboriginal people to rights in relation to land.
- The Inquiry will make recommendations about the terms and conditions upon which such land should be granted and by which body or bodies the titles should be held.
- The Inquiry will consider the extent to which waters adjacent to granted lands should be protected for the use of Aboriginal people.
- The Inquiry will consider the relationship of granted areas to resource development projects and in particular the question of compensation and royalties.
- The Inquiry will review the operation of the Aboriginal Heritage Act in order to make recommendations about the most appropriate way of protecting sites of significance to Aboriginal people.
- The Inquiry is to consider the question of resource exploration and development and to make recommendations on ways of accommodating the legitimate concerns of Aboriginal people about land and the social impact of development.
- In addition, the Inquiry may be asked to report on other matters relating to Aboriginal people and their rights in relation to land as may be referred to it by the Minister.

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

The Commissioner at his discretion may allocate financial assistance to persons wishing to make a submission but because of their socio-economic status are unable to do so. Applications for assistance should be addressed to the Liaison Committee at the office of the Inquiry.

The Committee will be asked to advise the Commission on all applications for financial assistance.

HEARINGS

After the closing date for written submissions, the commission will begin a series of hearings through out the state. Dates and venues will be advertised in due course.

It will not be necessary for persons wishing to submit information at the hearing to give evidence on oath or be subjected to cross examination.

SUBMISSIONS.

The public are invited to make submissions to the Inquiry. Written submissions or registration of intent should be addressed to:

The Secretary,
Aboriginal Land Inquiry,
Willmar House,
600 Murray Street,
WEST PERTH W.AUST. 6005
PHONE (09) 327 8810

Written submissions must be lodged by 4pm on Friday, August 12 1983.

PAUL SEAMAN O.C.
COMMISSIONER

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND

APPOINTMENTS TO FIVE CHAIRS

The University of New England invites applications for the following tenured Chairs:

Classics — vacant following the retirement of Professor J. H. Bishop. The Department offers courses in Latin, classical Greek and ancient history.

Educational Administration — vacant following the appointment of Professor W. G. Walker as Principal of the Australian Administrative Staff College. The Department provides postgraduate programs in administration and teaching in higher education and in the administration of technical education and of schools and school systems.

Music — newly established Chair. The Department provides a comprehensive program, with musicology and ethnomusicology as major components but with emphasis also on composition and performance.

Politics — vacant following the appointment of Professor C. M. Tatz to Macquarie University. The Department's teaching program covers the areas of Australian politics, comparative politics, political theory and public policy.

Sociology — vacant following the appointment of Professor J. S. Nalson as Pro Vice-Chancellor. The Department offers a comprehensive range of courses in sociology including the sociology of agriculture and of developing countries.

Each of the five Departments teaches both internal and external students (the latter being required to attend residential schools). All Departments have active research programs and supervise postgraduate student research.

In each case the appointee will become Head of Department for an initial period of five years.

Full particulars can be obtained from the staff Officer, University of New England, Armidale, New South Wales 2351 (telephone (067) 73 2100), with whom applications, which should include the names and addresses of three referees, close on 30th June, 1983.

Informal enquiries may be directed to the Chairman of the Academic Board, Professor P. J. Drake (telephone (067) 73 2110).

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MONASH UNIVERSITY

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

Monash University is offering up to four Postdoctoral Fellowship positions to commence in 1984 and tenable for up to two years in any department of the University. Fellows will be expected to collaborate in their research with a member of the University staff. Intending applicants should contact the Chairman of the Department in which they wish to work to discuss possible areas of mutual research interest. Applications will be for Research Fellow Grade I (range \$19,335-\$21,553 p.a.) but will also be considered at Research Fellow Grade II level (\$20,430-\$24,467 p.a.) and will be considered in exceptional circumstances. Reference to 1983.

Applications will only be accepted on the official Application Form. This and other details are available from the Registrar, Mr J. D. Butchart, Monash University, Clayton, Victoria 3168.

Applications close Friday, 30 September 1983. 14/83/115

EDITORIAL

Plans for the 1983 A.A.S. Conference here in Adelaide are progressing very well. As is noted on the following page, we have changed the dates of the Conference from those published in Newsletter 18 to 28 August - 1st September which occurs during the Common Week. Much of the present Newsletter is devoted to the Conference. We have been able to construct a Preliminary Programme for the Conference including the sessions proposed by various members of the Society. If anyone wishes to present a paper in any of the sessions, please correspond directly with the convenor(s). Hopefully, the convenors will be able to provide the titles and abstracts of the papers for their sessions to the Secretary by mid-August so that a full programme can be produced for the conference in Newsletter 20.

It would be extremely helpful if all those who will be attending the Conference could fill out the Membership Renewal and Advanced Conference Registration Forms on page 27 and return them to the Treasurer with payment as soon as possible. This would help us in confirming accommodation and other arrangements for the Conference.

The Treasurer informs me that the Society's finances are much healthier now due to many members responding to the notice in Newsletter 18 about lapsed membership. Speaking of finances: If some members are inhibited from attending the A.A.S. Conference because of the costs of travelling to Adelaide, take a look on page 21 where Deane Fergie describes how lots of people from Adelaide travelled to Sydney last year by hiring self-drive mini-buses.

MEMBERS - PLEASE NOTE!

Due to an unfortunate administrative error the published dates for the 1983 AAS Conference did not occur in the Common Week. In response to the requests of many members, we have advanced the conference one week. It will now be held from 28th August to 1st September.

A.A.S. CONFERENCE 28TH AUGUST - 1ST SEPTEMBER 1983

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

AUGUST 28 SUNDAY	Informal dinner for Executive	8pm
AUGUST 29 MONDAY	<u>Morning</u> Session A: Medical Anthropology Session B: Australian Culture and Society	9.00am - 10.30am 11.00am - 12.30am
	<u>Afternoon</u> Session C: Parthenogenesis: Mythic Images of Closed Cycles in Sexual and Social Reproduction Session D: Anthropological Ethics	1.30pm - 3.00pm 3.00pm - 5.00pm
	<u>Evening</u> Reception: Staff Club Guest of Honour: Professor J.A. Barnes	7.00pm
AUGUST 30 TUESDAY	<u>Morning</u> Session E.: Gender Session F.: Anthropology and Aesthetics	9.00am - 10.30am 10.00am - 12.30pm
	<u>Afternoon</u> Session G: Miscellaneous Papers Session H: Anthropology in Australia: Teaching Research and Practice Session I: Aboriginal Communicative Style: Why is it so? Workshop on A.A.S. Proposals on Ethics	1.30pm - 3.00pm 1.30pm - 3.00pm 3.30pm - 5.00pm 5.00pm - 7.00pm
AUGUST 31 WEDNESDAY	<u>Morning</u> Annual General Meeting <u>Afternoon</u> Session J: Economic Anthropology <u>Evening</u> Conference Dinner: The Abbey	9.00am - 12.00pm 1.30pm - 3.00pm 7.30pm

**Department of
Special Minister of State**



**SPECIAL
ADVISERS**

The Department of the Special Minister of State is setting up an Executive Projects Unit in Canberra to support the Minister in his role as Leader of the Government in the House of Representatives.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified people who will be required to undertake research and analysis and to prepare briefs and papers on selected topics. Successful candidates are likely to have had experience in the fields of economics, the humanities or law in government, academic, business or trade union sectors and will be competent collectively to provide advice to the Minister on the full range demands which are made on the Leader of the House.

People who are not permanent officers of the Australian Public Service will be engaged as temporary employees for a fixed term. Remuneration will match applicants' qualifications and experience.

Applications giving full details of qualifications, experience and current employment should be forwarded by 30 June 1983 to the Secretary, Department of the Special Minister of State, West Block, Canberra, A.C.T., 2600.

For further information contact Ms Mary Bennett. Phone (062) 70 2862.

The University of the South Pacific

(Post 83/43)

(LECTURER IN SOCIOLOGY)

Applications are invited for a post of Lecturer in Sociology. Applicants must have a solid background in research and demonstrated ability in teaching at the tertiary level. Applicants with post graduate degrees are especially encouraged. Preference will be given to candidates with specialisation and/or interests in two or more of the following:
Pacific Societies and Cultures; Sociology of Developing Countries; Political Sociology; Political Economy; Family and Kinship; Population Studies; Urbanisation, Rural Development; Race and Ethnic Relations; Social Stratification; Women in Society; Crime and Deviance.
Appointment will be for one year from beginning of 1984. Salary will be in accordance with qualifications and experience in the Lecturer scale: F\$10,892-15,245.
In addition the University provides gratuity amounting to 15% of basic salary, appointment allowance and, subject to the University's current housing policy, partly furnished accommodation at a rental of 12% of salary. The University will pay an allowance in lieu of superannuation of 10% of standard salary. In some cases the allowance may be paid direct to the appointees existing superannuation scheme subject to a decision on acceptability of the scheme by the Commissioner of Inland Revenue. Candidates should send 3 COPIES of their curriculum vitae with full personal particulars, names and addresses of three referees, and state of availability to the Registrar, The University of the South Pacific, P.O. Box 1185, Suva, Fiji to reach him no later than 6 July 1983.

**More Aborigines
are going to jail**

By GUY KER

THE number of Aborigines imprisoned in South Australia has increased significantly over recent years, and is causing concern in the Correctional Services Department and Aboriginal welfare groups.

The annual report on Crime and Justice in the State, released on Thursday by the Attorney-General's Department, showed that by June last year, 14.5 per cent of the jail population in the State was Aboriginal, although the ethnic group comprised only 0.6 per cent of the adult population.

Yesterday, the Deputy Director of the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement, Mr Jim Stanley said the true figure was even worse, because the Attorney-General's report did not take into account people brought into jail for a very short period.

In 1981-82, 27.8 per cent of people who had been put into prison for any length of time in South Australia were Aborigines, a considerable rise over the 1979-80 figure of 22.7 per cent.

DARWIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SCHOOL OF GENERAL STUDIES

The Darwin Community College is a tertiary educational College set up under statute. Within the College, the School of General Studies offers award and bridging courses in a number of areas. Important amongst these are:

Bachelor of Arts, Diploma of Teaching (Certificate of Education (primary), Graduate Diploma in Education (primary) and in Teaching English as a Second Language, Diplomas in Community Health Nursing and in Nursing Unit Management, Associate Diploma in Welfare Work.

Recent expansion of teaching areas has resulted in a number of new positions being offered. These are amongst the positions advertised:

SALARY SCALES

LECTURER GRADE 1	\$22,430-\$25,648
SENIOR LECTURER GRADE 1	\$26,251-\$29,467 p.a.
PRINCIPAL LECTURER	\$30,096-\$32,226; \$32,936-\$35,077 p.a.
PRINCIPAL LECTURER	\$36,665 p.a.

LECTURER GRADE 1 — ANTHROPOLOGY
POSITION No. G55

FIELD OF TEACHING: Social Anthropology generally and preferably with a specialty in one of South East Asia, the Pacific, Australia.

QUALIFICATIONS: An appropriate higher degree or near completion of a higher degree with teaching experience, publications as an advantage.

COMMENCING DATE: See commencing date 1 below.

The College offers a major in Anthropology as part of a Bachelor of Arts Degree.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 1 July 1983.

PRINCIPAL LECTURER IN ANTHROPOLOGY
POSITION No. G537

MAJOR FIELDS: Social Anthropology generally and preferably with a specialty in one of South East Asia, the Pacific, Australia.

QUALIFICATIONS: An appropriate higher degree, substantial teaching experience, research and publications, with recognised professional standing.

COMMENCING DATE: See commencing date 2 below.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 31 August 1983.

LECTURER GRADE 1 IN POLITICAL STUDIES
POSITION No. G558

MAJOR FIELD: South East Asia.

SECOND FIELD: Comparative politics or resource politics or political economy, other fields of research should be stated.

QUALIFICATIONS: An appropriate higher degree with relevant teaching experience and publications.

COMMENCING DATE: See commencing date 2 below.

The College offers a minor sequence in Political Studies scheduled to become a major in 1985, as part of a Bachelor of Arts degree.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 1 July 1983.

SENIOR LECTURER GRADE 1 IN SOCIOLOGY
POSITION No. G559


LECTURER GRADE 1 IN SOCIOLOGY
POSITION No. G54

MAJOR FIELDS: All areas introductory sociology, units are offered in urban sociology, sociology of the family, social change, sociology of organisations and research methods, providing for a sociology major in a Bachelor of Arts degree.

QUALIFICATIONS: An appropriate higher degree with relevant teaching experience and publications.

COMMENCING DATE: See commencing date 2 below.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 31 August 1983.



THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for appointment to the following positions:

**RESEARCH SCHOOL OF PACIFIC STUDIES
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL CHANGE**

**POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW/
RESEARCH FELLOW/
SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW**
(Two positions)

The successful applicants will be at postdoctoral level and should be graduates in political science (or closely related disciplines), preferably with an orientation towards comparative politics, and should have appropriate research experience and linguistic qualifications to carry out research in the department's general fields of interest in socio-political change in Southeast Asia or the Southwest Pacific. One of the appointees will be required to work as a member of the Department's ongoing project on rural social change in Indonesia. A strongly qualified person with broader interests in theoretical and methodological aspects of change in Asia or the Pacific would also be considered.

CLOSING DATE: 19 AUGUST 1983

DEVELOPMENT STUDIES CENTRE

**POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW/
RESEARCH FELLOW/
SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW**

Applicants should be interested in undertaking applied research and teaching (at postgraduate level) in the field of the economics of development. Candidates should have a PhD, or its equivalent in publications and research, teaching or policy related experience in the development field. They would be expected to participate in a research program in the area of industrial development and trade. This will be related to a School-wide program on industrialisation in Asia.

The Development Studies Centre has a multi-disciplinary orientation and the focus of its research is the Asian and Pacific regions. Its research interest is in applied and policy oriented areas, and in working in collaboration with other scholars in the region.

CLOSING DATE: 19 AUGUST 1983

CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT:
Salary will be in accordance with qualifications and experience within the ranges: Senior Research Fellow \$31,332-\$37,373 p.a.; Research Fellow \$22,430-\$29,467 p.a.; Postdoctoral Fellow Grade 1 (at fixed point) \$19,333-\$22,148 p.a.

Appointment, unless otherwise stated, will be Senior Research Fellow/Research Fellow normally for three years, with the possibility of extension to maximum of five years; Postdoctoral Fellow for one or two years.

Grants are provided towards travel and removal. Assistance towards housing is given to an appointee from outside Canberra. Eligible appointees will be required to join the Superannuation Scheme for Australian Universities. The University reserves the right not to make an appointment or to make an appointment by invitation at any time.

Prospective applicants should write to the undersigned for further particulars before submitting applications.

G.P.O. Box 4, Canberra, A.C.T. 2601

G. E. Dickler
Registrar

SESSION A: MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

In this session I seek a focus that would explore the link between anthropology and medicine. In the broadest sense, what are the issues pertinent to this particular relationship? General areas of relevance could include:

1. medicine (pre-industrial or Western) as social control, the ways in which beliefs and practices associated with health and illness articulate prevailing moral and social sanctions;
2. cultural interpretations of aspects of western medical practice;
3. the social factors that need to be accounted for in assessing the impact of western medicine on indigenous health-care systems.

Please submit abstracts to: Ann Hale,
Behavioural and General Studies,
Cumberland College of Health Sciences,
P.O. Box 170,
LIDCOMBE, N.S.W. 2141
Telephone: (02) 646-6444.

SESSION B: AUSTRALIAN CULTURE AND SOCIETY

The papers in this session will examine issues around the theme of Australian Popular Culture including critical examination of the notion of 'popular culture' itself in relation to the specificity of Australian culture. It is our view that the relatively small body of literature which addresses Australian cultural formation and expression does so by applying in an unproblematic way frameworks developed in other social-cultural milieu. However, our interests in this session are not so much with examining previous literature but in drawing out original research on mainstream Australian culture:

Topics of relevance include:

Anzac Day
Australian Humour
Australian Beach Culture
Popular Music
Entertainment and Night Life
Political Culture
Business Culture
Sport

Offers of papers are welcome. Please write with title and preliminary abstract to:

Bruce Kapferer/Susan Barham
Department of Anthropology
The University of Adelaide,
G.P.O. Box 498,
ADELAIDE, S.A. 5001

SESSION C: PARTHENOGENESIS: MYTHIC IMAGES OF CLOSED CYCLES IN SEXUAL AND SOCIAL REPRODUCTION

We are convening a session on the above topic and are interested to hear from people who are willing to prepare papers. The subject matter of the papers should address themes of parthenogenesis and/or other images of closed reproductive cycles in mythology and ritual. Other such images could encompass such themes as incest, homosexuality, and so on - anything in fact suggestive of the more abstract notion of self-closure in sexual reproduction. While papers can have the scope to elaborate these images themselves, and to suggest ways in which the images are motivated (as, for instance, by certain types of animal behaviour), we are particularly interested in the link between images of sexual reproduction and social reproduction in general. Preferably, but not necessarily, papers should concentrate on small-scale societies, where these sexual images tend to be recurrent, so that we can broach the problem of relating sexual reproduction to the general social reproduction of economic and political forms in such societies. In particular, the role of sexual reproduction can be examined in the context of religious ideology.

It is proposed that the session should be used primarily for discussion, and to this end we suggest that, if possible, papers should be circulated to all other contributors at least one week before the conference. It may be a good idea if people bring extra copies of papers to distribute to non-contributors wishing to attend the session. If necessary we can give short summaries of the papers prior to discussion. If any difficulties are met with xeroxing and distributing papers, then the papers can be referred to us for copying and mailing.

John Morton/Don Gardner,
Department of Prehistory and Anthropology,
Faculty of Arts,
Australian National University,
P.O. Box 4,
CANBERRA, A.C.T. 2601

SESSION D: ETHICS AND THE ANTHROPOLOGICAL ENTERPRISE

E.B. Taylor called Anthropology, "the reformer's science" and many have taken this as an injunction to mean that the discipline should dedicate itself to applied anthropology and, even, advocacy in its usual practice. Other opinions have taken anthropology as being essentially non-interventionist, even culturally conservative, obliging field workers to refuse even the most minimal involvement in the political and economic affairs of the populations they study. Between these extremes fall most anthropological practitioners. The rise of consultancy, applied anthropology in recent years in Australia prompts an examination of the ethical basis of the discipline and this section seeks to explore the issues involved. The section is to consist of a session of papers, followed by a workshop examination of recent A.A.S. and other proposals, with the aim of bringing concrete resolutions to the Adelaide A.G.M.

Papers discussing broad or historical issues of ethics, but making also definite recommendations, would be most appropriate. Perspectives derived from the practice of other applied professions, such as medicine, architecture, the law, and so on would be very welcome, as would any materials dealing with discussions of ethical issues as they have come up outside Australia. John Barnes, whose paper a generation ago began debates on ethics in social anthropology, and Peter Sutton, an Adelaide based consultant anthropologist, are to be amongst those presenting papers.



THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for appointment to the following positions:

**RESEARCH SCHOOL OF PACIFIC STUDIES
DEPARTMENT OF PACIFIC AND SOUTHEAST
ASIAN HISTORY**

**POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW/RESEARCH
FELLOW/SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW**

This is a research position in Southeast Asian History. The Department is particularly interested in those whose project research embraces modern economic or social history. Appointment will be for either two or three years. The appointee could be involved in an inter-disciplinary project on industrialisation in Southeast Asia planned by the Research School of Pacific Studies for 1985/7.
CLOSING DATE: 19 AUGUST 1983

**DEPARTMENT OF PREHISTORY
POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW/RESEARCH
FELLOW/SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW**

The Department's research interests are principally bound by the geographical axis of Australia, New Guinea and the Melanesian Islands, however, research in adjacent regions pertinent to the prehistory of this central area is occasionally undertaken. In recent years central research themes have concerned the initial colonisation of the region. Pleistocene adaptations, the emergence of agriculture, the development of socio-economic mechanisms such as trade, palaeoanthropological and human biological studies, and ethnographic studies.

Applications will be considered from people wishing to expand any of these themes or wishing to develop new themes of relevance to the prehistory of the region. While research experience in the region would be advantageous, applicants with practical or theoretical training in other fields, relevant to the Australian/Melanesian theatre, are also encouraged to apply. It is hoped the successful applicant will be able to take up duty in or soon after September 1983.
CLOSING DATE: 19 AUGUST 1983

**NORTH AUSTRALIA RESEARCH UNIT
POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW/RESEARCH
FELLOW/SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW**

The Unit, located in Darwin, is part of the Research School of Pacific Studies, Canberra. Applicants should possess a PhD or equivalent qualification in either economics or other disciplines in the social sciences appropriate for research on economic and social change in Northern Australia. The post would be available for occupancy from the beginning of 1984.
CLOSING DATE: 19 AUGUST 1983

CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT
Salary will be in accordance with qualifications and experience within the ranges: Senior Research Fellow \$31,332-\$37,373 p.a.; Research Fellow \$22,430-\$29,467 p.a.; Postdoctoral Fellow Grade 1 (at fixed point on scale) \$19,333-\$22,148 p.a.

Appointment, unless otherwise stated, will be Senior Research Fellow, Research Fellow normally up to three years with the possibility of extension to maximum of five years. Postdoctoral Fellow normally two years.

Grants are provided towards travel and removal. Assistance towards housing is given to an appointee from outside Canberra. Superannuation benefits are available for applicants who are eligible to contribute. The University reserves the right not to make an appointment or to make an appointment by invitation at any time.

Prospective applicants should write to the undersigned for further particulars before submitting applications.

G.P.O. BOX 4, Canberra, A.C.T. G. E. Dicker
2601 Registrar

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY

**LECTURERS: SCHOOL
OF HUMANITIES**

(CONTINUING APPOINTMENTS)

Applications are invited for Lectureships in

- 1 Social Anthropology (with major interest in the study of Mediterranean and/or Latin American societies)
- 2 Australian Social History
- 3 Australian Intellectual and Cultural History
- 4 Sociology (with major interest in the study of Australian society)

The appointees will contribute to teaching and course development work in the School of Humanities. Multidisciplinary degree programmes and pursue appropriate research.

SALARY: Within the range \$22,430-\$29,467 p.a.

The positions are budgeted from January 1984.

Applications should be submitted by 8 July, 1983.

For detailed information on the four posts and indication of application requirements, intending applicants should contact:

The School Administrator,
SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES,
GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY,
Nathan, Queensland, 4111.
Tel. (07) 275 7266.

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**THE ACADEMIES' AUSTRALIA-CHINA
EXCHANGE IN THE
HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
APPLICATIONS FOR
FELLOWSHIPS**

APPLICATIONS FOR Exchange Fellowships are invited from scholars interested in visiting China, either individually or as a member of small groups with common study programs, under the Joint Exchange Agreement presently operating between the Australian Academies of the Humanities and the Social Sciences and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. Facility in Chinese language will be an advantage. Successful applicants will normally spend from three to six weeks working in institutes under the control of the Chinese Academy, which will be responsible for their expenses within China. The Joint Committee will meet the cost of fares from Australia. The award of Exchange Fellowships will be subject to the approval of the Chinese Academy of the Social Sciences and will be for the calendar year 1984.

For further information and application forms, please write to:

Professor W. D. Borrie,
Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia,
G.P.O. Box 1956,
CANBERRA, A.C.T. 2601

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON 29 July 1983



A.N.U.

NORTH AUSTRALIA RESEARCH UNIT

S E M I N A R

30 November - 2 December

Larrakeyah Lodge, Darwin

comprising the themes:

- *Management of the Northern Economy*
- *Structure & Development of the Northern Economy*
- *People of the Northern Economy*

Papers and registration of interest are currently being solicited. Further information:

Dr Peter Loveday
Field Director, NARU
PO Box 41321
Casuarina NT 5792

A Celebration of Demons

By Bruce Kapferer

"... a pioneering study in the emerging field of performance studies... combining structuralist, semiotic, and processual concepts and procedures into an original and powerful mode of analysis... Kapferer wonderfully captures for us the mood, the life, smack and color of exorcist rituals..."

—from the Foreword by Victor Turner

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Contact Martha MacIntre (Anthropology, Research School of Pacific Studies, A.N.U.) or Deane Fergie (Anthropology, University of Adelaide) as soon as possible with offers and titles of papers and abstracts to Deane by 1st August.

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SESSION F: AESTHETICS AND ANTHROPOLOGY IN SOUTH ASIA AND SOUTH EAST ASIA

The aim of this session is to consider possible theoretical approaches to the study of aesthetics in South and South East Asian culture. Can such enquiry be etic? An example of a title for one paper offered is: 'Aesthetics in Combat: Jakarta Theatre as a Domain of Indonesian Politics, 1978-81'.

The participants will be asked to distribute 1000-2000 word summaries of papers at least one day before the meeting. Papers should be delivered within 30-45 minutes. The session will comprise 3-4 papers only.

Please write with title and abstract to:

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SESSION G: MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS

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SESSION H: ANTHROPOLOGY IN AUSTRALIA: TEACHING, RESEARCH AND PRACTICE

I would like to convene a session on Anthropology in Australia: Teaching, Research, and Practice, for the forthcoming meetings in Adelaide, if there is sufficient interest.

Such a session would comprise papers on the role of anthropologists in applied situations (perhaps, if there is not a separate session on this), anthropology in tertiary education, and the roles of anthropologists in Australia. It would be interesting if anyone has any details on the input of anthropology into primary and secondary teaching, particularly with the recent statement by the Minister of Education, Senator Susan Ryan, that a course in Aboriginal Studies is to be developed in Canberra for use in the basic curriculum throughout Australia.

My own contribution would be a paper that I am writing on introductory anthropology subjects in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the U.K., based upon a survey I carried out at the end of 1982 and the beginning of this year of universities and other tertiary institutions in those places. It will update any persons interested in contributing to this session should write to:

Grant McCall,
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I have no firm ideas of what I would like to include in the above session and anyone with an interest in the development of anthropology as a profession would be a most welcome participant.

SESSION I: ABORIGINAL COMMUNICATIVE STYLE: WHY IS IT SO?

Convenors: Peter Sutton and John von Sturmer

Format: Instead of calling for full-length papers, we are inviting participants to speak to each of a set of specific topics for up to ten minutes per person. Emphasis will be on presenting a shortish set of clear points. People with longer and written presentations are encouraged to circulate them. Intending participants please contact: Peter Sutton,

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Topics: This session calls for presentations on the topic of Aboriginal/Aboriginal and Aboriginal/non-Aboriginal interaction styles. We assume that better explanations of particular phenomena might lead to better understanding of the limits under which stylistic descriptions can be used in the analysis of social process. A grasp of interactive idiom yields a highly

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With restricted funds for conference travel and the cost of flying to Adelaide some members might be interested to know that last year 16 people from Adelaide got to the Sydney Conference (via Canberra) at a cost of \$33.75 per head - or for the equivalent of 2 full airfares. We hired 2 mini buses (8 seaters) for the equivalent of one airfare and paid the petrol out of the other. [Drivers of 8-seater buses do not require bus driver's licence]. The journey was not as horrific as had been expected and having vehicles in Sydney was an enormous advantage. The main advantage was that 14 more people could get to Sydney than would have happened if we'd stayed with our usual practise.

Deane Fergie

Dear Sir,

The consignment of books which were donated through the Australian Anthropological Society to the Central Institute of Nationalities, Beijing was despatched last week through a visiting Chinese boat free.

There were 12 cases but most of these cases were runs of magazines. There was a noticeable absence of contemporary anthropological books. If any member of the Society wishes to send me any recent monographs or technical books which would be useful in restocking a library which has had nothing for the last fifteen years I would still be happy to forward them free through the courtesy of the Ocean Shipping Company.

Yours truly,

William Newell

William H. Newell,
Associate Professor,
UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY.

Those interested may enquire from the Curator of Anthropology,
National Museum of Victoria, Melbourne.

For the information contained in this brief note on Vivian's life, which it is understood Dr Pretty is studying, I am indebted to the following people: Mr Noel Wallace (Immediate Past President, Victoria Archaeological and Anthropological Society), Dr R. Vivian Blaubaum (Vivian's kinsman), Miss Valentine Leeper, Mrs Sheila Waters (daughter of the late E.W.P. Chinnery), Mr I. Kepara (National Library), Mr James Gibbney and Mrs Helga Griffin (Australian Dictionary of Biography).

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useful map of social process, but not the only one available. It also does not guarantee any accurate relationship of either proportion or shape between a good description of language, dance, adornment or camping, and an appropriate analysis of social relations. There is some evidence of an anthropological shift from overly socioeconomic explanations of culture to the opposite excess of using a culture's means of self-representation as the matrix for analysing sociality. This can make it harder to place both the culture and the society in their wider contexts; it removes the humdrum but often vital statistical realities from descriptions, and hence from explanations; and tends to ignore the social inequalities and considerations of power which underlie both the accessibility and rules for use of particular styles. The limits of a style are not the point at which ethnography stops. All non-arbitrary subsets of the logically possible invite explanatory delimitations.

The following is a provisional list of topics:

1. Status, role and style: interaction between Aboriginals/non-Aboriginals, women/men, adults/children, men/men, etc.;
2. Camping/housing style (the swag as indicator, hearthside arrangements, modification of standard housing designs, fires);
3. Decision-making style and the making of decisions (meetings, etc.);
4. Consultation styles and the realities of representation, power relations etc.; 'consultation' as European ideology;
5. Script, competence and performance in the arts (dance, song, painting, technology): who are 'the public', the 'critics'?
6. Political rhetoric: indigenous and imported styles (is 'creolization' possible for any cultural mode?);
7. Official recognition of minority style vis a vis the institutionalization of marginality;
8. 'Involuntary' style (handedness, gait, cries of alarm etc.) and personality stereotypes.

Other topics will be welcomed.

SESSION J: ECONOMIC ANTHROPOLOGY

Convenor: Neil Maclean

The section is offered not with any particular theme in mind, but rather to provide a framework within which papers that I assume will address related theoretical and substantive issues, can be brought together. However some themes that occur to me as possibilities are:

Gifts and Commodities;

Money: Meanings and Structural Implications;

Marriage and the Circulation of Wealth;

Inheritance.

In so far as possible papers offered will be grouped together to enable particular themes to be pursued.

Titles and abstracts should be sent to:

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Metaphore & Metapolitics in the Land of Sand

BY

Grant McCall
(The University of New South Wales)

Quite simply, the anthropology section at the 53rd Anzaos Congress in Perth in May of this year was the best meeting that I have attended in Australia.

Perth is about as far away from Sydney as one can get in Australia and the reminder of secession is there in the restored gool, where at the turn of the century the founding figures of Western Australia laboriously wrote out in three originals the petition to abstain from the fledgling Commonwealth. One of the three originals is centrally displayed, pecking out of its Jarrah wood box. More about secession and tyrannical distance below.

If the sandgropers have been parochial, even xenophobic in the past, there was nothing of that in evidence during the week-long gab fest, where there were about 4,000 registrants in 34 sections. The general impression from the anthropology sections (25 and 25A) was one of success and contrasted sharply with the feelings of my one morning lugubrious breakfast partner at the college where I stayed, who was in one of the physical science sections. He had turned up to a session only to find the chair and the keynote speaker present!

In contrast, Section 25A was well attended and there were on offer 56 papers, including those in joint sessions with Section 25. Though I attended only Peter Bellwood's excellent Presidential address, others who spent their time there found the archaeology and prehistory section very rewarding.

Section 25, Anthropology, with whom I spent most of my time, offered a feast of 51 papers in 9 sessions, including two joint meetings with 25A, Archaeology, and one with the newly established Section 44, Women's Studies. Prior to the Main Congress, there was a Workshop over three days on the topic of "The resources of the anthropologist as consultant" where another 40 titles were listed for comment and discussion. As if that weren't enough, 40 of the total 91 papers were either precirculated or available during the meetings themselves. There was also the Silver Jubilee address by Ron Berndt and a Presidential address by Robert Paine, visiting, along with several others, from Canada. In between re-arranging chairs and supplying wine and tea for the Section, energetic secretary, John Stanton, told me that around 100 persons attended most of the anthropology papers.

In general, the papers in 25 ranged the gamut of socio-cultural anthropology, prehistory, physical anthropology (with many medical contributions), through to linguistics, social history, and contemporary

Anthropology and Archaeology, South Australian Museum, in furtherance of his research and they have recently been returned to the Society. The National Museum of Victoria has copied the negatives and produced excellent prints. The original negatives are stored in the La Trobe University Library.

The following are extracts from Chinnery's report on the photographs.

The Rigo district negatives are general scenes, villages, houses, rivers, patrol crossing rivers, mountains, Rigo district men and women, coastal scenes (Moresby to Mailu) and lakatoi sailing canoes from in that area.

The few Orokaiva negatives of the Northern Division are scenes, dances, bridges, Government Station Buna, and generally the Buna-Kokoda area.

Most of the negatives, however, are from the Massim district, which I outlined on your map. These negatives include fine pictures of Canoes, Canoe-Prows and Prow-boards and other elaborate symbolic decorations, villages and houses, bush, mountain and coastal scenery, as well as large and small Islands. They also include a few arts and crafts, dancing, men and women, and general ceremonies. Amongst them are many large stones decorated with incised circles, which I think belong to an ancient culture known as "Megalithic".

The best of the negatives of males and females should be of interest to illustrated journals, with their dress, tattoo markings, and physique.

Also of interest are the pictures of coral seas, large and small oddly shaped islands and their groupings (see Map), together with the violent tide-rips threatening to small craft passing through narrow channels.

Pictures of arts and crafts are rare, but those of the wooden bowls and large baskets are very good.

I like best of all however, the beautiful sailing Canoes, with their rare symbolic designs and decorations believed to ensure safety, strength, buoyancy, speed and success in their fishing, trading and other purposes.

Of great interest also are various designs on the prow-boards and the elaborate shell decorations on the prows.

THE VIVIAN PHOTOGRAPHS: 1915-1940

Nigel Oram

Twelve hundred prints of photographs of Papuan subjects taken by the late Reginald Arthur Vivian and owned by the Archaeological and Anthropological Society of Victoria are now held in the Anthropology Department of the National Museum of Victoria.

R.A. Vivian was born in Victoria in about 1800.* According to records held by the Australian Archives in Canberra, he joined the Papuan Administration in June 1907 'to act as Caretaker until Mr Kennelly's arrival, he to be ARM at Cape Nelson'. He retired in June 1908 but was appointed 'Acting Clerk in Customs from month to month' in November 1908. He later left government service and prospected for gold. In 1913 the late E.W.P. Chinnery, who became well known as an anthropologist, met him in the Mambare Division and according to Vivian's own account (Pacific Islands Monthly, July 1944, p. 30) he was on the Gira goldfield.

He rejoined government services in 1917 as a temporary customs clerk at Samarai and in the same year became a temporary assistant government storekeeper. In July 1919 he became a Native tax collector. In the late 1920s he was patrolling as an Assistant Resident Magistrate in the Rigo district and in 1938 he was in charge of the Station at Kerema (Pacific Islands Monthly, 15 August 1938, p. 68). Much of his service was spent in the Massim area. He retired to Townsville in 1940 and died there probably in 1950.

In 1946 Vivian gave his photographs to the then Anthropological Society of Victoria. In 1966, E.W.P. Chinnery catalogued the photographs, which were accompanied by little description, and produced a report on them. In 1971 they were lent to Mr Graeme Pretty, Senior Curator,

urban anthropology, the latter very much under the influence of Basil Sansom, with presentations from a number of well-prepared and competent students, such as Myra Browne and Malissa Helms. Henry Reynolds was a keynote speaker at a session on "The Frontier", where there were innovative papers, making up for the lack of a Section 26, History. Pat Baines' rainbow trickster will be remembered especially in that session.

I was struck by two main features on the informal, social side of the meetings, the activity which even if a few papers are missed, is always a major focus of where ever anthropologists gather. Firstly, the extreme friendliness of the VA mob was quite overwhelming. Lifts were provided and helpful advice proffered, even before one had time to ask. Students, from first year to postgraduate, were enthusiastic participants, making a jaded Sydneysider feel very welcome.

Secondly, not since my days at ANU have I encountered such a cosmopolitan anthropology group. This included not only those local foreigners, either as staff or students, but also the range of visitors brought in from (mainly) Canada and the USA. The Canadians included Robert Paine, as President, Hank Lewis and Carl Urion, from Alberta, and Bill Coblenz and Sally Weaver, from Ontario, the latter delivering a very interesting analysis of the similarities between Canadian Amerindian and Australian Aboriginal policy and bureaucracy. The Americans included keynote speaker, John "Victims of Progress" Bodley from Washington State and Bob Lawrence, from Texas.

On the intellectual front, there were two topics and two events that dominated the Section 25 meetings.

Firstly, on the theoretical side, there was an over arching concern with meaning and discourse, evidenced in a number of papers and highlighted in Robert Paine's Presidential Address, "Israel and totemic time?". Paine used totem as a metaphor to demythologize realms of discourse in Israeli politics, including insights into the uses of archaeology for building nationalism. Relying upon what he called a "coiled dialectic", Paine showed how politics in Israel had become lodged in eschatology, how the ancient timeless past became a model for meaning, with the recent past relegated to oblivion. He noted how the state of Israel was a child of the 18th century European Enlightenment, and its patriarch's, Hertzl, dictum that Jews were to rediscover themselves through their nation state identity. Reminiscent of Ruth Benedict at some points, Paine characterised modern Israeli public rhetoric as being comprised of "the Torah and the gun". His conclusions on the semiotics of the sacred and its influence upon the secular rested on a preliminary defining of two modes of public discourse in contemporary Israel, they being the totemic, the timeless, and the rational, which some might call bluntly Realpolitik. Basil Sansom's spirited, even Mosaic reply, whilst appreciative of Paine's points, stressed the Arab, particularly the Palestinian side to the current Middle Eastern predicament. Even though the ethnography did not recur elsewhere, the focus on history and semiotics was much in evidence in other papers.

The other topic that engaged the attention of us all was represented partly in Ron Berndt's Silver Jubilee Address to the Anthropological Society of Western Australia. One of his main points, that there are

facts, even social facts, "out there" awaiting discovery and that these items are incontrovertible and the base upon which our discipline's superstructure rests, would meet with only small support amongst the present generation of social anthropologists. But, his comparison between Aboriginal epistemology and the conduct of anthropology was a novel proposal. Just as does the anthropologist, the "Aboriginal" walks through a land "dense with meaning", to use Stanner's phrase. On this journey, there is not just one, but several goals being pursued. Berndt stressed that anthropologists, like Aborigines, have many paths to knowledge. He emphasised his concern that extreme care should be taken by anthropologists in their current involvements in applied and consultant work, though he advocated strongly that our profession not shirk its responsibilities to assist Aboriginal groups and causes. His call for a comparative perspective was met admirably by the above mentioned paper by Solly Weaver who stressed, along with others at the meetings, that applied work requires that the anthropologist know not only the indigenous population's organizational structure, but also those of the bureaucracies that envelop us all in our Weber predicted public lives.

The two major events of the Perth meetings were both concerned with Paine's meanings and Berndt's (and Weaver's) bureaucratic behemoths.

The weekend preceeding the Congress itself, about half a hundred anthropologists gathered in the congenial Social Science Common Room at UWA to discuss, "The Resources of the Anthropologist as Consultant" in a workshop on Applied Anthropology. All attention focused on the work of consultant anthropologists with Aboriginal groups in various parts of Australia, a focus whose significance becomes apparent in a moment.

Early on, it became clear that it was necessary to split the larger group and to explore issues of training, ethics, and policy in smaller gatherings, which occupied most of the weekend, the final Sunday afternoon being turned over to concrete proposals.

A press release, which received some media exposure, was produced, the central part of which, for those who missed it either on the radio news or in the print medium, was this:

Because of a growing awareness of the practical application of anthropological expertise and research in all aspects of social living, the workshop resolved to form a professional body. It was further resolved to urge universities to introduce specialised teaching and training in applied anthropology.

For the rest of the meetings, the eight involved in the steering committee met on a number of occasions as the Australian Association for Applied Anthropology (AAAA) began to take shape. For those not at Perth who might wish to contact the interim committee, those elected were Diane Bell, Ron Berndt, Chris Clarke, Pat Grimoldby, John von Sturmer, Dan Vachon, Judith Watson, and Peter Sutton, most of whose names will be familiar to AAS members. Indeed, half of the interim committee, and many of the foundation AAAA members, are in the AAS themselves.

concerned with peasant societies would find the sections distinguishing between different forms of bonded and unbonded labour particularly informative.

The book is impressive both as a work of scholarship and as a work which attempts to make ancient history relevant to social analysis in general and the present in particular: 'This book . . . is an attempt to see the ancient Greek world in very close relation with our own and is inspired by the belief that we can learn much about each by careful study of the other.' (Preface). Its effort to apply marxist concepts to a period and an area other than modern western Europe is more plausible and coherent than most such attempts.

At a time when humanities and social sciences are seen to be increasingly irrelevant, and when tertiary education as a whole is under attack, there is a great need for works such as this, which combine genuine research with a commitment to broader relevance.

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G. E. M. de Ste. Croix. The class struggle in the ancient Greek world.

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While anthropology has often looked to related disciplines for material and ways of thinking, there has been little interaction with ancient Greek and Roman history. S. C. Humphreys' Anthropology and the Greeks (1978) is the only book that I am aware of which specifically attempted to bridge this gap, although some historians, such as Finley and Vernant, have drawn on anthropology occasionally. Many of the essays which comprised Humphreys' book were in fact concerned with aspects of the history of ideas rather than with the actual analysis of classical history in anthropological terms, and her work has not been taken up or built on by other scholars.

Ancient Greek material, however, has particular significance for anthropologists concerned with social evolution and longer term historical processes, especially those associated with the formation of small-scale states. In fact, the quantity and quality of evidence relating to the short and long term dynamics and development of social systems of this kind must be unsurpassed. Some marxist anthropologists have recognised this potential, but their analyses have unfortunately usually been vague and superficial (e.g. Godelier 1977). No doubt it is now generally recognised that there can be no package tours of social evolution and that regional diversity and the specific properties of social systems need to be adequately grasped.

A major work which should be of interest to anthropologists in this context is Ste. Croix's The class struggle in the ancient Greek world. The focus of the work is, as the title suggests, a marxist analysis of ancient Greece. The arguments concerning an enormous range of specific matters and the larger argument they contribute to are too complex and numerous even to be summarised, but the areas dealt with include: forms of slave labour; forms of free labour; property; exploitation; peasants and a peasantry; political struggles; attitudes and ideology; women; Aristotle's analysis of Greek society; the structure and collapse of the Roman empire; and debates around the respective merits of Weberian and Marxist approaches to class and stratification. There is a good deal of reference to comparative material and sociological and anthropological debates along the way. I expect that anthropologists

As neither an applied anthropologist, nor a resident of WA (not even a student of Aboriginal populations), I found the AAAA, which was firmed up on the last day of Anzoas, a declaration of secession, the timeliness of which is more evident when I describe the encounter with the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies (AIAS) shortly.

At the final Friday meeting of Section 25, resolutions from the previous weekend's workshop were discussed, including the preliminaries of the organisational structure of AAAA. In that meeting, it was noted that similar regional groups concerned with applied anthropology had been formed last year in Queensland and Western Australia and assurances were made that association with AAS would be sought. There was a plan to hold the next AAAA workshop in Adelaide, around the time of the forthcoming AAS Conference. The character of the AAAA was much debated, including the disciplinary focus on anthropology (some scowling sociologists in the back row of the lecture room wanted in too) and the meaning of "professional". Peter Sutton gave the most succinct view on what he thought constituted professional training in anthropology and that was a minimum of eight years undergraduate and postgraduate preparation.

Two other important points were raised and these involved a code of ethics, an issue not unknown to AAS (See the report in Newsletter 17, pp. 18-22), and the promotion of a training programme in applied anthropology, with Diane Bell and Ron Berndt, respectively, working on those areas. Publication in Anthropological Forum and other UWA sponsored outlets was mentioned for the workshop papers and John von Sturmer is working on proposals for a Handbook for applied anthropology. The Chair of the AAAA interim committee is Chris Clarke, and he called for written submissions to be made to any member of the committee on any aspect of the Association's operations or objectives.

Prior to the above events was the second significant event, the regional meeting of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies whose Deputy Principal, Warwick Dix, kindly permitted me to attend.

Secessionist movements do not take place in a vacuum, but grow out of a group being excluded from a main body; it was true 80 years ago in the Swan colony and it was equally true of the feelings that came up amongst WA anthropologists at this year's Anzoas. The AIAS regional meeting brought home very coldly to our Perth colleagues the tyranny of distance and its consequences for exclusion and secession.

As semiotics formed such a part of the Perth meetings, it is appropriate to note that the venue for the AIAS meeting was shifted at the last minute from the plush choir in a circle Common Room at UWA to an austere and monumental Lecture Theatre. Instead of the hapless Dix, ironically himself from WA, being one of an oval of discussants, he was planted firmly at the lectern, with us, his audience, sitting in obedient student chairs, facing the one focused direction.

What was presented was a message derived from the recommendations made in the Walsh Report on AIAS operations from Canberra to WA. The recommendations include one that members' travel expenses to the biennial meeting of AIAS were no longer to be met. Furthermore, it was suggested that a local WA branch should be founded, to serve as a "depot" for

application forms and other literature, a resource service, and venue for local discussion. The AIAS constituency is to be expanded from its current 145 (or thereabouts) to around 500 persons. However, the Associate Member category, under which so many persons of Aboriginal descent had AIAS status, was to be abolished. Other likely changes were that the Newsletter was to become more journal oriented, with refereed articles, the number of people on the Council to be more limited, and a university appointment be required in order to apply for AIAS grants.

Many in the audience were stunned and unsure of just what was being proposed. One might have been forgiven for thinking that AIAS had just told its WA members that they were no longer wanted, for it seemed that a local group only for Perth was being suggested, other parts of Australia were not being so treated, Dix said. To add to the uncertainty, it seemed that the status of the suggested local group was undefined, though Dix assured those present that the Council of AIAS "will take comments from any well organised and well represented groups". If a WA group was to be formed, it would have no AIAS authority, that was made clear, and the parameters of such a group were also left undefined. Even the proposed changes, it seems, were not yet confirmed. Ron Berndt was most insistent that AIAS Council should make its wishes and intentions towards WA clear, but the reply came that if the westerners didn't say what they wanted, they would be ignored.

In the end, after some three hours of an evening meeting, a somewhat despondent interim committee for a regional AIAS branch in WA was formed to sort out a constitution and other organisational factors, along with considering in detail how the Walsh Report had come to affect the participation of Perth people. The interim committee consists of Basil Sansom, Sandra Bowdler, Ian Crawford, and Michael Robinson.

I believe that the AIAS rebuff contributed in no small measure to the vigour with which the foundation of AAAA was pursued.

Aside from the on-going theoretical debates, the main outcome of the 53rd Anzoas for AAS members is the status of AAAA for us. Has the whole issue of consultancy, even of ethics and medical anthropology, been seized from AAS, perhaps because of our own inaction on these matters? Just 26 of our 308 members (as listed in the Directory, Newsletter 16, Part 2), only 8%, are in Western Australia. What is AAS's relationship to them and will our Perth colleagues have the time (and the interest) to participate in AAS, with their other burgeoning, separatist activities? Will there ever be an AAS Conference in Perth?

It would be easy to see the problems above as having come from the distance = money equation. But, connected with it, also, seem to be habits of mind and a different definition of anthropological praxis. How significant these differences will be continue to concern any of us involved with AAS and its potentially precarious existence at present.

One positive ameliorative is to ensure that the Newsletter continues to be an open and readily available forum for AAS discussion, serving to bridge somewhat the distances in space and epistemology that separate our scattered membership.

Some sort of perspective on the consultancy debate was provided for me on the return flight from Perth. An imposing gentleman, with a familiar accent, briefly sat along side me, enquiring of John Badley and me whether we were geologists, as we were commenting in flight out the window at WA's passing land forms. We owned up to our calling, whereupon our visitation replied: "Oh, my wife is an anthropologist. I own mines".

Before I could respond as face, accent, and occupation clanged together in recognition of Sir Arvi Parbo, who does indeed own a number of mines, he was whisked away to his proper First Class seat by an attentive stewardess.

Does anyone know Parbo's wife, Saime Soots, for whom she consults and why she isn't a member of AAS?