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*Frontispiece*

*University of Otago Anthropology Society members during a small excavation at Larnach's Farmstead, Hereweka Harbour Cone, Otago Peninsula, March 2020. See Notes & News for a call for reminiscences and photographs from past OAS activities.*

## Editorial

Where can one start? Most clichés about unprecedented events have been used already. Hopefully everyone in the Association has got through the Covid-19 shutdown OK, with jobs and sanity intact.

It awaits to be seen how the post-Covid economic world affects the practice of archaeology: as John Coster's paper (this issue) points out, some 65% of us make our living in the commercial world. The government promise of funding for major development projects may see some concomitant large archaeological mitigation projects, but there are always grumblings about reducing the compliance costs and times of such projects. And the academic world is also full of uncertainties, with on-line teaching, and the border closure affecting overseas student numbers. But down here in the south many projects now seem to be in catch-up mode, so things are very busy at present.

Another effect of the lockdown was that a number of people caught up with paper writing, meaning this issue is full, although this was offset somewhat by the lack of fieldwork reports. Mary O'Keeffe, in her new role as Central Filekeeper, also reports that people have used the lockdown period to catch up with site record submissions.

A victim of the Covid-19 situation was the conference this year: the plan at the moment is to simply hold the 2121 conference at the same venue in Taupo. But in the meantime AINZ continues to be a means of keeping up with current events in the archaeological world, so please keep sending in both papers and recent fieldwork reports.

*Peter Petchey*

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