

# The Second International Conference on Aviation Archaeology and Heritage

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# Welcome!

Welcome to Second International Conference on Aviation Archaeology and Heritage (ICAAH) brought to you by [Aviation Cultures Conference](#).

Building on the collaborative spirit of the first International Conference on Aviation Archaeology and Heritage held in 2017, we have a range of speakers from the fields of archaeology, aviation heritage management, and community-driven aviation heritage groups delving into both the historical aspects of aviation and exploring innovative methods for preserving aviation heritage for future generations. We have a range of diverse contributions, from theoretical approaches to practical case studies, methodologies and policy in archaeology and heritage management. We hope that these interdisciplinary insights will contribute to a broader appreciation of aviation heritage and its enduring impact on society.

We have speakers from across the globe joining us, so thank you for getting up early and/or staying up late. We have done our best to incorporate everyone's time zones. We will be recording the presentations and they will be made available via the Aviation Cultures Conference website in due course [website](#).

Aviation Cultures Conference is a series of conferences where researchers and practitioners come together to share their knowledge and ideas about flight, and its place in history and society. First held in 2015, Aviation Cultures Conference has grown and evolved from small beginnings into major gatherings of people interested in not just what aircraft are and what they can do, but also what they mean, and have meant. To understand what kinds of things Aviation Cultures is about, read more about [our history](#), look at what we discussed in [past conferences](#), or watch [our introductory videos](#).

Thank you for joining us and we hope you enjoy the conference.

Your Co-convenors,

**Tash Heap**

Aviation Cultures Conference Inc. / the University of Southern Queensland

**Hunter Whitehead**

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**Megan Lickliter-Mundon**

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## Day One

All times: **Australian Eastern Standard Time (UTC +10 hours)**

**US Eastern (UTC – 4 hours)**

**Central European Summer Time (UTC + 2 hours)**

<b>Friday, 15 November</b>			
<b>0600</b> <b>1500, 14 Nov.</b> <b>2100, 14 Nov</b>		Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country	Tash Heap
0605	0625	Conference introduction – The way forward for the discipline of Aviation Archaeology	Hunter Whitehead

<b>Panel One: DPAA / Site formation practices</b>			
<b>Chair: TBA</b>			
<b>0630-0930 (15 November) Australian Eastern Standard Time</b>			
<b>1530 – 1830 (14 November) US Eastern</b>			
<b>2100-0030 (14 November) Central European Summer time</b>			
0630	0700	The Power of Partnerships: Recent DPAA Partner Collaborations in Aviation Archaeology	Abigail Bleichner and Kevin Dalton
0700	0730	Excavating Large, Dispersed Underwater Aircraft Crash Sites; A Case of WWII B-24 Bomber From Italy	Piotr Bojakowski
0730	0800	Aquatic Aircraft Crash Site Formation and Modification Factors and Processes Impacting Wreckage and Associated Human Remains and Material Evidence	Stephen Richey
0800	00830	Building on Broken Wings, Recovered Souls: Photographic Depictions of the Most Common Crash Types to Aid in Archaeological Site Type Identification	Christopher Eck
0830	0900	Searching for the missing: An excavation of a PBY-5 Catalina in Espiritu Santo, Vanuatu	Jane Mitchell
0900	0930	Discussion and Questions	
0930	0955	<b>Comfort Break / Networking</b>	

<b>Panel Two: Site specific aviation archaeology</b>			
<b>Chair: TBA</b>			
<b>1000 - 1230 (15 November) Australian Eastern Standard Time</b>			
1900-2130 (14 November) US Eastern			
0100-0330 (15 November) Central European Summer time			
1000	1030	'His aircraft is his last resting place': the affective archaeology and emotional heritage of Hudson A16-191	Kristen Alexander
1030	1100	Lake Huron Red Tails	Wayne Lusardi
1100	1130	Archaeology on a Dime: Aviation Archaeology on an Independent Researcher's Budget	Lisa Daly
1130	1200	A WWII Archaeological Investigation with Community Volunteers in Hong Kong	Winsome Lee and Michael Rivera
1200	1230	Discussion and Questions	
<b>Comfort Break / Networking</b>			

<b>Friday, 15 November</b>			
<b>Panel Three: Heritage Management</b>			
<b>Chair TBA</b>			
<b>1700-1900 (15 November) Australian Eastern Standard Time</b>			
0200 – 0400 (15 November) US Eastern			
0800-1000 (15 November) Central European Summer time			
1700	1730	Dutch Airplane Wrecks Abroad - Inventory and Management Strategies	Bas Kreuger; Robert de Hoop and Martijn Manders
1730	1800	Forgotten Flights: A Professional Approach to Slovenian Aviation Archaeology	Uroš Košir, Andrej Gaspari, Aleš Bedič
1800	1830	World War II Aviation History: Preservation & Restoration in PNG	Charlie Wintawa
<b>1830</b>	<b>1900</b>	<b>Discussion and Questions</b>	
<b>End of Day 1</b>			

## Day Two

All times: **Australian Eastern Standard Time (UTC +10 hours)**

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**Central European Summer Time (UTC + 2 hours)**

**Saturday, 16 November**

**Panel Four: Aviation but not aircraft**

**Chair: TBA**

**0130-0430 (16 November) Australian Eastern Standard Time**

**1030-1300 (15 November) US Eastern**

**1630-1900 (15 November) Central European Summer time**

0130	0200	TBA	Timmy Gambin
0200	0230	In Search of Military Geoglyphs: Training Targets of World War II and the Cold War	Susan Edwards and Jeffrey Wedding
0230	0300	High Range, High Flight: NASA's Beatty Tracking Station	Jeffrey Wedding and Susan Edwards
0300	0330	Hiding in plane sight: the 'hidden' effects of aviation upon the landscape of Malta	Anthony Burgess
0330	0400	Aircraft test and development: A forgotten archaeology – The Blower Tunnel	Bob Clarke
0400	0430	<b>TBA</b>	George Schwarz
<b>0430</b>	<b>0500</b>	<b>Discussion and Questions</b>	<b>Questions</b>
		<b>Comfort Break / Networking</b>	

**Panel Five: New Technologies and methodologies**

**Chair: TBA**

**0900-1200 (16 November) Australian Eastern Standard Time**

**1800-2100 (15 November) US Eastern**

**0000-0300 (16 November) Central European Summer time**

0900	0930	Case Study: Digitally Reconstructing Various WWII Aircraft Underwater Wrecks	Andrew Woods
0930	1000	Preserving the remains of a Vought F4U-1D Corsair fighter-bomber recovered off the coast of Kyushu, Japan	Paul Mardikian and Claudia Chemello
1000	1030	The Microbiomes of Submerged Aircraft Wrecks	Dominic Bush
1030	1100	<b>Discussion and Questions</b>	
		Conference Wrap Up and Future Plans	Hunter, Megan, Tash and Daniel

## Registration

### Second International Conference on Aviation Archaeology and Heritage

This is a FREE event. But you do need to register!

To register for the event click here:

<https://unisq.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0scuyspj0vHtMQyPdd6AVhC29V00kylMsq#/registration>

This is a truly international event, with presenters around the globe.

Please review the schedule above to check the local date and time for each session. We don't want you to miss out!

If you have any questions or problems registering, please email Tash Heap at [natasha.heap@unisq.edu.au](mailto:natasha.heap@unisq.edu.au)



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