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**NEW ZEALAND ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**



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## EDITORIAL AND COUNCIL NEWS

The publications subcommittee under Peter Gathercole has reported to Council that it has no favourable recommendation to make on the matter of publication of an Association Journal. Submission of suitable papers to the Transactions will disseminate information not otherwise available in detail in the Newsletter. To further this end, Council is to apply to the Royal Society for affiliation. Members may submit papers to the Editor of the Royal Society Transactions for consideration.

Council has also requested that members proposing to apply to the N.Z. Historic Places Trust for financial assistance give Council adequate warning. Applications always appear to be treated as emergency business, and full consideration is not always given to the time involved in transmitting requests to the NZHPT.

Council also points out that there was an editorial error in the list of Officers published: Wilfred Shawcross is the immediate past president, and not a vice-president. The editor apologizes for the error but can point to the precedent of the same error he made last year when Dr Blake-Palmer was not recorded as the immediate past president.

Council has been notified of summer excavations planned. The Auckland University Society will be digging on Motutapu Island from mid-December to mid-January. The Christchurch Museum Society will be digging and conducting field surveys near Kaikoura from 28 December to 8 January. The Wellington at Foxton Members of the Association are invited to join any of these expeditions by applying directly to the Societies.

The Newsletter will carry an annual bibliography of N.Z. Archaeology in the first number of each volume. Members are asked to contact Mr P. Barton, 10 Maple Grove, Maungaraki, Lower Hutt, with information of items which may have been published in the last five years.

### ANALYTICAL FILE OF "OCEANIA"

Prof. Jean Guart, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Centre Documentaire Pour L'Oceania, 293 Avenue Daumesnil, Paris 12, France, writes:

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