

# ARCH8802: Conservation Field School 2016

11-17th April, 2016  
Baker's Flat, Kapunda, South Australia



In 2016 the Flinders University Archaeology Department will be conducting ARCH8802: The Conservation Field School at Baker's Flat, near Kapunda in South Australia.

ARCH8802 will involve the excavation of a nineteenth century cottage located within an Irish community. To date, little archaeological work has been done in Australia specifically on Irish communities, or on the Irish in rural areas. ARCH8802 will provide a chance to look at rural Irish migrants in a rural colonial environment, and develop a better understanding of Irish domestic dwellings and artefacts, post-migration domestic practices in an early settler society, and the diversity of adaptations to new colonial environments.

For the Kapunda community and South Australians of Irish descent, this research will redress an imbalance about local knowledge, contributing to a more integrated story of Kapunda, and enabling the reconnection of descendant families to their shared stories, using tangible archaeological evidence.

Baker's Flat is located 75km north of Adelaide, and one kilometre south of Kapunda, in the mid-north of South Australia. It was settled in 1854, when many Irish families came to work at the nearby Kapunda copper mine, and chose to live rent-free on the Baker's Flat land. The settlement persisted until at least the 1920s, but ,although hundreds of Irish people lived there, there is little documented about the community in local or regional histories.

There are no prerequisites for this field school and we welcome applications from people of all nationalities and anyone over the age of 18.

Acceptance into the field school is not guaranteed, however, as there are limited places, so please apply early.

We expect this field school to be of particular interest to:

- Students of archaeology, cultural heritage studies and other related fields
- Avocational archaeologists
- Historical archaeologists

## Costs

### **Non-Flinders University Australian Participants (domestic short course participants)**

- a. AUD\$1750 tuition fee (inclusive of GST).
- b. There may be a separate cost to cover your accommodation. Precise details to be advised.

### **Overseas Participants (international short course participants)**

- a. AUD\$3000 tuition fee (inclusive of GST).
- b. There may be a separate cost to cover your accommodation. Precise details to be advised.

Please contact [Assoc Prof Heather Burke](#) for further information.

[http://www.flinders.edu.au/ehl/archaeology/fieldwork/field-schools/conservation-field-school-2016/advanced-archaeology-field-school\\_home.cfm](http://www.flinders.edu.au/ehl/archaeology/fieldwork/field-schools/conservation-field-school-2016/advanced-archaeology-field-school_home.cfm)