



NEW ZEALAND JOURNAL OF ARCHAEOLOGY



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EDITORIAL

The New Zealand Journal of Archaeology had its beginnings at the 1977 Conference of the New Zealand Archaeological Association. At that meeting, Lady Fox put forward a proposal to start a new professional journal which would provide a vehicle for the publication of research being carried out in New Zealand and bring it to the attention of a wider readership. The proposal received general support, and many people besides the authors of papers have contributed to the production of this first issue.

The Council of the Association has determined the policy of the Journal, which will not be restricted to New Zealand archaeology. The Journal will publish papers relating to New Zealand and the Pacific on all matters of interest to archaeologists, including prehistoric, historic and industrial archaeology, shipwrecks, palaeoenvironment studies, linguistics, ethnography, and archaeological method and theory. Excavation reports of more than local interest will also be published. It is hoped that the Journal will provide a focus for the particular viewpoint of Pacific archaeologists and improve communication with other disciplines, particularly in the natural and physical sciences. At the same time the Association's Newsletter and Monograph series will continue, since they are an important means of communication with students and the general public.

The Journal will appear once a year. Prompt refereeing is considered important and every effort will be made to tell an author whether or not his paper has been accepted within two months of receiving it.

The present economic climate is a difficult one in which to start a new journal, but sufficient financial support has been obtained to produce an issue of 150 pages annually for at least three years. Publication has been made possible through association with the University of Otago, which has agreed to the Journal being printed by the University Printing Department. Additional support and grants have been received from the New Zealand Historic Places Trust, the Department of Internal Affairs and the Bank of New Zealand. We are determined that the Journal shall be of high quality, containing interesting papers on a wide range of topics, since to be successful it must fit the needs of archaeologists in many fields.

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Editor