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Editorial

There is a certain swings and roundabouts element to this issue of AINZ. On a positive note there are two papers by current archaeology students, Fran Allen and Matt Carter, who both report on recent fieldwork. This is healthy for the future of the discipline as new blood arrives. Along with the paper by Naomi Woods in the March issue of AINZ these are eligible for the new NZAA student paper prize. This will be decided and announced at the upcoming conference in Blenheim.

But on a sadder note, this issue also carries obituaries for some well-respected New Zealand archaeologists. Chris Jacomb, Brian Vincent, Karl Gillies and John Hall-Jones all contributed greatly to New Zealand archaeological and/or historical research, and the passing of so many in such a short time is a great loss.

This underlines the need for the next generation to be publishing the results of their work, whether it is research-based or consultancy-based. Matt Carter's paper in this issue sets a good example: a preliminary excavation report is always one requirement of an archaeological authority, and such a report can be written so that it can both be published here in AINZ and also submitted to Heritage New Zealand to fulfil their requirements.

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