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EDITORIAL

At the Annual General Meeting held in New Plymouth at the end of the four-day Conference, the following Officers and Members of Council were elected:

President:	Mr R. A. T. Bately
Vice-Presidents:	F. W. Shawcross L. M. Groube
Secretary:	Miss J. M. Davidson
Treasurer:	Mr R. G. Law
Council:	R. Allan Dr R. Duff I. Keyes B. McFadgen R. J. Scarlett D. R. Simmons

Dr R. C. Green was elected an Honorary Life Member of the Association, as a mark of our appreciation of the work he has done in New Zealand first as a Fulbright Scholar in 1957 and later as a member of the staff of the Auckland University where he occupied the Chair of Associate Professor. Dr Green's first contribution was towards the firm establishment of the Site Recording Scheme and the production, with Jack Golson, of the First Handbook. When he returned to New Zealand he suggested a site scheduling scheme which would halt the wanton and thoughtless destruction of field monuments by local bodies and government departments. The success of the Symposium on Salvage Archaeology in 1966 reflected the impression he was able to make in this sphere, despite an extraordinary and inexplicable amount of in-fighting on the way. The lack of success of sitescheduling reflects not on Dr Green but on the ineffectual legislation at our disposal. He was also able to stimulate our conceptions of N.Z. prehistory by producing his "Prehistoric Sequence in the Auckland Province", a book which quickly ran out of print. Unfortunately, funds for research come largely from outside New Zealand, and part of his time was therefore spent in the islands of the Pacific where he led teams of students working in Samoa and Tahiti. We can only hope that he will return to New Zealand from time to time and that he will be able to see his two schemes receiving whole-hearted support from Council.

The annual Conference of the Association was held in New Plymouth during the May University vacation. The theme was the study of fortifications in New Zealand and it is hoped that the major papers will be published in the next issue of the NEWSLETTER. A large number of members were able to attend in the pleasant atmosphere of the Taranaki Museum and the weather fortunately allowed two field trips to local sites.

The Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies has produced a manual titled "Collection of Specimens for Radiocarbon Dating and Interpretation of Results", by H. A. Polach and J. Golson. Copies are available from the Institute at \$1.50.

The Australian Institute also publishes a regular Newsletter which is becoming a model of its kind. The latest issue of April 1967, Volume 2, No. 5, has a useful summary of Anthropology in Australian Museums as well as field reports. Copies are available from the Institute at P.O. Box 553, Canberra City, A.C.T., Australia. This publication is recommended especially to critics of offset printing.
