



An international professional body for Archaeology.

What CIfA and CIfA Australia do

The Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA) regulates and champions professionalism in archaeology by setting standards, measuring compliance, promoting good practice and sharing knowledge. Our code of conduct, standards and guidance define ethical behaviour. Professionals and organisations accredited by CIfA have demonstrated competence and are bound to the Institute's code and standards by professional conduct procedures wherever they are in the world. CIfA also stays current by not only providing accreditation by supporting professionals throughout their career by representing archaeology to governments, providing members with CPD opportunities and supporting an extensive network through the Special Interest and Area Groups.

As a part of a wider Institute, CIfA Australia is committed to promoting archaeology as a positive, sustainable and financially viable career for all student and career Archaeologists in Australia.

CIfA Australia helps to enhance archaeology in Australia by

- Creating a professional standards framework for archaeological practice,
- Representing the views, aspirations and professional requirements of its members,
- and campaigning for improvements in archaeological practice.

CIfA Australia serves as a platform to provide a voice for its members in matters associated with Australian archaeology to the Institute's Board of Directors. The group also advises the rest of CIfA on issues relevant to Australian practice of archaeology and cultural heritage management.

Our Values and Strategy

CIfA is incorporated by a Royal Charter. Our Royal Charter shows that we work for the public good and is a mark of assurance of our institutional values of reliability, integrity, resourcefulness, teamwork, and trust.

We are a democratic organisation. Our elected Board governs the Chartered Institute's activity: its Advisory Council comprises elected representatives of the Special Interest and Area Groups as well as the wider membership and is the workshop for our policies and priorities.

Our aims as a professional organisation are

- to increase the understanding of the role of archaeologists in society and to improve their status
- to inspire excellence in archaeological practice
- to strengthen the relationships between archaeologists and other sectors
- to ensure that CIfA accreditation and registration is recognised and demonstrates professionalism
- to influence policy and decisions makers and be the authoritative and effective voice for archaeologists
- to provide an effective professional organisation for all archaeologists

CIfA Australia as part of the Institute shares and promotes these values and aims. If you'd like to get in touch with the group committee you can by emailing Groups@archaeologists.net.