The Australian Historic Shipwreck Protection Project

Excavation, Reburial, Stabilisation and Monitoring

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AHSSPP *Clarence* (1850) - Aims

- Make significant contributions to understanding site formation processes, colonial shipbuilding and specific lifeways and assemblages associated with a colonial trader.
- Develop a procedure for the rapid capture 3D imaging of significant artefacts.
- Create a *virtual representation* of the site that will enable re-interrogation in the future.

- Develop site specific in situ preservation protocols for the long-term stabilisation of the site.

- Conduct and improve conservation monitoring techniques following reburial of the site and associated artefacts.

- Contribute to the development of a sustainable, cost-effective and strategic national approach for shipwreck management.

- Make significant contributions to current international reburial and in situ preservation protocols.
Archaeological Investigation

- Valuable information is gained from thorough archaeological investigation of underwater sites and recovered artefacts but then decisions must be made regarding their immediate and long-term futures.

- Any disturbance of a site (natural or human) will increase the deterioration rates of the exposed materials.
Conservation Area on JUB
Artefact Recovery
Artefacts

leather

wooden tierce
Cleaning and Storage
Artefact Supports
Sampling and Analyses
Conservation Survey
Preparation for Reburial
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Reburial On-Site
Preparation of Sacrificial Samples
On-Site Placement
Final Phase – Nov 2012

tarpaulins 4 x (7 x 14 m)

shade cloth (7 x 25 m)
Shade Cloth - Preparation
Shade Cloth
PVC Tarpaulin
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