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## **Archaeology Week 2018**

### **Kathryn Hurren (and others)**

Archaeology Week 2018 ran from 28 April to 6 May and saw 60 events held around the country, including walks, talks, library and museum displays, childrens' events and excavations. The 2018 week included more activities than last year, with new events being held in Gisborne, Tauranga, Taranaki and Kaikoura. The week was well received with events attracting between 20 and 180+ people, and some activities were so popular that they filled up very fast and additional events had to be staged.

Feedback about Archaeology Week 2018 so far has been positive with several people/organisations already deciding to participate in 2019. A full list of events is still available on the NZAA website ([www.nzarchaeology.org](http://www.nzarchaeology.org)). NZAA is interested in any feedback or comments: please email [archaeologyweek@nzarchaeology.org](mailto:archaeologyweek@nzarchaeology.org) if you would like to provide any feedback (good or bad) about this year's programme, or are interested in participating in the 2019 events.

Some highlights and summaries of Archaeology Week 2018 events are described below to give a taste of the variety of events that were put on this year.

The NZAA would like to thank everyone who participated in New Zealand Archaeology Week 2018. Without your participation and support the event would not be possible.

#### **Northland**

In Northland Bill Edwards, Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, gave a talk on the Kaipara Harbour which was very well attended. The Waitangi Treaty Grounds put on an archaeological dig for kids and hosted a lecture by John Booth on the Booth Whānau Collection.

#### **Auckland**

The Auckland Archaeological Society and the Auckland University Anthropology Department held several successful events. PhD candidate Jane Jones presented the early stages of her research on the environmental resilience of Early Bronze Age Aegean communities. Later in the week, Dr

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Heather Battles led a walking tour of Symonds Street Cemetery, a first-generation urban settler cemetery in Auckland, in operation mainly from 1842 to 1886. The tour reviewed some of the cemetery's history and struggles with preservation and maintenance, including the impact of motorway works in the 1960s. We would like to thank the Friends of Symonds Street Community for the hard work they have put in to clean up the cemetery and make the paths more accessible to the public. We ended Archaeology Week with a BBQ and trowel throwing competition at the University of Auckland campus. We would like to say a big thank you to our speakers for presenting, those who came to our events, supported, helped, advertised or retweeted for us and supplied us with equipment.

*Amanda McIvor and Patricia Pillay (2018 Vice President and Co-Secretary)*



*Symonds Street Walking Tour with Dr Heather Battles (centre) (Anthsoc).*

The Auckland Council ran a walking tour of the of Michael Joseph Savage's memorial and mausoleum at Bastion Point and the St James Theatre. The Council also hosted talks by Dave Veart; 'Digging up the Past: Archaeology for the young & curious,' and Peter Crossley; 'Visualising and Preserving Our Lava Caves; using 3D Laser Scanners.'



*Participants try their luck at the Anthsoc trowel throwing competition (Anthsoc).*



*Underground in the old gun emplacement below Michael Joseph Savage's mausoleum at Bastion Point (Auckland Council).*

## **Thames**

As part of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga's participation in Archaeology Week Tom Barker gave a talk on the archaeology in the Thames Area which was held at the Thames School of Mines.

## **Gisborne**

A very well received and solidly booked site visit to Tapui Pa, Manutuke, Gisborne was undertaken on 6 May. The site visit to look at the Pa was led by members of Rongowhakaata, Historic Places Tairāwhiti committee and Pam Bain of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga.

## **Tauranga**

In Tauranga Ken Phillips gave a talk on the archaeology of Hopukioire (Mt Drury) Mount Maunganui. The event was well received with 60 people attending.



*Ken Phillips guiding a group around Hopukioire (Mt Drury) (Heritage New Zealand).*

## **Hawke's Bay**

MTG Hawke's Bay Museum hosted several talks during Archaeology Week 2018 including two talks by Dr Karen Greig titled 'Adzes, fishhooks and dogskin cloaks: Stories of adaptation to a new land' and 'Responding to the impacts of climate change on New Zealand's coastal archaeology.' Other talks at MTG were given by Rose Mohi, Michelle Lee and Sarah Perret. Dr Grieg also repeated her talk on the impact of climate change on New Zealand's coastal archaeology at the Central Hawkes Bay Settlers Museum.

## **Taranaki**

In Taranaki Puke Ariki held a public talk on the 'Rediscovering the history of Ketemarae' with Dr Caroline Phillips. Heritage Taranaki hosted a field trip to Puketarata Pa and surrounding area and Susanne Grieve gave a demonstration and presentation on archaeological and heritage conservation.



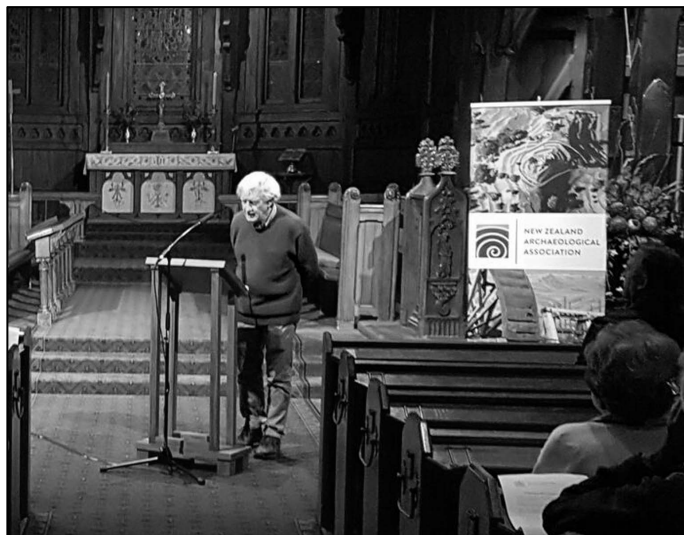
*Ivan Bruce guiding a visit to Puketarata Pa (Ivan Bruce).*

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*Susanne Grieve demonstrating conservation methods (Ivan Bruce).*

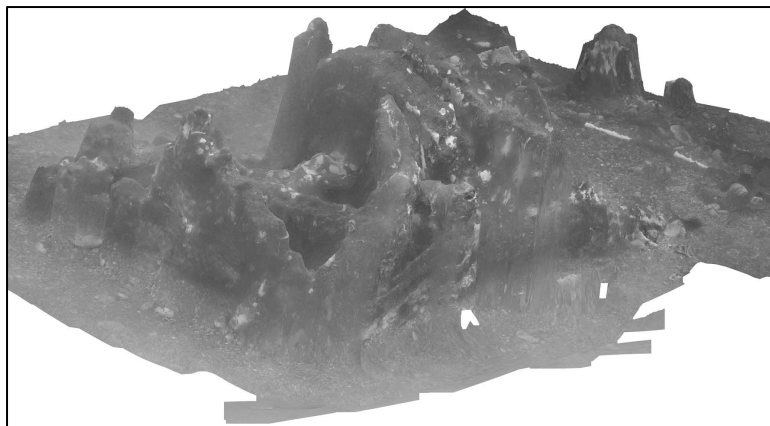
### Wellington



*Bruce McFadgen presenting a quickfire talk at Old St. Paul's (David Watt).*

In Wellington Mary O’Keeffe spoke at Katharine Mansfield house on ‘Digging Round at Home: The Archaeology of Life in Wellington’ and Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga held two public events including a Quickfire event at Old Saint Pauls and a public talk with presentations by Matt Ryan on Maori gardens and Bruce McFadgen on landscape archaeology.

Andy Dodd and members of the Wellington Underwater Club visited a number of Wellington harbour shipwrecks on Friday May 4th. The object was to obtain video and still footage for the purposes of upgrading site record information on the *Tui* (1875-1886), the *Willie McLaren* (1874-1889) and the *Defender* (1901-1918). Nikau Foundation contributed towards the cost of the dive charter.



*Partial 3D reconstruction of the Defender wreck, showing an Admiralty pattern anchor (Nicole Miller, Wellington Underwater Club).*

## **Kaikoura**

The Kaikoura Museum hosted two events that were very well received. The first event was a look behind the scenes at the Kaikoura Museum and what happens to archaeological material once it is dug up. This event focused on children and was led by Jean Spinks and Kaikoura Museum manager Stephanie Lange. The second event was a public talk which included an introduction to archaeology, how the earthquake has affected archaeology in the area and how NCTIR is managing the impact of the works on local heritage. The talk also gave a brief history of whaling and the whaling stations in Kaikoura.



*Jean Spinks at the Kaikoura Museum*

### **Christchurch**

Megan Hickey and Jessie Garland hosted the 'Port to Precinct: A walking tour of historic Lyttelton.' Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga and the Teece Museum organised the *Woman in Archaeology* event where six female archaeologists spoke on how archaeology can reveal womens' hidden history. Maria Lillo Bernabeau and Jessie Garland put



together an exhibit of archaeological material from Christchurch hotels at the South library, and Heritage New Zealand launched the 'Public Houses, Private Lives: excavating Christchurch's colonial hotels' app.



*Women in Archaeology at the Teece Museum.*



*Jessie Garland speaking during 'Port to Precinct: A walking tour of historic Lyttelton.'*

## **Dunedin & Otago**

In Otago Richard Walter gave a public talk at the Forrester Gallery in Oamaru on the settlement of the Waitaki District. In Dunedin Toitu Otago Settlers Museum held a talk on archaeology at the Papanui Inlet. The Otago Museum held an Indiana Jones Trilogy movie event, a public talk by Professor Hallie Buckley on the gold rush and early settler cemeteries and an archaeology activity day.

Jasmine Weston of New Zealand Heritage Properties organised a public excavation in the Dunedin Town belt. The site was chosen due to previous finds of military ephemera relating to the 70th Regiment who were stationed in a barracks on what is now the Otago Boys High School sports field for 18 months in the 1860s. Members of the public got the chance to dig, and several artefacts of the right period were found.



*Emma and Dawn Cropper digging in the Dunedin Town Belt (Naomi Woods).*

Matt Schmidt of Heritage New Zealand together with intern Janny Sjöholm and Norcombe Barker led an archaeological investigation of the Larnach Castle fernery, which started to uncover the paths and structure of this historic garden feature. A cover of 200mm of leaf mould overlay the stone paths, which will be fully uncovered at a later date.



*Norcombe Barker, Matt Schmidt and Janny Sjöholm in the rain at the Larnach Castle fernery.*



*Janny and children at work in the Larnach Castle fernery.*