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2020 NZAA AGM & Council Election

Saturday 27th June
Via Zoom (online)

The uncertainties regarding travel and in-person meetings due to the Covid-19 situation, meant that the 2020 NZAA AGM was held online via Zoom at 2pm on Saturday 27th June. The various officers' reports were read out, and the results of the Council election were announced (an online vote through Zoom was necessary to determine the last position).

Present:

Katharine Watson, Sheelagh Conran, Alex Jorgensen, Peter Petchey, Kirsty Sykes, Tristan Wadsworth, Kathryn Hurren, Rick McGovern-Wilson, Mary O'Keeffe, Laura Dawson, Isaac McIvor, Pam Bain, Emma Brooks, Andrew Brown, Matthew Campbell, Arden Cruickshank, Chris Jennings, Amanda McIvor, Nicholas Sutton, Danielle Trilford, Lynda Walter, Peter Tucker, Susanne Grieve-Rawson.

Apologies:

Karen Greig, Josephine Hagan, Steven Bagley, John Coster, Rosie Greary Nichol, David Harrowfield, Kevin Jones, Sam Kurmann, Ian Lawlor, Amy McStay, Scott Pilkington, Michael Trotter, Frank van der Heijden, Moira White, Amanda Young, Jessie Garland, Anne O'Hagan.

The new NZAA Council elected for the 2020-21 year is as follows:

President: Lynda Walter
Immediate Past President: Katharine Watson
Vice President: Peter Petchey
Treasurer: Kirsty Sykes
Secretary: Zac McIvor
Council members: Alex Jorgensen
Rebecca Ramsay
Emma Brooks
Danielle Trilford

In addition, during the year Patricia Pillay was appointed as Social Media Co-ordinator.

President's Report

The following report is structured around the goals, targets and actions in NZAA's current strategic plan. The five goals in this plan are:

- Maintenance and growth.
- Promote the practice of archaeology.
- Maintain and communicate archaeological principles and values.
- Sustain and strengthen site archaeological site recording in New Zealand.
- Grow financial strength and policy capability.
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At the outset, though, I'd like to thank all the volunteers whose hard work ensures that NZAA continues to function. These include all those you'll hear presenting reports today, as well as Council members, the Kaupapa Māori Advisory Group, Nick Sutton (membership secretary and, up until recently, Facebook page manager), Garry Law (e-News) and Cathryn Barr (conference organiser). I'd also like to draw particular attention to the work of Kathryn Hurren, Patricia Pillay and Laura Dawson, who stepped in to run our online Archaeology Week. And thanks to Patricia Pillay, who has recently stepped into the new role of social media coordinator. I'd also like to acknowledge the work of our paid employees – Mary O'Keeffe (central filekeeper), Emma Brooks (previous ArchSite coordinator) and Emma St Pierre (current ArchSite coordinator) – whose excellent work is vital to the success of ArchSite. I'd particularly like to acknowledge the work of Emma Brooks, who stepped down as ArchSite coordinator after several years earlier this year – her support and knowledge of ArchSite in recent years was exceptional.

As well as changing the format of Archaeology Week, the covid-19 has resulted in conference being cancelled and delayed some other plans Council had afoot. We have made the decision to hold our conference at the same time and place next year – Taupō, 4-7 July 2021.

Goal 1: maintenance and growth

NZAA membership has remained relatively steady, although, as with many voluntary organisations, it is slowly declining.

Through the Heritage Leaders Forum, I have met approximately every six weeks with Andrew Coleman (Chief Executive, Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga), James Blackburne (President, Historic Places Aotearoa)

and Pamela Dziwulska (President, ICOMOS). These meetings mostly revolve around sharing organisational updates and discussing issues of joint concern. As a result, we have built good relationships with these organisations, and there is now a proposal for a national heritage conference (to be held in Christchurch in October next year) under discussion.

In terms of subcommittees, the Kaupapa Māori Advisory Group is proving invaluable, as seen from recent inputs into discussions about site recording and the new strategic plan. They were also able to offer a wealth of advice and suggestions with regards to conference this year (which had to be cancelled as a result of the covid-19 situation).

Goal 2: promote the practice of archaeology

NZAA Council have continued to promote and support archaeological research through the Walton Fund. It was heartening to see unprecedented number of applications this year, all of which were of a high quality. The successful applications were those of Brendan Kneebone (survey and record in detail archaeological sites and features located at Home Bay on Rakino Island) and Christina Patterson (update New Zealand archaeological site records on Stewart Island/Rakiura, specifically focusing on the areas of Port Adventure, Paterson Inlet and the surrounds of Oban).

Council has contributed to the development of archaeological professional practice through providing feedback to Heritage New Zealand about their guidelines for the review of authority conditions. We had hoped to also hold a workshop in Auckland later this year, on the practice of indigenous archaeology. The planning for this was unfortunately delayed by covid-19 but it is hoped that this will still be able to go ahead.

The online version of Archaeology Week this year was a great success, and thanks are due not just to those who volunteered to do the social media posting but also to our content partners, who stepped up at the last minute to help and support the work of NZAA. It is hoped that the format this year will provide a template for an online component in the future. As part of this online Archaeology Week, NZAA started an Instagram account (to add to our existing Facebook and Twitter accounts). And as a result of Archaeology Week, we have appointed Patricia Pillay to oversee all our social media accounts, and to post regularly to them. This should see an increase in NZAA's online presence, and will hopefully contribute to an increased awareness of archaeology in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Goal 3: maintain and communicate archaeological principles and values

NZAA Council has continued to advocate for the protection and conservation of archaeology sites through a variety of means. Tristan has continued to coordinate our submissions. A number of these have been related to Heritage New Zealand listings, but we have also submitted on the following: the management of Crown pastoral lease land (LINZ), the review of the Burial and Cremation Act, the proposed amendments to the Resource Management Act, and the Covid-19 Recovery (Fast-track consenting) Bill (with particular thank to Alex Jorgensen for last minute assistance with this one). We have also participated in a recent LINZ project seeking feedback from users of LINZ data, submitted on the proposed changes to the history curriculum and lobbied Archives New Zealand with regard to their opening hours. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Tristan (who is stepping down from Council) for all his work as submissions coordinator. NZAA also continued to contribute to the Ministry for Culture and Heritage's built heritage review, and to lobby for more robust protection of archaeological heritage through that process.

We have also lobbied Heritage New Zealand on a number of issues, including what they require of s.45 archaeologists in terms of being on site and, more recently, the lack of guidelines about when a cultural values statement is required as part of the authority application process and the policy of when an archaeological authority is required for work on ruins. In addition, we are working with Heritage New Zealand on a survey to see what the community considers necessary for s.45 – this is another project that has been delayed by covid-19. In terms of our engagement with Heritage New Zealand, Andrew Coleman attended a council meeting late last year, which provided a useful opportunity to discuss various issues with him, including compliance monitoring and prosecutions.

NZAA has recently signed a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Conservation, which provides a foundation for the two organisations to work together, particularly with regard to climate change. The MOU also encourages the presence of DOC staff at NZAA conferences, DOC participation in Archaeology Week and having the Site Recording Scheme upgrade complete on public conservation land. In my conversations with DOC, I continue to advocate for this particular project to be completed.

One of the other major pieces of work undertaken relating to this goal has been Rebecca Ramsay's development of the climate change policy, which she will speak to later in the AGM. This document is currently being

reviewed by the Kaupapa Māori Advisory Group and working group to administer the policy is being formed with our key partners. Rebecca has also been working with NIWA and Eagle on shoreline modelling of sea-level rise in relation to recorded archaeological sites.

Goal 4: sustain and strengthen archaeological site recording

Earlier this year, Karen Grieg was appointed as chair of the ArchSite Board, and it is great to see the board back up and running properly. Other successes this year include appointing Mary O’Keeffe as central filekeeper, Emma St Pierre as ArchSite coordinator and signing the tripartite agreement with Heritage New Zealand and DOC. This agreement cements the relationship between the three parties with regard to the operation of ArchSite and the use of the data. Importantly, it confirms that ownership of the Site Recording Scheme and ArchSite lie with NZAA and outlines the funding arrangements for the central filekeeper role. Thanks to Alex Jorgensen for his work in the preparation and finalisation of this agreement. The bulk of the funding for this comes from DOC, with a significant top-up from Heritage New Zealand and some additional funds contributed by NZAA. NZAA is particularly grateful to our partners for their financial contributions, which allow us to continue the central filekeeper role.

The scanning for the audit has unfortunately been abeyance, but Council is in the process of taking the necessary steps to get this work back underway. Council has also recently started discussions with the regional filekeepers about their role in relation to the Site Recording Scheme/ArchSite. It was heartening to receive so much positive feedback from them about the importance of the role.

Goal 5: grow financial strength and policy capability

The main work in relation to this goal has been the development of the new strategic plan, which will be reported on later in the AGM. In addition to this, Kirsty Sykes has been streamlining some of our financial arrangements and Zac McIvor has been pulling together role descriptions for each of the NZAA positions.