

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY:
ARCHAEOLOGY AND MATERIAL CULTURE STUDIES

By Ian Walters

I took up an appointment as Lecturer in Anthropology at University College of the Northern Territory from the beginning of the 1988 academic year. University College offers B.A. and B.Sc. degrees, as well as Masters and Ph.D. qualifications. Undergraduate subjects and post-graduate study programs follow the University of Queensland curriculum, and degrees will initially be University of Queensland degrees, with an appropriate annotation showing that they were gained on the UCNT campus in Darwin.

From second semester 1988 the Faculty of Arts begins teaching undergraduate courses in archaeology and material culture studies (it being I.W.'s brief to run these courses).

The general anthropology program is taught by:

Dr P. McConvell, who researches interactional socio-linguistics, kinship and social classification systems, syntax and semantics, focusing on Aboriginal Australia;

Dr D. Mearns, who researches ritual and religion, urban anthropology, ethnicity, anthropological theory and the State, and political formations, focusing on south-east Asia;

Dr I. Walters, who researches modern material culture, specifically looking at the use of motorized transport in Aboriginal communities, Australian archaeology, particularly late Holocene maritime subsistence, and taphonomy and site formation processes.

Post-graduate studies in archaeology or material culture: Fiona Jack-Hinton of the Northern Territory Museums and Art Galleries, began a part-time Ph.D. at UCNT in 1987, pursuing a study in the area of south-east Asian material culture. She is working under the supervision of Dr Mearns and Dr L. Satterthwait, University of Queensland.

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