

~~ARRIVAL FRIDAY 30th SEPTEMBER.~~

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7-00 p.m. at CRAFT COTTAGE.

WHO'S WHO IN MEDIEVAL MOVEMENT.

(Coffee and Chat.)

FIRST SEMINAR.

8-00 p.m. "Medieval Medicine"
Film follows.

SATURDAY 1st OCTOBER.

9-30 a.m. OFFICIAL OPENING/HELLO.

a talk: HISTORY OF THE MEDIEVAL
MOVEMENT IN AUSTRALIA.
WSA Theatre 1.

SECOND SEMINAR.

"COSTUMES."

"TRANSITION ARMOUR."

"WARRIOR ONE" - the Professional
Warrior today.

LUNCH.

FIGHTING STYLES/DISCUSSION.

at Craft Cottage.

Each group to do half-hour display.
Limited group Combat/at discretion.
Short action-play/filming.

DEMONSTRATION OF BLACK SMITH
WEAPONS.

MEDIEVAL FEAST.

Medieval dancing, music with live
players, poetry recital etc.

BEEF & LAMB ON SPIT ETC.

COSTUMES OBLIGATORY.....

6.00 p.m. AT VILLAGE SITE.

SUNDAY 2nd OCTOBER.

"ALL THING"- National Convocation.

9-30 a.m. WSA Theatre 1.

A discussion of the issues that
concern the Movement.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/MEDIA IMAGE

SAFETY

ETHICS, etc.

LUNCH.

THIRD SEMINAR.

Weaponsmithing (1) "basics"

"Setting up a forge".

TRADE FAIR.

Artisans display wares.

Groups/individual's trade.

(Hides, Swords, Costumes, Jewellery etc.)

DINNER.

FOURTH SEMINAR.

WSA T1 or CRAFT COTTAGE.

"Medieval Technology"

Weaponsmithing (2)

"Skills, techniques, and theory."

MONDAY 3rd. OCTOBER.

"UNDER THE SPREADING CHESTNUT TREE..."

9-30 a.m. CRAFT COTTAGE.

Weaponsmithing (3)

"Practical Skill and technique".

HOW TO ARM A GROUP...

GOODBYE & FAREWELL.

2ND AUSTRALIAN MEDIEVAL WARRIORS AND ARTISANS CONVENTION: OPEN INVITATION.

As there are now across Australia, several Societies and Clubs as well as many Solo Enthusiasts, the time has come for the healing of old rivalries and wounds, the formation of new friendships and re-affirmation of old ones, as well as the rationalisation of the MARTIAL ARTS SCENE.

This will provide for a regulatory and guiding body as does exist in all other recognised COMBAT SPORTS (Judo, Karate, Kendo, Fencing etc.).


THEREFORE ONE AND ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PROPOSED
2ND AUSTRALIAN MEDIEVAL WARRIORS AND ARTISANS CONVENTION.

which is hopefully to be held at Macquarie University, Ryde, N.S.W. on Friday, 30th September, Saturday 1st October, Sunday 2nd October, and Monday 3rd October. Being a long weekend in N.S.W.

To be held at the headquarters of the Macquarie University Ancient and Medieval Armourers and Artisans.

The conference/convention is proposed to provide a meeting place for all interested individuals and societies, etc., and to discuss formation of an AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL RE-ENACTMENT ASSOCIATION to which all individuals and clubs can belong whilst still retaining their individuality and full autonomy, but which would provide a basis for common benefit and regulation so that inter-club combats, combined pageants etc. could occur in safety and that a well organised united front might be presented to the public and the media.

It is proposed to set up a Central Committee to provide the following:-

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- (a) Accurate Information from recognised sources and authorities on all facets of Arms, Armour, Accoutrements, Costume, Music, Dance, Period Architecture etc.
 - (b) To keep Historical records of the Martial Arts and re-enactment scene in Australia (and overseas).
 - (c) To publish a Regular illustrated inter-club Gazetteer/Memorabilia sheet Will also serve as a basis for trading and sale of weapons etc., media releases, publicity blurbs by trained publicists etc. (i.e. an updated New Heddeby.)
 - (d) The organisation of regular inter-Club conferences and exhibitions.
 - (e) To assist with the formation and recruiting for I&A Societies and the maintenance of existing ones; to assist with man-power where required, so that a Club needing extra man-power for a big display has a pool of willing and trained extras to draw on, etc.



- (f) Co-ordination of Club activities, finding work for Clubs.
- (g) Provide a Forum for the airing of grievances and technical problems etc.
- (h) To establish a common code of ethics for all Clubs, and agreement on Combat Rules, where applied to INTER-CLUB COMBATS, and to further the fairness of Inter-Club individual/group Combats to establish a common Combat Style and a Warrior Proficiency Grading system, along the lines suggested below.
- (i) Combat Styles could be divided into grades
 - 1. Accurate Historical Style where maximum effort is made to ensure accuracy of equipment etc.
 - 2. Freestyle Combat, which is "in the style of" a period or era but not claiming accuracy.

SUGGESTED WARRIOR GRADING FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES.

Warriors should be graded according to experience and fitness, such as:



- 1. BEGINNER: less than one year's experience proficient in only a few things.
- 2. MAN-AT-ARMS: one year plus, experienced in several weapons and basic tactics.
- 3. VERDAN WARRIOR: two to five years experience, proficient in many weapons and tactics.
- 4. MASTER-AT-ARMS: over five years experience, highly proficient in all things.

For Inter-Club Combat (and hopefully for Intra-Club) all persons would be required to have a minimal standard of fitness, to have at least three months basic training (of at least every second weekend), and be equipped with Helmet, Shield, Hand Armour, and basic weapons of spear and belt-weapon, and possibly light armour (mail, scale etc.).

Weapons proficiency should be graded in a recognised progression, as skill and strength of the Combatant increases. It is suggested that the following progression be used. (a) Spear (b) Belt-arm (c) Pole arms (d) Swords (e) Maces/Flails (f) two handed Swords (g) Horse Combat (h) Jousting with special categories for foot soldiers after (e) of:-

(C 1) Long-bowmen (C 2) Cross-bowmen (C 3) Gunners (Black powder replicas) etc. as required. This is provisional and subject to discussion. All Clubs please send copies of your Rules for Combat, prior to the Conference, as a Rules Forum will be held to discuss Common Rules and Guidelines where required and applicable.

PLEASE TRY AND ATTEND AS THIS IS IMPORTANT TO THE FUTURE OF THE MOVEMENT.

2nd AUSTRALIAN MEDIEVAL WARRIORS CONVENTION

HOST VENUE: MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURE AND ARTISANS ASSOC.

REGISTRATION FORM.

SURNAME.....GIVEN NAMES.....
SEX.....AGE.....ADDRESS.....
.....STATE.....POSTCODE.....PHONE.....
ARE YOU A MEMBER OF A SOCIETY? IF SO WHICH.....
WHAT ARE YOUR SPECIFIC FIELDS OF INTEREST?.....
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ARE YOU BRINGING ARMS AND ARMOUR?.....COSTUME.....
DO YOU WISH TO (a) ACCEPT ROUGH ACCOMMODATION AS AVAILABLEIF SO
PLEASE BRING SLEEPING BAG, EATING KNIFE, MEDIEVAL COSTUME ETC.
DO YOU WISH TO LIVE ELSEWHERE, IF SO WHERE
.....PHONE.....
DO YOU WISH US TO CATER FOR YOUOR WILL YOU CATER FOR YOURSELF....

WE WILL PROVIDE FOOD FOR FOUR DAYS FOR APPROXIMATELY \$15 EXTRA.*

B.Y.O. BOOZE. (Fast food outlets are available locally, etc.)

Please note: we will provide basic rough accommodation in our Medieval Hut and Craft Cottage etc. Showers and toilets will be provided nearby at Sports Oval. People attending should be able to cater for themselves, preferably, as cooking facilities are limited/save for medieval open fire etc., unless above offer is accepted.*

HOW WILL YOU BE ARRIVING AT THE CONVENTION?.....

WHAT IS YOUR ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL.....WILL YOU NEED TRANSPORT FROM AIRPORT ETC.....

PLEASE NOTE: re-financing this to help with the great expenses we must ask for a small donation to cover printing, food for feast etc. etc., therefore if you could make a donation of around \$20 (includes feast) or even a donation in kind, such as a useable weapon, artifact, book etc from those short of funds, it would be appreciated.

BUT DO NOT LET LACK OF FUNDS DETER YOU FROM COMING AS WE WANT TO MEET YOU NOT YOUR MONEY.

HOPEING TO SEE YOU HERE....

RETURN REPLY TO:

POSTAL ADDRESS: BELAND DUNKERLEY,

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