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2017 NZAA Conference, Thames

The 2017 NZAA conference was held in Thames this year, and was well attended, with 120 people present on the busiest day. The papers were of a high standard, and were well received. A welcome contribution was by Craig Reidy, who described what it was like for a local to be involved in archaeological research in his own home. The student papers were all extremely professional, which bodes well for the future of the discipline. The fieldtrip visited Te Totara Pa, the Thames School of Mines and the Goldmine Experience, and despite some inclement weather was enjoyed by all.

NZAA Awards

The awards were presented at the Gala Dinner on Saturday night by the incoming NZAA President, Katharine Watson.

The Roger Green Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Jill Hamel.

Best conference paper:

- Ian Smith

Conference paper highly commended:

- Craig Reidy
- Rob Brassey
- W. Ross H. Ramsay, Russell Beck, Graeme Collett, Liz Girvan, Moira White, and Phillip Smith

Best student paper:

- Georgia Kerby (Otago University)

Best student poster:

- Brendon Kneebone (Auckland University)

Best student paper in *AINZ*:

- Greg Hil (Otago University)

2017 NZAA Council Elections

President:	Katharine Watson
Vice-President:	Peter Petchey
Treasurer:	Rick McGovern-Wilson
Secretary:	Brooke Tucker
Council:	Andrea Farminer, Alex Jorgensen, Kirsty Potts, Tristan Wadsworth

NZAA President's Report

Council have been busy as usual, as have the many volunteer members of NZAA whose work keeps the Association afloat.

The ArchSite Board of Governance continues to do sterling work for the Association despite a few personnel changes. As ever, our thanks to Nicola Molloy for all her sterling work as Central Filekeeper and Emma Brookes as ArchSite administrator. Following the earthquake strengthening of the DOC offices in Wellington, and then the Kaikoura earthquake, DOC have asked us to move the Central File to another location. With their assistance it is now housed in secure storage units in Upper Hutt, where it will continue to be available to NZAA members.

Other members have continued to act as officers of the association: Kathryn Hurren and Nick Sutton have handled memberships, Tim Thomas and Ethan Cochrane edit the *Journal of Pacific Archaeology*, Peter Petchey edits *AINZ*, and Rebecca Philips and Dylan Gaffney manage our publications, which continue to be of a high standard.

Much of Council's activity this year has been as a result of the direction given by the Strategic Plan, that was developed in consultation with you all a few years back. Two activities in particular stand out. The first is the inaugural National Archaeology Week, which was a fantastic success and a tribute to all the hard work put in by numerous people, in particular Kathryn Hurren, who oversaw the whole enterprise. The second is the updated web site, which now has a log in for members with limited member's only content but more to come, and e-commerce with members and the public being able to buy memberships, monographs and conference registrations on line. We now have the opportunity for many more people to upload content to the web site which takes the burden off our gallant web master, Garry Law, and ensure that each section of the site is kept up to date. One part of the site that I would encourage members to use is the jobs wanted and job opportunities section – there are currently four archaeologists looking for work as well as one job advertised. If you are a recent graduate looking for work or an employer looking for labour, please look at these pages. Stage 2 of the web site upgrade will get underway shortly, which will include an expanded consultants' directory, with the option for members to update their own profiles. If any members have any suggestions or constructive comments on the direction of the web site, please feel free to share them with us.

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Organising conferences is a huge amount of work and I would particularly like to thank Danielle Trilford and David Wilton who have so ably led the team of Josh Emmit, papers organiser; Tom Barker, field trip organiser; and Abby Donaldson, registrations. Our thanks also go to Ngati Maru for hosting us. I think you will all agree conference has been a great success. Conference in 2018 will be a joint Australian Archaeological Association / New Zealand Archaeological Association conference in Auckland. Planning is well advanced but I want to draw your attention to several aspects of this that will be unusual: this conference will potentially have around 400 delegates, and concurrent sessions and will be held in late November / early December. Our constitution requires that an Annual General Meeting with a quorum of at least 15 members be held before the end of June to approve the accounts and to elect Council. We propose that we have a small AGM in one of the main centres to approve the books. We will call for nominations to Council following the procedures outlined in the constitution and, if a vote is required, we will hold a postal ballot.

Submissions are a central role of the Association but unusually the submissions officer has received no notifications of plan changes, etc., this year. Warren Gumbley continues to represent NZAA's position on the Waikato Regional Council working group on heritage. I am also well aware that many of our members continue to advocate behind the scenes and as part of their everyday activity. On behalf of NZAA, thank you for all this work. And finally, thanks to all of you for turning up at conference and supporting NZAA and New Zealand archaeology and history in your everyday endeavours.

Matthew Campbell

Treasurer's Report for 2016 Financial Year

I am pleased once again to report to members that NZAA continues to maintain its strong financial base. The following comments are to be read in conjunction with the financial statements which were pre-circulated to members.

Statement Of Financial Position

The Accounts Payable of \$5,491 (2015 \$8,136) are invoices received in December which were unpaid at the end of the year. The Accounts Receivable (\$33,005; 2015 \$33,321) reflect unpaid ArchSite subscriptions

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which were progressively paid in the period January to March. The ongoing decrease in Property, Plant and Equipment (\$39,520; 2015 \$66,312) reflects the depreciation of the ArchSite Upgrade. Overall, the Financial Position of the Association continues its strong growth.

Statement Of Financial Performance

The General Account continues to be in good shape. Memberships have increased (with increases in both domestic and overseas) and although Conference income was up, so was the expenditure because of an expensive venue and more events held. Other income and expenditure remained steady.

The Publications Account made a larger loss than the previous year (\$3,997; 2015 \$57) largely due to not producing a Monograph and therefore sales being down. Costs of production for the *Journal of Pacific Archaeology* were up slightly, but *Archaeology in New Zealand* costs were significantly down.

ArchSite continues to run successfully, with increasing levels of subscriptions offsetting the continuing low level of Search Fees. Slightly increased expenditure is due to some software repairs and employing assistance for the Central Filekeeper to clear the “pending sites” backlog.

Overall Statement

NZAA continues to be in good financial health, and I am pleased to report that we will be able to continue to hold membership and conference fees at their same levels for another year. In the coming year Council intends to address initiatives through the Strategic Plan to grow the organisation, for example through ongoing enhancements to the web site, and promoting Archaeology Week.

Rick McGovern-Wilson

AINZ Editor’s Report

It has been a good year for *AINZ*, with a healthy supply of papers and recent fieldwork reports. The cover is now printed in colour, which has I think given it a distinct lift. This year has seen a run of very good papers, including two excellent student papers that are eligible for the student paper prize that will be announced at the conference dinner. However, there is by no means an oversupply of contributions, and the June issue could easily have

accommodated another paper. Student papers will continue to be encouraged: to date Otago has figured strongly, and it would be good to get some Auckland contributions. The \$300 prize will be continued, but with a slight modification to the eligibility; now all enrolled students will be eligible, but if they are not already NZAA members the prize will be \$250 plus a year membership.

Despite the continuing growth of consultancy archaeology, few consultants publish any results. A few do regularly contribute to the Recent Fieldwork section, and this is much appreciated as this allows people to see what is going on around the country. A standard condition of archaeological authorities for excavations is for a preliminary report to be submitted to Heritage New Zealand soon after the excavation is completed. Such reports could often be expanded into a preliminary excavation report for publication in *AINZ* with only a little more work; Hallie Buckley and myself have attempted to lead by example with our Milton paper in the March issue.

Last year I brought up the issue of refereeing for *AINZ*, which produced equally strong reactions both for and against. This idea is still on the table for general discussion, although I am not actively pursuing it this year. One observation that I would make is that if more reports are submitted along the lines just discussed, and *AINZ* received empirical preliminary excavation results, this would be a good fit with the *JPA* which is a vehicle for more developed analytical papers. It would continue the traditional role of *AINZ* as a vehicle for rapid publication and ease of access.

I am confident that *AINZ* is heading for an excellent year, but I am relying on the members to keep producing papers, and for students to take a first step on their publishing career.

Peter Petchey

NZAA Monograph Editor's Report

While we have had no new monographs published for a while, we are now in the happy position of having three in various stages of preparation.

There is a monograph arising from the Christchurch earthquake work edited by Katharine Watson that is currently due in October next year, in time for Christchurch Heritage Week. This will be a volume aimed at the informed public as much as the archaeological community.

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Another monograph that is slowly gestating is the write up of the 1970s and 80s excavations undertaken by the HPT of Maungataketake / Ellets Mountain in South Auckland under the editorship of Matthew Campbell, Ian Lawlor and Richard Walter. This work is supported by a generous grant from Foundation North, the former ANZ Trust. It should be published in 2019.

The third proposal, recently received, is to write up the whaling station project undertaken by Ian Smith and Nigel Prickett a few years ago. There is no current timeframe for this monograph.

In addition, there are two or three other possibilities that are being floated. While it might stretch our current capacity to publish several monographs a year I always welcome serious proposals and if any of you have major projects that could contribute please feel free to get in touch.

Matthew Campbell

ArchSite Board of Governance Report

ArchSite, the NZAA owned digital interface of the Site Recording Scheme, continues to function well and maintains a steady subscription base. ArchSite continues to be supported through the tripartite agreement between DOC, Heritage New Zealand and NZAA. Volunteers however, continue to provide major support to the ongoing success of the platform. Throughout the year the governance board have drafted a strategic plan as well established a process for the efficient management of the site.

Board Members: Andrea Farminer (NZAA council representative), Katherine Watson (NZAA elected representative), Rachel Egerton (DOC) and Pam Bain (Heritage New Zealand) and Hayden Cawte (NZAA appointed representative) as Chair. **Coordinator:** Emma Brooks

Acknowledgements: The Archsite board would like to acknowledge the valuable support that is provided by volunteers, and the important relationship Archsite shares with NZAA, DOC and Heritage New Zealand. Nik Molloy and Emma Brooks are vital to the success of Archsite and we are truly appreciative of their input. There are also changes afoot with regard to the board membership owing to some resignations. We would like to acknowledge the valuable input from Rachel Egerton and Andrea Farminer as well as welcome Steve Bagley as Rachel's replacement.

ArchSite Chairman's Report

Firstly, I would like to thank the Board and Emma for 'picking up the slack' while I had to take time out with our child's health issues. Despite the fragmented nature of the year, the Board has continued to address the operational requirements of ArchSite. It has also managed to resolve one of the lingering issues of daily administration by converting the Archsite Coordinator role to a paid position. This has been combined with a project specific budget allocation for the quality control and then approval of pending sites. This initiative has seen a drastic decrease in the number of outstanding pending sites. After this success, the coordinator is going to continue to provide support in the approval of pending site as part of the ongoing coordinator role.

Within this year, we have changed the hosting of Archsite. In changing to AWS considerable savings have been made leaving further funds for capital enhancements. One IT element that will need consideration within this year is the fact that Archsite is using over and above all of the support provided from Eagle in our paid subscription. At this stage, we haven't increased this funding allocation but might have to shortly to avoid reliability issues. Discussions with Eagle suggest this could be quite an increase in cost. Given the already significant costs of hosting and maintaining the site, Board members have been investigating and discussing the possibility of having Archsite and the database of sites, identified as a Database of National Importance which could provide opportunities for funding in the short term while identifying long term viable options.

The board have committed to a range of key enhancements to help improve the functionality of Archsite as well as the overall amenity value. These enhancements were put to NZAA council for approval and these have been accepted. The necessary funds for these enhancements were set aside in the 2016 budget.

Throughout the year, we have been working on the overall strategic plan and now have a working draft. This includes providing forecasts for a period of three years as well as instituting a process for establishing an annual plan whereby the yearly goals are established, enhancements are proposed, capital expenditure is budgeted for, maintenance budgets are established as well as the necessary governance requirements. This will maximise the efficiency of the governance process as well as establish clear and transparent yearly goals that can then be tracked. This will also allow the board to focus their attention on working towards and achieving those goals throughout the year. The

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board would set the annual plan at the start of each year and track these against the budgets. The goals of the strategic plan are aligned with the relevant objectives of the NZAA while acknowledging Archsite specific requirements.

The board is committed to maintaining a capital budget for improvements to Archsite functionality. While Archsite is part of the NZAA and thus 'not-for-profit,' budget surpluses are to be retained to ensure Archsite continues to meet the needs of its subscribers and meet the specific NZAA goal to 'Sustain and strengthen archaeological site recording in NZ.'

Goals

- Finalise strategy
- Maintain Archsite stability
- Retain funds for capital development
- Investigate funding options and/or, Archsite being identified as a Database of National Importance
- Simplify subscription model while maintaining income
- Build on the strength of the Site recording scheme
- Ensure completion of Digital Site Recording Scheme
- Nurture the tripartite relationship

Financials

The Archsite subscription for 2016 was relatively consistent with the previous year at \$136,191.84. While initially a budget deficit was projected, some expenses didn't eventuate and thus there has been a budget surplus.

\$4600 of bad debts were written off in this financial year.

The cost of hosting and maintaining Archsite are the single largest expense at ca. \$65,000 per year.

At the end of the financial year there was a rather healthy warchest of close to \$115,000 which was to finance the latest round of enhancements, however, these funds are yet to be paid out and thus, as of todays date, there is closer to \$175,000 in the account.

Hayden Cawte

Skinner Fund Report

In 1966, in honour of Henry Devenish Skinner, the New Zealand Archaeological Association jointly with the Royal Society of New Zealand and the Polynesian Society established the Skinner Fund from public subscription. Following the death of Dr Skinner in 1978, donations from the Friends of the Otago Museum and the Otago Museum Trust Board substantially increased the fund as a token to his memory. The Royal Society of New Zealand administers the fund.

The purpose of the fund is to promote the study of the history, art, culture, physical and social anthropology of the Maori and other Polynesian peoples, particularly through the recording, survey, excavation and scientific study of prehistoric and historic sites in New Zealand and the islands of the South-west Pacific. This includes the detailed analysis of all cultural, artistic, or physical remains recovered as the result of such investigations. To this end, the Skinner Fund committee deems research projects that have survey, recording, and excavation as their goal, to have equal weight with those which propose to treat analytically and comparatively materials already so recovered. The committee gives preference to well-documented research plans that specify methodology and anticipated outcomes of the proposed research.

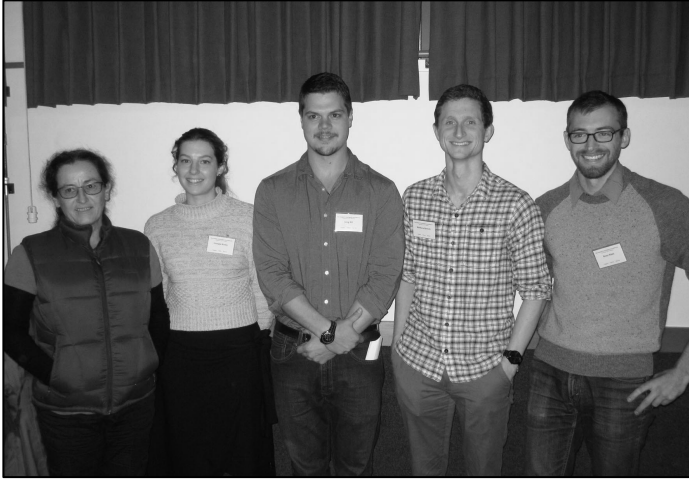
The amount available for distribution from the fund is not large, and grant allocations are usually up to \$1000. Five Skinner Fund applications were received in 2017. They were excellent and were funded to the maximum \$1000 each that was available. The recipients were:

- Tristan Wadsworth and Katharine Watson, *Excavation at Waitata/Little Port Cooper, Banks Peninsula*.
- Huia Pacey and Matt Schmidt, *Roxburgh Cave Raranga Textile Radiocarbon Dating*.
- Shar Briden, *Rescue excavation, Ōkia Reserve archaeological sites (J44/47 and J44/89, 91 – 93), Papanui Inlet, Otago Peninsula*.
- Charles Radclyffe, *Prehistoric Settlement and Exchange Systems in the Western Solomon Islands: A study of islands in the Manning Strait*.
- Matt Ryan, *The Agricultural History of the Okoropunga Stone Rows, Wairarapa*.

Simon H. Bickler

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Student paper presenters at the NZAA conference. From left: Lisa Mckendry, Georgia Kerby, Greg Hil, Matthew Barrett, Reno Nims.



Te Kenehi Teira talking at Te Totara Pa during the fieldtrip.



Bill Edwards (HNZ) at the ramparts of Te Totara Pa during the fieldtrip.



Tom Barker explaining the workings of the Goldmine Experience equipment during the fieldtrip.

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*Kathryn Hurren, Christine Barnett and Frank van der Heijden (all of HNZ)
at the Goldmine Experience.*



The Otago University student contingent at the Conference Dinner.