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Dr Christina Pavlides graduated from La Trobe University with a BA Hons in 1988, majoring in Archaeology. She received her PhD in 2000, again from La Trobe University, on archaeological research she had conducted in the tropical rainforests of West New Britain, Papua New Guinea. This research led to the discovery of the oldest rainforest culture recorded anywhere in the world, dating to in excess of 35,000 years. Since graduating from La Trobe University, Christina has worked as a consultant archaeologist and as a Heritage Officer with Aboriginal Affairs Victoria, a branch of the State Government's Department of Planning and Community Development. In 2003 Christina was awarded a postdoctoral fellowship with Oxford University in England. This postdoctoral research took her back into the rainforests of West New Britain where new excavations were undertaken and new Holocene age sites discovered. Currently Christina is back with Aboriginal Affairs Victoria, this time in charge of an exciting initiative to raise capacity amongst Victoria's Indigenous community. Her new project has led to the development of an accredited Certificate IV level course entitled Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management aimed at teaching Victorians with a responsibility and interest in preserving the State's vast heritage values. This course will see many new people enter the cultural heritage management industry and lead to a greater involvement of Aboriginal people in the protection, management and preservation of their cultural heritage.

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