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Editorial

Despite the poor weather this year it has been a busy summer for many people, as a glance at the Recent Fieldwork section below will show. A number of excavations are described, along with the usual site recording work.

Looking forward, three events of note are approaching. By the time this issue of AINZ is printed the new NZAA website should be up and running (or, at least not far away). This will be a great improvement on the old site, with better access to information and an improved look. The web address remains the same (www.nzarchaeology.org).

The second event is the inaugural New Zealand Archaeology Week that will be held in the first week of April (see the back cover for details). This is an opportunity to promote the practice of archaeology and the value of archaeological sites to the wider public, and everyone is encouraged to participate in their local events. More information is available at the NZAA website.

And thirdly, the annual conference is again approaching. This year it will be held in Thames, with a goldfields and industrial archaeology theme, and in particular a focus on the 150th anniversary of the Thames goldfield. There is a call for papers on page 4 below.

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