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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Queen's Birthday Weekend, June 1970

The extended weekend was occupied with papers, tours of the salvaged archaeological sites in the Tongariro Power Scheme area, and the A.G.M.

Officers elected were:

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| President: | Dr R. Duff |
| Vice Presidents: | F. W. Shawcross, P. S. Bellwood |
| Secretary: | Miss Janet Davidson |
| Treasurer: | Mr G. Moonen |
| Council: | S. M. Bartlett, T. J. Hosking, B. G. McFadgen, J. R. McKinley, G. S. Park and M. M. Trotter |

In the academic part of the weekend, the following papers were presented, some of which will be published in future issues of the NEWSLETTER, depending on the willingness of authors:

Jim McKinley, Archaeologist to Historic Places Trust, read a paper on the Historical Articles Act in which he gave a review of all the N.Z. Legislation affecting artefacts and historic articles, and concluded that legislation without education of the public is of little value in preserving our heritage.

Peter Bellwood, Anthropology Department, Auckland University, reviewed English Laws in a paper which appears in this issue.

Richard Cassels, Anthropology Department, Auckland University, discussed Legislation and Practice Concerning Antiquities in the Near East. From experience there he concluded that legislation has failed and that the gap between legislation and practice grows wider. Illegal trade and black-marketing in artefacts override all government attempts at control. An awareness of the amount of information that can be gained by responsible excavation may have its effect on legislation, but has little effect on the inhabitants and their practices in the Near East. The only hope is that archaeologists can prepare a "manifesto" about the importance of antiquities, and persuade educators to disseminate this truth in training colleges and schools.

The Tongariro Power Project was specifically covered in four papers. Tony Bately spoke of the relationship between the Historic Places Trust and the Ministry of Works and other Government Departments which, after a frustrating start, appears to have ended amicably. The full saga will

appear at a later date.

Mr B. Dekker, Project Inspection Engineer, Ministry of Works, spoke of his department's work and the evolution of the scope from purely a "layout" development of the Power Scheme to a widening vision to include natural and Maori history with displays, explanations and preservations, with the possible construction of a museum to house material recovered.

Trevor Hosking, sometime field-worker for the Historic Places Trust on the Scheme, gave an illustrated talk on his survey of historic sites as a preliminary to a field trip.

Ormond Wilson, Chairman, Historic Places Trust, spoke of the original preservation and restoration of Te Porere gun-fighting pa, and the problems arising from the continued public interest in the site.

Stuart Park, Otago Museum, gave an illustrated talk on Tiwai Point, the salvaged site which is to be destroyed by the Comalco Aluminium smelter. This Company is at present urging the Government, who act for the people of New Zealand, to pay for the destruction of Lake Manapouri's shoreline. Stuart revealed to an astonished gathering at Turangi, that Comalco had never been approached for funds to support the salvage excavations at Tiwai.

Ken Moore, Kawerau, gave a detailed paper on site recording, surveying and preservation in the Bay of Plenty, and spoke of his efforts which have preserved 28 sites in the area by creating historic reserves.

Bruce McFadgen, Lands and Survey Department, Wellington, read a paper on the Kapuni Pipeline Survey which appears in this issue.