



School of Historical and European Studies



“Historical archaeology continues to interest me: it is the process of linking known individuals with their cultural remains.”

Archaeology Program

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Adrienne’s interest in ancient Greece led her into archaeology. As an undergraduate she studied Classics and Ancient Greek as well as Australian archaeology. For her Honours thesis, Adrienne analysed the archaeological evidence of childhood, and examined toys from all the historical sites that have been excavated in Victoria, including the Loch Ard shipwreck and the inner-city Melbourne neighbourhood of Little Lon.

Adrienne has worked on many archaeological projects, starting as a volunteer when she was a student. She has worked on whaling sites at Gabo Island and at Eden, NSW and in Ballarat at the camp of the government soldiers who fought at Eureka Stockade.

Since graduating, Adrienne has worked for Heritage Victoria in a number of roles. As a curator and exhibitions officer she has been responsible for managing artefact collections and for researching and preparing exhibitions on display at Como House and at the Ballarat Art Gallery. As Certificates Officer and Historical Archaeologist, Adrienne’s job involves supporting the work of the Victorian Heritage Council and liaising with planners, developers and the owners of heritage properties.

Adrienne is currently completing her PhD with the Archaeology Program. Her thesis topic is titled “York Town: Archaeological investigations at a 19th century British settlement”.

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