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Over the last year the chapter had a number of activities with the aim of expanding the reach of the chapter with Australasia locally and internationally. We hosted a Summer Institute on Stradbroke Island, Queensland from the 2 to the 5 of February where 16 members from 10 different institutions (academic, professional and government) participated in an intensive writing workshop. A volume which showcases digital applications in Australasain archaeology has also been instigated from this institute which is currently in progress.

In addition we hosted an online conference which had over thirty presentations and was attended by over 300 people from around 30 countries. Many of these videos have been uploaded to our chapter YouTube page. The conference was hosted via Zoom and featured a keynote talk by Professor Simon Holdaway. The feedback from a followup survey to the conference was positive and encouraged us to host another one.

Finally we have prepared and submitted a bid to host the CAA International conference in Auckland in 2024.

Over the next twelve months in addition to the already ongoing projects we are aiming to host a second online conference, regular panels showcasing methods and projects in Australasian digital archaeology, and further expand our reach to institutions in Australasia who are not represented in the chapter.