

Meet the Archaeologists

Meet the archaeologists...your chance to contribute to an informative, interesting and fun resource to be included on the National Archaeology Week website

Purpose:

- To provide an introduction to the range of archaeological research being carried out by Australian archaeologists, here and overseas;
- To stimulate interest in archaeology;
- To raise awareness of Australia's heritage, both pre- and post-1788;
- To highlight the different fields in which archaeologists are employed in Australia – universities, consultancies, government agencies, museums, etc.;
- To show the range of tasks and skills necessary to perform archaeology (including research, analysis, and community contact, not just stories of fieldwork);
- To provide an informal account of archaeology in this country, focussing on personal experiences

Audience:

- The interested general public, and in particular:
 - Secondary school students
 - People with an interest in pursuing archaeology as a career
- The worldwide community through the internet

Format:

- A limited number of questions which are:
 - able to be answered in a single paragraph (50-100 words);
 - broad enough to allow for a variety of answers;
 - specific enough to ensure answers in some way fulfil the purposes noted above;
 - likely to generate answers which reveal the personal experience of the archaeologist;
 - made available to the widest possible selection of Australian archaeologists
- Include at least one photo of yourself (don't be shy).
- Include two or three photos of a site or find.
- If you have a personal Web page you may or may not wish to make reference to this.
- You may or may not wish to include your email contact
- Include no more than one reference to a publication.
- Responses will be displayed and archived at the National Archaeology Week website

The archaeologists:

- We encourage as many people as possible to complete the questionnaire, from student to Professor, from consultant to public servant, in order to demonstrate the diversity of things archaeologists do.

Please send your completed questionnaire and photographs to Mike.Rowland@derm.qld.gov.au or c_westcott@optusnet.com.au

Mike and Catherine may make minor changes to your response but will send you a final version for checking before it is posted on the NAW website.

This form is also available on <http://www.archaeologyweek.com/downloads/questionnaire.doc>

The Questionnaire : Meet the Archaeologists

Name:

Current position: [Highlights the range of academic/private/government positions]

Where did you study?

How did you become interested in archaeology?

[This question helps people interested in archaeology to relate to current archaeologists, while also providing some background as to how you actually become an archaeologist]

What archaeological projects are you working on at the moment?

[This question highlights the range of archaeological study in Australia/abroad]

Tell us about one of your most interesting archaeological discoveries.

[This question allows for quirky/important discoveries to be included along with the personal reflections of their discoverer. This question focuses on the actual archaeological discovery, as opposed to the next question, which focuses on the experience of being an archaeologist]

Tell us about a funny/disastrous/amazing experience that you have had while doing archaeology.

[This question shows the human/practical side of archaeology, and allows archaeologists to relate personal experiences not necessarily included in 'important' discoveries]

What's your favourite part of being an archaeologist?

[This question has a deliberately open-ended approach, which doesn't focus on a specific incident or discovery, and allows for personal reflection. The answers to this question should (hopefully) also act as an advertisement for archaeology!]

Follow up reading: [A reference to your own work]