

ARCHAEOLOGY WITH A FOOT IN THREE COUNTRIES

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I'm *really* a field archaeologist, but with the financial climate wavering here on the Åland Islands (an autonomous region of Finland) too, when it came to a decision between a nine month contract as a museum assistant at Åland's Maritime Museum or the probability of no work in archaeology at all this year, the museum won. Still wanting to stay involved with archaeology – I'm also a recent graduate of the MA in Historical Archaeology by distance learning at the University of Leicester – I am now working voluntarily on the ongoing Kinchega Archaeological Research Project based at Leicester. So, at present, my day as an archaeologist doesn't really begin till I'm home from work, sitting (back) in front of a computer, and right now, inputting entries from early twentieth century stores records into a database. The entries relate to an early twentieth homestead in Australia that has been under excavation since 1998, and the database will enable the records to be analysed in conjunction with evidence from the excavations. When I've posted this I'm going to fiddle with some total station data from the same site, with the aim of eventually creating shiny new maps and plans in ArcGIS. One aim of the project is to make the data and research available digitally, to make it much more widely accessible – and this, of course, is a Very Good Thing.....