The Council of the Near Eastern Archaeology Foundation invite you to our series of public lectures.

Thursday 28th August 2014

Centre for Classical and Near Eastern Studies of Australia (CCANESA)
Level 4 Madsen Building F09
University of Sydney
6.30 to 8.30pm (includes a light supper)

Bookings are essential for this event. We prefer prepayment by 25 August 2014.

All prepaid tickets will be available at the door.

PREHISTORIC PRASTEIO MESOROTSOS, CYPRUS

Dr. Andrew McCarthy
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The site of Prastio Mesorotsos was inhabited throughout most of the periods of Cypriot prehistory and history, and is located in the immediate hinterland of the first and most important temple to the goddess Aphrodite.

The long sequence at this site is beginning to show evidence for a great deal of continuity and social memory, which was accompanied by an apparent reluctance to change as seen in the conservatism displayed in the habits of its prehistoric people. Such a rich and long history requires a multidisciplinary approach to understand the sequence of development, and through Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute (CAARI), such a team can be assembled. This paper will discuss the archaeology of Cyprus the development of its culture through time, and the role that Overseas Research Centers have in making sense of this information.

This paper is presented, in part, to promote the 2013 publication of JRB Stewart: An Archaeological Legacy (SIMA 139), edited by Jennifer Webb, A. Bernard Knapp and Andrew McCarthy. This publication represents the proceedings of a conference held at CAARI in 2013 to honour this pioneering Australian archaeologist.

Dr Andrew McCarthy has held the position of Director at the Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute since 2011. Dr McCarthy is the author of 53 publications and has been involved with 34 separate research projects.