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ADDITIONAL DATES FOR SARAH'S GULLY PA SITE

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Site N.40/10, a pa at Sarah's Gully, Coromandel Peninsula, with adjacent areas archaeologically related, has been described and some aspects discussed (Golson, 1959; Birks, 1960; Green, 1963; Birks, 1970; Green, 1972a; Green, 1972b). Since the receipt of three radiocarbon dates establishing the temporal sequence of three occupational phases (Birks, 1970), analysis results from two further samples from the site have become available. Both samples were obtained from the fill of the same pit, which is associated with the last occupational period.

<u>Code No.</u>	<u>Sample</u>	<u>Age B.P.</u> <u>(Years before 1950)</u>
N.Z. 698	N.40/514 Shell from pit of Phase 3 (18 in. below ground surface)	260 ± 51
N.Z. 699	N.40/515 Shell from pit of Phase 3 (18-24 in. below ground surface)	292 ± 41

Considered in conjunction with the dates previously published, the later of those shown above suggests that Phase 3 may have had a minimum duration of about 75 years.

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