NOTICE OF 53RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Society for 1979 will be held in the Museum Education Building, North Terrace, Adelaide on

MONDAY, 26 NOVEMBER, 1979 AT 8.00PM

AGENDA

1. Apologies.

2. Confirmation of minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Monday, 27 November, 1978. Copies of these minutes are attached.

3. Annual Reports from the Secretary and Treasurer to be received. Copies of these reports are attached.


5. Presidential Report to be given by Mr. L. Satterthwait.

6. Supper will be served after the meeting.

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INTERIM REPORT ON THE FLEURIEU PENINSULA PROJECT

The survey of the Aldinga Scrub was completed early in September, 1979. Several new sites were located on this last trip, bringing the total located within the Scrub to 18. All of these sites occur just inside the Scrub; presumably the occupants utilised its shelter without penetrating it deeply, except for foraging expeditions. Certainly we found no evidence of Aboriginal occupation more than 100 metres inside the Scrub.

Most of the sites located are less than 40 metres square and consist of a scattering of cores and waste flakes, with an occasional retouched piece. Two sites, however, are more spectacular. One of these is over 120 metres in length and 40 metres wide. Stone material is much more densely scattered, and in addition to regular cores, microliths and scrapers occur in sandy patches scattered through light scrub. As with the other sites recorded, these seem to be surface scatterings of artifacts and it is unknown if the sites are deeper, or if a stratified deposit may exist.

Located on the southern region of the Scrub is a large site (A.S. 13) known for many years to both local people and anthropologists. It remains a very densely scattered site despite the collecting which has taken place there. This site is outstanding in that there appears to be stratified material still present. Superficial examination suggests that two industries may be present. An earlier one embedded in a light orange sand shows evidence of well-made cores and microliths. The presence of such an industry suggests that occupation associated with the scrub goes back one thousand years or more. A second industry, characterised by simple implements and waste flakes embedded in white sand, overlies the microlithic one.

The findings of this field survey are most provocative. We hope protection of the site can be assured so that further research may take place at a later date.

The beach and dune area adjacent to the Scrub has also been searched and has proved very rich in archaeological material. Because of the complexity of the dune structure, and the amount of disturbance to sites, the situation is unclear. However, a sequence appears to be present which is similar to that outlined above for A.S. 13. The occurrence, on some sites, of many split pebbles and waste flakes suggests that these may be factory areas utilising the supply of pebbles from Sellicks Beach, 1 kilometer to the South. Hearths indicate where camps may have been. Certainly the variety of sites and material indicates diversified utilisation of this area.

The members of the committee thank all who gave their time and energy to this part of the project. Surveying of coastal sites is continuing. The Normanville, Carrickalinga area was surveyed on the October weekend and the remaining areas in November.

We will pass on the data accumulated to various agencies interested in the environment and the preservation of archaeological sites. It is also planned to produce a booklet, aimed at the general public, outlining the present state of knowledge of the prehistory of the Peninsula.

For the future, the survey has indicated just what a wealth of material remains to be studied, and has raised several provocative questions which the Society may wish to try to answer in the future. It is up to the members to decide if they will pursue the project beyond 1979.

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1 Based on the antiquity of such industries dated in other parts of Australia.