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HANDBOOK TO FIELD ARCHAEOLOGY: or, as Dr Green points out, more properly "topographical archaeology". This monograph has been revised by J. Daniels and is entering the final draft stages. Council hopes that it will be available at the end of the year. Council has become an affiliated member of the Royal Society of New Zealand and the appearance of the Handbook will celebrate this achievement.

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The Extended Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the Wanganui Museum over Queen's Birthday weekend. The Conference opened with an inspection of the greatly enlarged museum which, although not yet completely, already displays much more adequately the vast quantity of ethnographic material that is probably the best in New Zealand.

The Conference papers in the first afternoon concerned Local Groups and members from six affiliated Groups outlined their history, activities, successes and difficulties. It would appear, not surprisingly, that both large and small groups depend on the enthusiasm and energy of a minority of members, and that projects are carried out with greater or less success depending on this enthusiasm. Whilst all groups experience no difficulty in running lecture evenings, it is not always possible to carry out organised field work or excavation with the same success. Otago Anthropological Society has over the past year become successful in organising and employing a salvage squad; this small team has been able to carry out large scale excavations at a large site threatened by industrial development in Southland. Mr J. Daniels concluded the afternoon discussion by giving an outline of the history of the Association, its function at the present and its possible future role. It is estimated that only about a half of the members of Local Groups are also members of the Association.

Mr K. Gorbey, who is at present employed by the Ministry of Works to conduct an archaeological survey along the route of the Kapuni Gas Pipeline on the west coast of the North Island, gave a short paper on his work. In the course of this he noted the possibility of recording as an activity which local groups could undertake and suggested that the publication of site records may given an incentive to their work. Mr T. Hoskins who has been under contract to the N.Z. Historic Places Trust to conduct a survey of the Tangariro Power Scheme area, gave an illustrated lecture in the evening. An excavation will be conducted on an island in Lake Rotoiti which will be submerged by the Tangariro Scheme by February 1969, and any member interested in helping in this rescue is invited to contact Mr Hoskins at Taupo.

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At the Annual General Meeting the following officers and members were elected:

President:	Mr R. A. L. Bailely
Vice Presidents:	Prof. P. W. Gathercole, Mr L. M. Groube
Secretary:	Miss J. Davidson
Treasurer:	Mr R. G. Law
Members:	Mr D. R. Simmons, Auckland; Mr I. W. Keyes, Wellington; Mr G. S. Park, Otago; Mr B. G. McFadgen, Wellington; Dr R. Duff, Christchurch; Miss A. M. Stapleton, Wellington.
Central Filekeeper:	Mr J. Daniels
Editor:	: Dr A. G. Buist

In the general business the matter of publishing individual site records suggested by K. Gorbey was discussed. A motion recommending that Council encourage Local Groups to prepare area surveys for publication, rather than prepare single site records, was carried after considerable discussion. It was also suggested that members be encouraged to write short communications to the NEWSLETTER, rather than leave unpublished material of interest.