

Editorial note

The papers included here were presented at the third colloquium on Victorian archaeology held at La Trobe University in February 2014. As in previous years, we would like to thank all the participants whose attendance testifies to the importance of what has now become a fixture within the local archaeological calendar as an important opportunity for academics, consultants, managers and Aboriginal community groups to share their common interests in the archaeology and heritage of Victoria.

It is of particular value to include papers in this issue on the earliest periods which are far less well-represented in Victoria than in many other parts of Australia. That these data emerge from consultancies demonstrates the importance of a strong research component in heritage studies. But many other aspects of both research and community engagement are also covered, dealing both with Aboriginal and European heritage.

We are especially grateful to those who later were able to prepare more developed papers for publication. Other presenters allowed slides abstracted from their PowerPoint presentations to be included with their abstracts in this volume. These demonstrate the range

of work being carried out in Victoria, and we hope that many of these will also form the basis for more complete studies in the future. The extended papers were refereed, and we would like to thank those who assisted with this task. Caroline Spry managed this process and much of the sub-editing of this volume. Layout, as in other years, was undertaken by David Frankel.

As with the previous volumes, the illustrations are all in black and white, although many, especially the GIS maps, would be clearer in their original colour. Anyone interested in having copies of these should contact the individual authors.

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