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Frontispiece

Found by new Central Filekeeper Mary O'Keeffe in the depths of the HNZPT library: the New Zealand Historic Places Trust Archaeology Section in 1981.

Back row L to R: Brian Sheppard, Neville Ritchie, Tony Walton.

Middle row: Bruce McFadgen, Sue Bulmer, Anne Geelen.

Front row: Jim McKinlay, Raewyn Sheppard, Kevin Jones.

(HNZPT Library)

Editorial

Two of the important issues for the archaeological community in the last few months have been the proposals by Archives New Zealand and the National Library to, respectively, reduce opening hours and dispose of overseas-published material. Both are related to increasing moves towards digitisation and online availability of research material, something that sites like Paperspast and now the Heritage New Zealand Digital Library have proven can be of great benefit. However (and it is a very big however) digitisation is an additional tool for the researcher and an easy means to access commonly-used sources, and not a replacement for rigorous archival research on original documents. Both proposals generated immediate and loud outcries (including a letter from NZAA Council to the Chief Archivist), and there has been some retreat, but (as ever) the Barbarians are at the gates.

New Zealand Archaeology Week is coming around again, and it is a great opportunity to get archaeology in the public eye. While there are large numbers of archaeologists now working professionally in New Zealand, what we actually do and find is generally not well publicised (the age-old grey literature problem). This is an opportunity to tell some of those stories, so get involved.

With regard to professional archaeological practice, two papers in this issue are of note: Alex Jorgensen reviews of the professional profile survey carried out by NZAA last year, and Mary O’Keeffe has provided an opinion piece on the future of the profession. Both provide ample food for thought.

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