

# CONFERENCE UPDATE

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## Welcome to the Ninth Australasian Medieval Conference Update No.1

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to the first Update of the Ninth Australasian Conference. As you may be aware from our presentation at the last Conference, the members of Islinga have been preparing for this event for some time. We are getting ready to bring to you an enjoyable and stimulating Conference.

This first Update will be a sounding board to let you know what has been happening since Easter. We have been working very hard on deciphering your registration form survey responses. Many thanks for your tips and suggestions. However, we are keen to get some more feedback as you have all had several months to consolidate your expectations. In the end, a successful Conference depends on the enthusiasm and interest of all participants. We can supply a sound infrastructure but we can't make you enjoy yourself.

### Value for Money:

Your Conference fee includes all site fees as well as breakfast, lunch and dinner from Friday to Monday inclusive.

### The Site:

Sokil (pron. "Sock-il", not "so...kill") is a Ukrainian Scout camp set in the middle of the Angahook Lorne State Park approximately 60km from Geelong in the south west of Victoria. A map of this expansive site can be found in this edition and a 'how to get there' map will be included in the next Update.

Sokil offers ample shady camp-sites, a screened car-park, toilet/shower blocks

Rate	Dep.	Avail.	Final Due
Special \$120	\$20	14 Apr 95 to 30 Apr 95	1 Apr 96
Std \$150	\$40	1 May 95 to 30 Nov 96	31 Dec 96
\$180*	\$40	1 Dec 96 to 28 Feb 97	28 Feb 97
Late \$220*	-	1 Mar 97 to 25 Mar 97	25 Mar 97
At Gate \$300*	-	28 Mar 97	-

\*NOTE: Special circumstances will be considered on written application.

throughout the site with large hot water services, a large commercial kitchen with walk-in cool room, a large covered area near kitchen suitable for tavern or

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feasts, flat areas close to kitchen suitable for marques, areas suitable for the market, combat and archery, a roman style pool suitable for swimming with a separate shallow pool ideal for the renown bridge battles.

### Catering:

Arrangements have been made with a respected professional caterers. They are interested and enthusiastic about preparing period meals. The caterers will be directed by Islinga members with extensive period cooking experience.

Special points to note:

- \* balanced vegetarian dishes will be provided at all meals.
- \* each lunch and dinner will highlight a different period.
- \* servers will be provided at all feasts.

### HELP!

Do you have any favourite tried and true recipes from your period that you would like to share with us? We would be particularly interested in Roman, Middle Eastern and late period dishes. Please contact us or send sourced photocopies with your own personal notes.

### Hard Accommodation:

We were a little surprised by the number of people who appear interested in hard accommodation. As mentioned in our presentation at Easter the available dormitory accommodation is very limited. (It is quite reminiscent of Viking all in together style). We are currently investigating other options including arrang-

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**STOP PRESS STOP**  
Routiers will run the Tavern

# SOKIL OR BUST!

ing tent hire. Prices and availability will be included in future Updates.

## Childcare:

The Conference Committee will not be providing a childcare service. However, we will make available an area for use by parents/guardians with children. The Committee is willing to provide contact details for attendees with children to enable them to make arrangements amongst themselves.

## Programming:

Horses: A number of people have indicated interest in bringing horses to the Conference. Negotiation for horses are underway but we require specific information outlining the types of activities that you would like to participate in.

It is anticipated that the number of horses that can be catered for will be limited. Owners must take full responsibility for the sound health and temperament of their animals.

## Workshops and lectures

As in the past, we hope to maintain the excellent quality and range of speakers at the Conference. It is gratifying to note some keen individuals have already indicated their willingness to participate.

We invite any participant to contribute a session. Please outline your area of interest, topic, intended audience and any special needs for presentation or workshop. Due to the popularity of some workshops at Brisbane, we will be approaching individuals to participate again. If you can recommend any academic or non-academic speakers, we will happily follow up any leads.

## Letterbox Firebombed!

There are thousands of mail boxes in Melbourne that we could have mailed the update from but we picked the one that some idiot decided to firebomb. We know that some of you have not received the first update as we got some burnt bits back. Because we don't know who did get the update we are sending it to everyone again.

## Combat:

Many important combat issues were raised at the last Conference. We hope to liaise with all participating groups to resolve any areas of conflict before the event. In the following Updates a set of standards will be distributed for consultation and discussion. Good intentions alone will not resolve any difficulties. Each club intending to take the field needs to take an active role in this process.

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## Meet the Committee:

**President: Jamie Smith (AH:03-)**, '94/'95 Logman of Islendinga. Participant at Brisbane and excellent gambler. Known as "Jamie Wornfingers" from raking the coins across the dicing table.

**Secretary: Marian Castell (AH:03-)**, ongoing participant at Conferences since Maldon '85. Sec. to Maldon '89. Known as a fierce dicer and maker of extraordinary mead ales. (One of the Twin Goddesses of Mead, deified at Kindilan by Peter Radvan and accepted into the pantheon by Snorri, God Emperor).

**Treasurer: Michael Docherty (AH:03-**

), helped co-ordinate Maldon '85 & '89. Known to be handy with the bow, just ask Lisa.

**Facilities: Melissa O'Brien (AH:03-)**, organiser of numerous events, including Maldon '89. Known to Routiers as the "Sprite of Erin", see Routiers' Songbook "The Women Of Islendinga" for further illumination.

**Catering: Lisa Docherty (AH:03-)** renowned for culinary expertise and catering skills. The "groaning board" actually refers to Lisa's table. Known for her uplifting meads and wicked liquors. (One of the Twin Goddesses of Mead).

**Combat: Roy Castell (AH:03-)**, '95/'96 Logman of Islendinga, participant at every Conference since '83. Helped run Maldon '85 & '89. Known as "Roy Longshaft" for obvious reasons, his talent with the spear being the most apparent.

**Programming: Stuart Lacey (AH:03-)**, '94/'95 Boklogman of Islendinga. Participant at Brisbane. Known for kindness to vegetables until very recently.

**Archery: Blair Cooke (AH:03-)**, '95/'96 Boklogmann of Islendinga. Long standing interest in archery, be careful in the bushes. Famous for inspiring the ancient art of "Blair-tipping".

Please feel free to contact any member of the Committee if you have an enquiry.



