

## AUSTRALIAN MEDIEVAL RE-ENACTMENT CONFERENCE 2001 A MEDIEVAL ODYSSEY (IN BRIEF)

Is being held over the Easter holiday's 13 – 16 April 2001, at Bowraville NSW (midway between Brisbane and Sydney).

The Bowraville site is on private land and the owners have consented to the building of permanent and semi-permanent structures for the conference, so there should be a good medieval atmosphere. There are photos of the site available on the web site.

Proposed events for 2001 A Medieval Odyssey include:

**Combat** – Gladiatorial, Field Battles, Darkages, Crusader, Fort Battles, Combat Archery

**Archery** – Master, Journeyman, Novice Levels

**Workshops** – Blacksmithing (from a professional practicing blacksmith)

Casting - *Anders Soderberg*, Archaeologist, living in Stockholm, Sweden

The casting method taught covers from the bronze age right through to late medieval. Casts maybe taken from actual artefacts that Anders will be bringing with him, or you can try your own design. The workshop will span the four days, but most time will be required on the first and last day, that is, the Friday and Monday (a consideration for those who may have to leave early Monday). In between these days the moulds will be drying. May also do some lectures.

### **Markets**

**Guest Speaker(s)** - *Associate Professor Dan Carlsson*

Associate Professor Dan Carlsson is an associate professor at the Visby University. He is a co founder of Viking Heritage and current president of that association. He began his archaeological career excavating at Birka in Sweden and has been involved in many excavations since, Karelia, fjole and currently Frojel Harbour to mention a couple. He has also been consultant to many other excavations from the Iron Age to Medieval. He currently does lectures all over Europe and America. He has a very high opinion of Australian Re-enactors as you can see from his article on the Frojel home page. He is very much in favor of passing on knowledge to us because as he put it, " The archaeologist digs it up and the re-enactors make the object come alive as a living picture." Professor Carlsson will be conducting two lectures. These may be repeated if people miss out due to space. Professor Carlsson will also be bringing a number of artifacts with him.

**Catering** is being conducted by professional caterers The Stag and Oak, who will be open for meals, light snacks and coffee all day. There a four packages available over the weekend:

- Package 1 – Pre booked Evening Meals
- Package 2 – Pre booked Lunch and Evening Meals
- Package 3 – Total catering all meals for the weekend
- Package 4 – Book individual meals over the weekend (Thursday – Monday)

The prices for the catering packages are not yet confirmed.

**Standard registration** is \$90 and is due by 30 November 2000, registration after this date is \$150 or at the gate \$200. Registration for dormitory accommodation is \$98 with no power and \$110 with power, however there is only a limited amount available onsite.

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